



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.

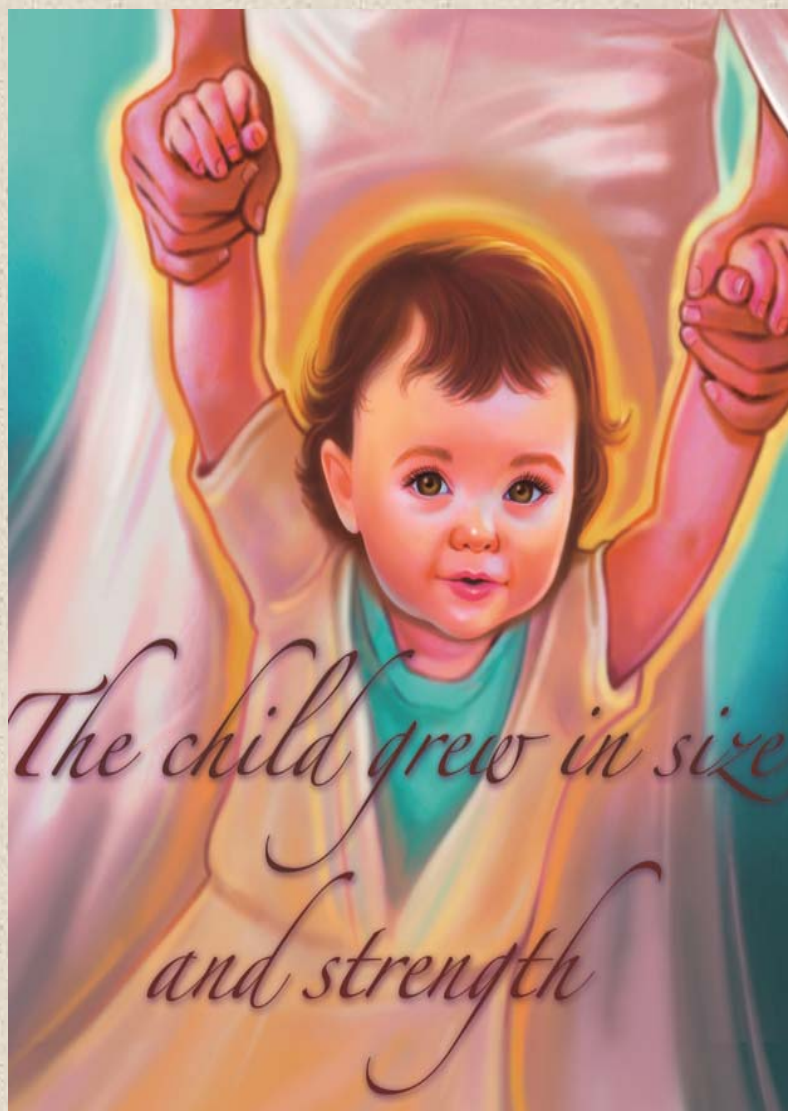
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 28, 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:

You have probably noticed that many people have been quoting a lot from Pope Francis. He is an extraordinary gift to the world and especially to us Catholics.

Not that St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI were not great popes. They were. Many of us feel deeply blessed to have served the Church under such men as St. John Paul and Pope Benedict who many consider to be the most brilliant theologian to hold the Chair of Peter.

Still, Francis - the first pope from the American continent has brought something radiant: a humility and joy that shines forth from him. On this Holy Family Sunday I would like talk about how he teaches us what St. Paul says: As the Lord has forgiven you so must you also do.

Bitterness poisons the human heart. It destroys relationships, especially in the family. And it condemns a person to a self-made hell. Avoid bitterness.

Pope Francis gives us a shining example and today's readings provide a prescription for overcoming bitterness. Paul presents it in today's second reading. St. Paul tells us to bear with one another and to forgive one another. Forgiveness is hard word, but an essential one.

And so I would like to conclude with St. Paul's words: "Put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And above all these, put on love."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
Monday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

“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



From Deacon Don's desk:

Pope Francis recently beatified Pope Paul VI. Here is a partial address by Pope Paul VI on the Holy Family: Nazareth is a kind of school where we begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand His Gospel. And gradually we

may even learn to imitate Him. Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. Here everything speaks to us; everything has meaning. We learn to live by the teachings of His Gospel. But we are only on a pilgrimage. Here are some of my thoughts from Nazareth: **First** we learn **silence**: if only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this state of mind. It brings us to meditate in peace and quiet away from these turbulent times. And of silent prayer to know God's wisdom through His true teachers. **Second**, we learn about **family life**. Nazareth serves as a model of what **family** should be, family's holy character exemplifying its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing; the perfect setting for rearing children. For this there is no substitute. **Finally**, the home of a craftsman's Son we learn about work and its discipline. Remember work has its own dignity but it is not an end in itself; we gain dignity from the purpose it serves.

