



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.

*All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.* — Psalm 72:11



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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2015

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:

St. Matthew's Gospel this Sunday was written for a primarily Jewish audience. The fact that Jesus had come as the savior of the whole world, and not just for one race and culture would have been a very difficult truth for the

Jewish people to believe.

Through the story of the magi, what Matthew seems to be saying is that God intended all races and all cultures to seek and to find Jesus. And yet, perhaps closer to home, the temptation to think of people who are different as also being inferior to us can still be very strong.

Think how political loyalty or social standing can lead us to have very uncharitable thoughts toward other people who don't share the same position that we do. We can find it more comfortable to believe the worst about these people rather than ask if they might have discovered something we've missed. It's not easy even to see that as a possibility, let alone to admit it.

It also wasn't easy for Matthew's readers to accept the fresh vision of the Gospel the vision of being open to all peoples equally. My hope for each of us is that we may grow in our ability to love one another as Christ loves us, setting aside those surface differences, and accepting everyone that we meet as our equals in Christ.



From Deacon Don's desk:

When you read this you will have this one day left to fulfill your Christmas giving. Remember the "12 days of Christmas"? Well, they actually start on Christmas and end the day after Epiphany! I guess our 'salvation' is texting huh?

A Jesuit reflection: "There is no deeper longing in the human heart than to love and be loved by God. This tiny infant is as C. L. Lewis has written; 'God comes **incognito** behind enemy lines to lead us back to Himself. Let us not hesitate to let Christ fulfill our heart's deepest longing; go to Him and love Him, and let not your past sins paralyze you with shame. He has come precisely to **remove** your sins so they are no longer a barrier to loving Him'. Recall that in your Baptism you are now loved with the same love which binds Father and Son eternally, **and** both of them love you!" How is that for a **great** gift?!?

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thank You for making us a child of eternity. Help us to live each day in such a way that we may deserve to be a child of Yours. We ask this through Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever. Amen

May your New Year be filled with His blessings!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Capital Campaign for Parish Life Center remodel -

We are well on our way in achieving our goal of renovation. So far, we have **\$192,563** pledged, almost two thirds 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.

“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!)

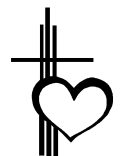
Information: Rita Smith 562- 533-1243



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*

**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'S MEDITATION

Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
in the Parish Life Center Chapel

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****Sacramental Preparation needs your Help!!!**

- 1st Reconciliation Retreat** is **January 11**, 2-4:30pm for all parents and children receiving their 1st Reconciliation.

- We need volunteers** on January 11 for 4 shifts: Set up crew: (5 people) 10am – 11:30am and we need 6-9 people for 12:00-2:00 room set up. We need 5 people for the Time Facilitation of the retreat from 2pm – 4pm. We need 5 people to clean up the rooms starting at 4pm (it shouldn't take long). We need help with cleanup of the hall starting at 4:30pm – it shouldn't take long if we have many hands...

**“50 Reasons I Love Being Catholic”**

Discussion will be Wednesday, **January 14** at 7pm in the library. The book is on sale at the PLC for only \$15. It is written by a Young Adult and is a great read!

Adult Faith Formation Survey is on-line: Please take a couple of minutes to complete it – so that we can offer great opportunities for faith growth for you this year! Check out our website for the link: <http://www.stjosephlb.org/adult-ministry/>

**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.**

RCIA - Another opportunity for adults who are thinking of becoming a Catholic or complete their initiation, i.e. receiving Holy Communion and Confirmation, will be **January 11, 7-8:30 p.m.** Come and see, come and hear, you may want to start on a faith journey that will enrich your spiritual life! Contact Sr. Eva at the parish office, 594-4657.

We need your help! We need a small group (4/5) people who can give an hour or two per week to keep our beautiful church looking clean and dusted at all times. It would entail very light cleaning but done on a regular/consistent basis. Can you help? Call Sr. Eva at the parish office, 594-4657.

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

Confirmation - Confirmation 2 Retreat is **January 16, 17 & 18.** Please keep our Candidates in your prayers. We need Chaperones for our retreat – Please consider being a mentor to our young people! Chaperones have a great experience on the weekend, too!!! Join us!

