



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m.
and 12:30 p.m.

HOLY DAYS

Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSION:

Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

DEVOTION after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday

BAPTISM: Fourth Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

MARRIAGE: An appointment with priest/deacon
a minimum of six months in advance is required.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: In the event of a
serious illness, please call the rectory.



Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2014

St. Joseph Parish is a community of believers who uphold the teachings of the Gospel and the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, foster the formation and enrichment of parishioners in spirituality, worship and education, providing a welcoming environment to all. We live Christian lives by praying together, caring for our diverse community, encouraging and sharing of ourselves in service to others.



From the Pastor's desk:

During this time of Advent, we are preparing for the coming of Jesus. It is wonderful that this week we had two Feasts in honor of the Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception on last Monday, and the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe this past Friday.

Mary is the perfect example of how we can prepare for the coming of Jesus. When Mary was a young girl she learned to trust in God. Because Mary trusted in God, the blind did regain their sight, the lame did walk, lepers were cleansed, the dead were raised and the good news is still proclaimed to us today.

Mary calls us to imitate her in her humility and to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. The good news for each of us is that Mary removed the obstacles between God and humanity by giving birth to Jesus. May we always be inspired by the example of Mary to always say yes to our God, a God who loves the poor and the humble.



Advent Penance Service

This coming Advent season, let us take the opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Pauline Thrash
Margaret Edmondson**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Friday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Francis Ilano
St. Athanasius Church, Long Beach, 562-423-7986. Vocation information may be found at: www.lavocations.org.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Paraphrasing an article of a few years ago by Bill O'Reilly: It's not a holiday tree! What holiday? It's a **Christmas** tree! Some say it is to "protect the sensitivities of Americans who get offended by the mention of the birth of Jesus." Really? A baby in a manger is offensive? The secular-progressive movement understands very well that it is organized religion, specifically, Christianity and Judaism, that stands in the way of partial birth abortion, legalized narcotics, and euthanasia. A survey shows that 90% of Americans celebrate the federal holiday of **Christmas** signed into law by President Grant in 1870!

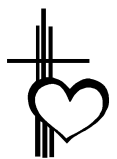
In Sunday's gospel, John the Baptist tells us, "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert; **make straight the way of the Lord.**" John the Baptist was to baptize the people in preparation for the coming of the Messiah. The time is now to lay the groundwork for the coming of the Lord in the celebration of Advent.

In two days, we will have our **Reconciliation** service. What better way to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord? **OUR PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, You have filled Mary with grace and made her a Co-Redeemer with Christ Your Son. Grant that we may have constant recourse to her and attain the salvation she helped win for the world. Amen

Capital Campaign for Parish Life Center remodel -

We are well on our way in achieving our goal of renovation. So far, we have **\$184,488** pledged, over half of our goal. There are pledge envelopes in church, and in the rectory office, if you would like to pick one up and add your pledge. Let's make it 100% participation! Thank you and may God continue to bless you all.

**Meditation in the
Parish Life Center chapel
every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



"This is my Beloved Son. Listen to Him."

--Mark 9:7

Newcomers please call Marie Mitchell (310) 490-4012 for directions to the PLC.



Women and Men of St. Joseph Parish

*Is your heart on fire for Christ? Is it filled with the Holy Spirit or like a candle in the wind, flickering and barely alive? If you want to experience what the disciples felt on the day of Pentecost, then give yourself the gift of a Cursillo and light your heart on fire! A Cursillo weekend is unlike anything you've ever experienced. Cursillos run from Thursday evening thru Sunday. **The next Cursillo weekends begin 1/8 (Men) and 1/22 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or OCCursillo.org*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**Early childhood – 9am – 10am****Religious Education –1st Communion! Thru 5th****Grades, Sundays 10:30-11:45 am.****Confirmation is at 11:00am through 12:30pm Mass.****Middle School is on Tuesdays from 7-8pm****Important Religious Education Dates:**

12/14 – Early Childhood Children will sing after 9am Mass

12/14 – Elementary Children will Celebrate Christmas Story in the Hall from 10:30-11:45am.