Our Prayer: Father in heaven You ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the family. Teach us the sanctity of human love and show us the value of family life and to live in peace with all people that we may share in Your life forever. We ask this through Your Son our Lord. Amen

Capital Campaign for Parish Life Center remodel -

We are well on our way in achieving our goal of renovation. So far, we have **\$187,163** 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.



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 January 8 (Men) and January 22 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or OCCursillo.org*

The Rectory office will be closed December 31 as well as January 1 and 2.

We wish you all a most blessed New Year!

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Francis Ilano
St. Athanasius Church, Long Beach, 562-423-7986. Vocation information may be found at: www.lavocations.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:**No Classes 12/28 for Early Childhood, Elementary
and Confirmation

No Classes 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. For further information you may contact Nancy Longo at the Religious Education office, e-mail Virginia Young at ginnyy67@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.

**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.**

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, an engaging speaker with profound insight into the heart of silence, God's first language. **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.

High School Youth Ministry**Revelation Nights** always on Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm**The Word** (Bible Study for Teens) on Thursdays from 7:00-8:15pm

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2015 is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Join us **March 12, (Youth Day), March 13 - 15** at the Anaheim Convention Center. All are welcome to attend! The Congress, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, offers a variety of opportunities for personal faith enrichment, prayer and entertainment. We offer 310 workshops, covering topics of interest from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis - there is a topic of interest for you. In addition to workshops, participants will enjoy morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of noon time and evening concerts. Come and be renewed by these Congress experiences. Don't miss out! Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! You may access the book on line and register by visiting www.RECongress.org. To obtain a Registration Guidebook contact our religious education office or call the RECongress information line at (213) 637-7348 to request a copy of a Registration Guidebook.

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:

Jan. 10 - Sagrado Corazon, Compton, 310-635-5436**Jan. 20** - Holy Trinity, San Pedro, 310-548-6535**Jan. 28** - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796**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>

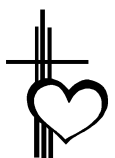
WOMEN'S MEDITATION

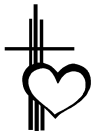
Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center Chapel (Will resume in January.)

**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.





ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

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

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.

School News! Please help support our parish school by clipping "**Box Tops for Education**" and "**Labels for Education**" labels from numerous products. Collection Boxes in the back of the Church. Thank you very much!

Cornelia Connelly High School Admissions Information Night - January 8, 6:30PM We will provide information about tuition assistance and our college counseling program. Best of all, we are hosting an interactive workshop for prospective students with the inside scoop on how to ACE your interviews! It'll be a night you won't want to miss!

St. Joseph High School application deadline - **Jan. 9.** Applications are available to print or submit online at www.sj-jester.org

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: pmamarket-ing@piusmatthias.org

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11.



Christmas Food and Gift Drive - A heartfelt thank you for contributing to bring hope and brighten the Christmas seasons of more than 81 families in need this month: prayers, food purchase and distribution, presents, cash donations, time and talent, etc.
Jan. 31 - Feb. 8 Homeless Kit Drive - For fulfilling opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.
Skip-a-Meal Donations - Support our weekly lunches for Catholic Charities and St. Francis Center, and our Easter food and gift distribution.

The Knights of Columbus will hold a **blood drive** on Sunday **Jan 4**. Hours of operation are 8:15 to 2:30 in the hall. You may register online at: redcrossblood.org code: JosephLB For more info please contact Pat Murach: murach4@charter.net

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.

St Joseph K-4 Basketball League - Registration is still open for the St Joseph K-4 Basketball program. The program is open to all boys and girls in Kindergarten thru 4th Grade who are family and friends of St Joseph Parish. Opening day is set to begin January 10. Please be sure to get your registration in as soon as possible. Games are held at St. Joseph Gym on Saturdays in January and February. For more information contact Chris Neubauer, cwneubauer@yahoo.com, or 563.673.0821 text/voice.

The search is on. The Fifth Annual **Longest Married Couple** Project in the U.S as well as each of the 50 states and territories has started. If you know a couple with a long marriage, please nominate them for this honor. This annual search is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. More information can be found at wwme.org.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, December 27

5:00 p.m. - † Donald Baynes

SUNDAY, December 28

7:30 a.m. - † Harriet Jelnick

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - † Gia Soriano

12:30 p.m. - † Chad Gannon

MONDAY, December 29

8:00 a.m. - † Susan Megna

TUESDAY, December 30

8:00 a.m. - Rita Smith, Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, December 31

8:00 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

THURSDAY, January 1

8:00 a.m. - † Marie Haddad

FRIDAY, January 2

8:00 a.m. - † Margaret Stahl

SATURDAY, January 3

5:00 p.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

SUNDAY, January 4

7:30 a.m. - † Rosanna Falsetti

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - † Dolores Miranda

12:30 p.m. - † Glenn Jones

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