Youth Ministry – All Teens - Put **January 22** on your calendar! We are having our first XLT here at St. Joseph! Jacob and Matthew Band, guest speaker and Adoration! It will be a prayerful experience! All are welcome (you don't have to be a teen!)

Calling all Middle School Teens – All 6th-7th-8th Graders! Join St. Joe's and St. Bart's for our -White Out Party on **January 9** – Get the flyer and permission slip and more information on the website: <http://www.stjosephlb.org/middle-school/>

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress March 12, (Youth Day), March 13 - 15 Anaheim Convention Center, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of L. A. A variety of opportunities for personal faith enrichment, prayer and entertainment, 310 workshops covering topics from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis. Participants will enjoy morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of concerts. 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.

Adult Confirmation Classes Beginning

Mondays Jan. 12 through May, 7-9 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church, Lomita

Sundays January 11 through May, 9 a.m. – noon at St. John of God Church, Norwalk.

If you are interested in attending either of these classes, please contact our Religious Education office at 598-0519 for registration information.

Fingerprinting Schedule

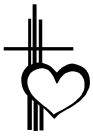
San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:

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>



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. Final payment due January 19.

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.

May 11 - Santa Barbara via Amtrak - Day trip. Train Ride via Amtrak to Santa Barbara, lunch at the By Roadhouse, great city tour with local guide of Santa Barbara. Enjoy scenic motorcoach ride home. \$95 per person. Pick up at church parking lot. Leave 7:30 am, return ~6:30 pm. Sign up required by March 10 for Amtrak. Final payment due March 10. Sign up now.

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.

Santo Nino Grand Celebration Jan. 17, 10 a.m. Mass in honor of the Holy Infant Jesus at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 1015 Lagoon Ave., Wilmington. Celebrant: Bishop Joseph Sartoris. Complimentary lunch after the procession and Mass. For information, please call Mr. Jun Hingco, 310-834-5215 ext 23.

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." JN 13:35

Happy New Year!

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 last 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 **blood drive** - Sunday **Jan 4**, 8:15 to 2:30 in the hall. You may register online at: red-crossblood.org code: JosephLB For more info please contact Pat Murach: murach4@charter.net

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 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. Anthony High School College Preparatory (SAHS) 620 Olive Avenue invites you to our **open house** on Sunday afternoon, **January 11**, 2:00pm. Tour Long Beach's only Catholic high school, meet teachers in all departments, speak with current students, learn about the school's 94 year history and traditions and enjoy refreshments in the courtyard. Presentations will feature use of technology in the classroom, as all St. Anthony students are issued an iPad upon admission. For more information, please visit our website www.longbeachsaints.org, or contact Renee Salvador at renee.salvador@longbeachsaints.org or (562)435-4496 ext. 1241. Go Saints!

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

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, January 5

8:00 a.m. - † Susan Megna

TUESDAY, January 6

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

WEDNESDAY, January 7

8:00 a.m. - † John Megna

THURSDAY, January 8

8:00 a.m. - † Fred Wise

FRIDAY, January 9

8:00 a.m. - † Maria and Domingo Dang

SATURDAY, January 10

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

SUNDAY, January 11

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

9:00 a.m. - † Goodie Mason

10:30 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison Bennett

12:30 p.m. - † Edward Ely

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:

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| 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 Kocevar, Joanne Rossello, Robert Taylor, Enzo Esparza, Mary Clair Preasant, Phil Gray, George Frank, Karen Grice, Eileen Bentley, Linda Vaugh, 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

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

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| 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

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| 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 |
| MEDITATION | Marie Mitchell | 310-490-4012 |
| SMALL CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITIES | Dcn. Don & Tina Gath | 598-5202 |
| MINISTERS TO THE SICK | | 594-4657 |

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| PASTORAL COUNCIL | Anne Weaver | 498-7008 |
| FINANCE COUNCIL | Moses Bass | 420-1877 |
| WEBSITE COORDINATOR | Mike Santy | 799-0660 |
| | msanty@verizon.net | |
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| 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