12/16 – Middle School YM will Sing at Convalescent Hospital from 6-7pm, followed by Pizza Party!

No Classes 12/21 & 12/28 for Early Childhood, Elementary and Confirmation

No Classes 12/23 & 12/30 for Middle School



Our book this quarter is “**50 Reasons I Love Being Catholic**” by Elizabeth M. Kelly. There are so many reasons to love being Catholic, and thirty-something Liz Kelly - a successful writer and jazz singer

- eagerly shares those reasons in May Crowning, Mass, and Merton. Kelly says, "Mine is not an extraordinary faith . . . but the litany of reasons to love being Catholic is extraordinary." Kelly lists 50 reasons to embrace the Catholic faith, including daily Mass, kneelers in church, and the crucifix. With wit and great affection, covering everything from Michelangelo's creation frescoes to St. Pope John Paul II, this lay Catholic reminds us all why the Catholic faith is so special. We will be selling the books on Sunday, **Dec 14** outside Mass. For further information you may contact Nancy Longo at the Religious Education office, e-mail Virginia Young at ginny67@gmail.com or check out the Adult Faith Formation page on our St. Joseph Website. Book Club discussion will be on **January 14** at 7pm.

Sacred Heart Leadership Retreat - The Sacred Heart Sisters personally invite young women in their junior year in High School and older to enter into the Heart of God to discover His personal love for you December 27-30 at Sacred Heart Retreat Camp, Big Bear Lake. The retreat will include communal and private prayer, Eucharist and Reconciliation. Donation: \$75. For information call 909-866-5696, email: leadershipretreatbb@yahoo.com or www.sacredheartretreatcamp.com - Events page

We are called to radiate the love of Jesus Christ to all the world! However, this divine love only comes through a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior. In this website, www.radiate.la, we will learn how to love God with our head through spiritual reading, with our heart through deep prayer, and with our hands through humble service. May God Bless us one and all.

High School Youth Ministry**IPOD Raffle Tickets** on Sale - \$5 each – Raffle Drawing for Christmas - 12/21!**Revelation Nights** always on Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm**The Word** (Bible Study for Teens) on Thursdays from 7:00-8:15pm**“Jesus is Lord” BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Book of John

Come and learn through the powerful and relevant teachings by Fr. Jim Nisbet as he leads us on a journey through this fascinating book. (Great fellowship, too!)

Information: Rita Smith 562- 533-1243

Adult Faith Formation - Human Trafficking Ministry

Pope Francis has declared the theme for World Peace Day, January 1, 2015 will be human trafficking. He has expressed that the trafficking of persons is a “crime against humanity and must be stopped.” St. Joseph’s community has formed a ministry to bring awareness and action on this exploitation of humanity. All those interested in this ministry, please join us at our next meeting on **December 16, 7:30p.m.** in the Parish Life Center. For further information, please contact Mariana Wescott, wescottfam@yahoo.com or 562-421-7119.

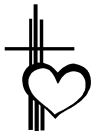
**Holy Grounds CAFE –Are you busy? Stressed? Overburdened?**

Everyone thinks others have their “faith act” all together! Guess what? We are all in the same boat....none of us has our faith all together...we are all on a journey- some of us even have sinking boats!!! We need each other to laugh with, to lean on and to grow with. Let’s come together in unity to share our prayer for our families and share ways we can help each other and our families grow closer to God! Come and enjoy coffee, donuts and sharing faith with other adults in the Parish Life Center **from 10:40 - 11:40.**

WOMEN'S MEDITATION

Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center Chapel (Will resume in January.)

A Day of Spiritual Enrichment - What is contemplative prayer? Where is “the inner room” Mt 6:6? How do I open my mind and heart? Begin the New Year by coming to a day of spiritual enrichment with Fr. Bill Sheehan OMI. Fr. Sheehan is an engaging speaker with profound insight into the heart of silence, God’s first language. Saturday, **Jan. 3** from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Church. \$25 suggested donation includes light lunch. RSVP stbartcenteringprayer@gmail.com or 562-243-8460.



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

**We support a Catholic education.
Come join us!! Bring a friend!!**

Dec. 15 - Christmas Luncheon. Please bring unwrapped gift (for mother or baby) for Precious Life Shelter. St. Joseph School choir will perform along with a surprise professional entertainment. Optional: Donate wrapped White Elephant gift, new or nearly new for raffle at luncheon. 50/50 tickets will be sold.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015

Jan. 5 & 19 - Social/game gatherings

Feb. 2 & 16 - Social/game gatherings

Mar. 2 & 16 - Social/game gatherings

Social/game gatherings 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Call Judy 421-6863 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

Trips - Trips - More Trips

Jan. 26 - Warner Brothers Studios - Visit the world of stardom! VIP tour starts with gift shop, Starbucks and gelato on the way to the back lots. Go behind the scenes of film production. Walk onto the set of a hit TV show and much more. Lunch on your own at the Studio Playa Café. Conclude with a stop at Farmer's Market before heading home.

Apr. 25 - May 2 - Bon Voyage! Seven day wine country coastal cruise on Princess Cruise Line. Destination: Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Astoria, Oregon, Victoria B.C. and Vancouver B.C., Canada. Port of departure - L.A. (San Pedro), return from Vancouver by air to Long Beach Airport. Fare: \$549 - 2299 + port fees, gov. fees and tax. (Ins. available) Deposit \$200. Air fare to Long Beach \$100-200. Questions - call Gerry 562-420-3220.

All Souls Catholic Cemetery Pre-Need Cemetery Planning

Making cemetery arrangements in advance of need is both a loving and financially wise thing to do. Advance planning provides a family reassurance, comfort and peace of mind.

Such thoughtfulness relieves family members from shouldering the burden during a most stressful time, allowing for careful decision-making in an unhurried atmosphere and assuring that your expressed wishes be followed. The added affordability also represents significant savings.

You owe it to yourself and to your family to explore the advantages of advance planning. To learn more, please call (562) 424-8601 ext. 1 to let our experienced representatives aid you with any questions you may have.

ST. PIUS X/ST. MATTHIAS ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday **January 13**, 6-8 pm, 7851 E. Gardendale Street, Downey 90242. For more information please call Manny Poveda, (562) 861-2271 ext. 1015 or email: pmamarketing@piusmatthias.org

This weekend - Christmas Gift

Drive: Please return gifts to the church by **12:30 p.m.!**

Dec. 20 Christmas Food and Gift

Distribution: 8:30 a.m. in the hall.

Thanksgiving drivers, please let us know if you will NOT be available to distribute for Christmas. Call Amy, 427-5917.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holiday season. There are many wonderful opportunities to serve during the holiday season. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.



How will you respond? Would you like to make a difference? Do you want to serve those in need and work for social justice? **RESPONSE 2015**, the most comprehensive guide of faith-based service opportunities, is now available - and it's free! Volunteers serve full-time for periods of one week to one year or more across the U.S. and in more than 100 countries. Positions are available for single or married volunteers, including those with children. Contact Catholic volunteer Network to receive a copy of *Response 2015*. Call 800-543-5046 or email info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org. Or check out the website www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

Annual Christmas Dinner at St. Hedwig Church

Christmas day at 1:00 p.m. Will you or someone you know be alone on Christmas day? There will be families to share their love and prayers, a bounty of food, singing, and much more. There is no charge, but **reservations are required**. Please call Ed or Dewey Foster, 562-598-7060 by **Dec. 22**.

Retirement Fund for Religious - Support religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders! Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Church. Thank you.

Did You Know? Inform school staff about your

children's health issues - Inform school staff about health and emotional concerns. Whether your child has a food allergy, a physical disability, or has been subject to bullying, make sure to keep your child's teachers and principal in the loop. For more information, please visit <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/parent-teacher-partnerships/6-rules-school-safety>

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, December 13

5:00 p.m. - † Botelho and Salvate families

SUNDAY, December 14

7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 a.m. - † Ana Greco

10:30 a.m. - † Hugo Jorda

12:30 p.m. - † Dick Greco

MONDAY, December 15

8:00 a.m. - Bill Whitt, Speedy Recovery

TUESDAY, December 16

8:00 a.m. - † Lorenzo & Antonietta Gigliotti

WEDNESDAY, December 17

8:00 a.m. - † Eddie Martin

THURSDAY, December 18

8:00 a.m. - Bill Whitt

FRIDAY, December 19

8:00 a.m. - Charles Balamaze, Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, December 20

5:00 p.m. - † Bob Maney

SUNDAY, December 21

7:30 a.m. - † Tomica Perich

9:00 a.m. - † Cruz Aragon

10:30 a.m. - † Domingo Dizon

12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

Please remember in your prayers the men and women of the Armed Forces who are currently serving our country, especially those of our parish families, including:

Glen Warren	Nick Compton
Joseph Comfort	Irene Avila
Scott Williams	Justin Ray
Timothy Ring	Adam Mariano
Obinna Ugochukwu	David Waidelich
Timmy Allison	Michael Marchante
Jason Kaufmann	Nicky Kaufmann
John Landry	Jessica Landry
Dillon Schad	Kyle Shea
Devin Conway	

We would like to have a framed picture to display in the back of the church. Please include a number so we can contact you. To add a name to the list, please call the rectory, 594-4657.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Kim Agee, Marlene Sargeant, Mary Jane McCormick, Elise Peltzer, Sheila Corry, Dr. Cyril McNulty, Vinny Petronio, Autumn Majors, Gary Hillebrecht, Gene Adam, Nelson Molina, Adam Duntze, Charles Schad, Karen Muccino, Claudia Reasoner, Olga Kocovar, Joanne Rossello, Robert Taylor, Enzo Esparza, Mary Clair Preasant, Phil Gray, George Frank, Karen Grice, Eileen Bentley, Linda Vaughn, Steve Ferris, Alexis Persyko, Marian O'Donnell, Teresa Stewart, Eloisa Mariano, Laverne Kelly, Billie Lamb, Delia Nix, Fr. Ford, Gene Ensch, Mike Brio, Bob Gomez, Bill Pearce, Noel Devine, Dick Vickers, Lydia Tovar, Nadia Garcia, Estella Exacoustos, Carrie Colodel, Jack Davis, Dennis Richards, Jean Laybourne, Duane Studer, Janeen Higbee, Patricia Berry, Jay Kefalas, Marian Steins, Stacey Marcus, Shirley Morasse, Magali & Wendy Sapien & Bill Whitt.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION	Bill & Katie Greening	421-3997
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
ALTAR SERVERS	Stan Lawrence	430-0913
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	422-5430
ALTAR CARE	Rectory	594-4657
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang (sister & brother)	493-2198

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Margaret Alvarez
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	Sonia Yurak
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSEL	Katie Mais, Erin Wright & Sonia Yurak
OFFICE MANAGER	Julie Gianessi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Nancy Longo	
ELEMENTARY,		
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Nancy Longo	598-0519
YOUTH MINISTRY/		
CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	598-0519
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Nancy Longo	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Nancy Longo	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY		
FOR CHILDREN		

ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Sister Eva	594-4657
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	533-1243
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
	Charlotte Morrison	439-7733
	Marie Mitchell	310-490-4012
MEDITATION		
SMALL CHRISTIAN		
COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
MINISTERS TO THE SICK		594-4657

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Anne Weaver	498-7008
FINANCE COUNCIL	Moses Bass	420-1877
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660

Website address:

MOVEMENT FOR A		
BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
SENIOR GROUP	Judy Pedneault	421-6863
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Paciano & Molly Diaz	310-729-5890
	ktmr@sbcglobal.net	

NATURAL FAMILY		
PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Muñoz & Julie Gray	598-0519
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	598-5202
	Olga Cuda	594-4657
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Michelle Gath	498-6701
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	420-1877
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	496-4223

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM

Please submit notices, with your name & phone, to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org