



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.

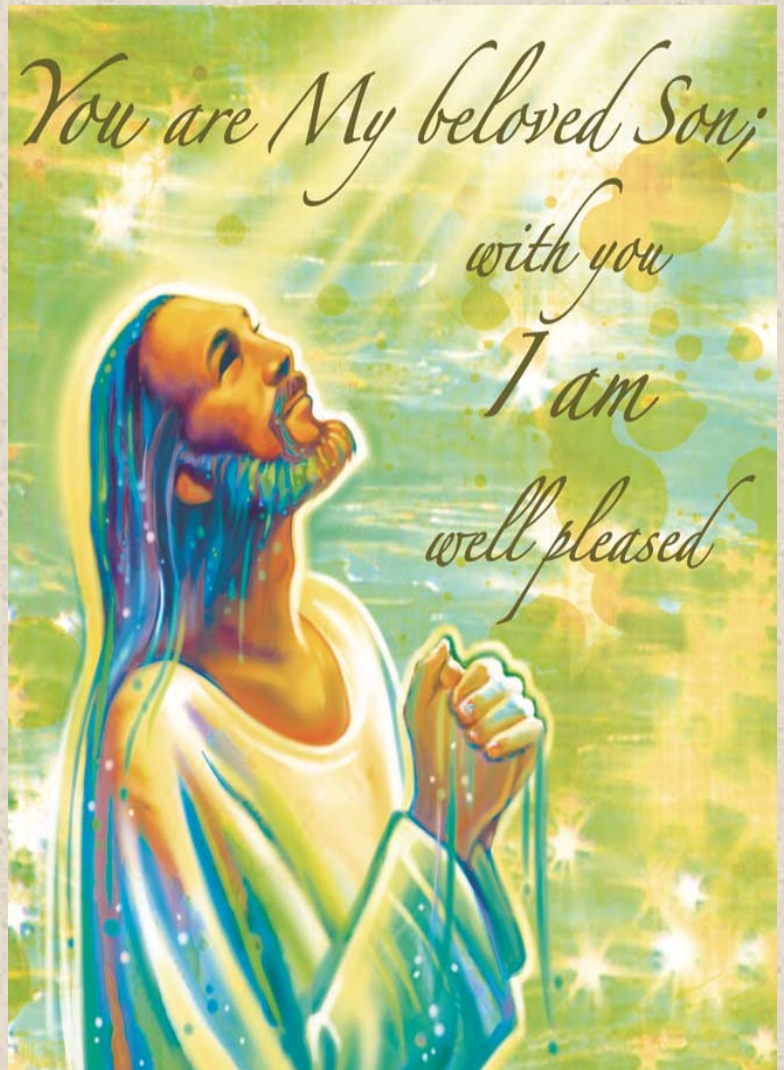
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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 Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 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:

Today's gospel tells us about the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River and how the spirit of God descended like a dove upon him. We are told that a voice spoke from heaven, "This is my son, the beloved, and my favor rests upon him."

Peter tells us in the second reading that after God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with the power, he went about doing good. Jesus goes through the waters of Baptism for our conversion and comes out with a radical new mission.

The mission is for everyone. Peter tells us that God doesn't have favorites. Jesus' spirit shows itself to be the creative power of God in the world, who calls each of us to the fullness of life. Jesus' experience of the Spirit and his response to that voice can be seen in every following story of the gospel. He is now a man with a mission.

We have also been given that same mission. We have the power to pursue peace and justice in the world. But our mission is not one that we undertake alone. The presence of the Holy Spirit always inspires and empowers us.

Capital Campaign for Parish Life Center remodel -

We are well on our way in achieving our goal of renovation. So far, we have **\$221,788** 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

WOMEN'S MEDITATION

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

"My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me." --John 10:27

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:

Before we leave the feast of the Epiphany (1-4-15) a couple of words: It is one of the oldest feasts of the Church. It means "manifestation" or "to show oneself." It's the end of the Christmas season.

God takes a "leap of faith" and comes down to introduce His love for us in the form of a helpless babe. That is why we bow in reverence like the three Magi **and** in awe in the **Creed**. As one priest said "it's not a flippant statement - it is our salvation at stake." If Pope Francis came to visit us here at St. Joseph, as he walked down the aisle we would genuflect, or bow or reach out to touch him...to show great respect. When reciting these words, the same effect should take place in us as we recite "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and **became man**."

Fast forward to the **Baptism of the Lord**: John the Baptist "immerses" Jesus in the waters of the Jordan. Baptism means "to wash" or "to immerse." A priest once said, "there are no half measures about immersion, we are in, boots and all. Mark tells us this, that's what God does for us in Christ. He is not a God who presides over us; not a coach sitting on the sidelines sending orders to us on the field of life. He is a God who in Jesus immersed Himself in our world, heart, soul, mind and divinity, boots and all."

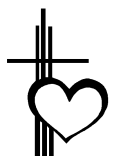
OUR PRAYER: St John Chrysostom said: "...the Eucharistic table takes the place of the crib.." Lord, teach us to see the living presence of Your Divine Son in the Eucharist so that our faith will welcome Jesus at every Mass. Amen



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 22 and April 30 (Women) and April 16 (Men).** 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!



"Every time you listen with great attentiveness to the voice that calls you the Beloved, you will discover within yourself a desire to hear that voice longer and more deeply." --Henri J. Nouwen

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

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.**

“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

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!)

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 many topics. Enjoy morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of concerts. 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.

Adult Confirmation Classes Beginning

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

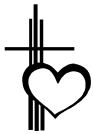
Sundays January 11 through May, 9 a.m. – noon at St. John of God Church, Norwalk.

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

RCIA - Another opportunity for adults who are thinking of becoming a Catholic or completing 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.

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 Sartoris. Complimentary lunch after the procession & Mass. For info, please call Mr. Jun Hingco, 310-834-5215 ext 23.



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015

Jan. 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 of \$85 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 By Roadhouse, city tour with local guide of Santa Barbara. Enjoy scenic motor-coach ride home. \$95/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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

Jan. 20 - Holy Trinity, San Pedro, 310-548-6535

Jan. 28 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796

Did You Know? Pornography Consuming Our Children

- The largest consumers of Internet pornography are children between the ages of 12-17. More than half of boys and a third of girls have seen pornography before their teenage years. Thirty-five percent of young teenage boys (13-14 years old) say that they have seen pornography "more times than I can count." By the age of 18, more than nine out of 10 boys, and six out of 10 girls have seen pornography online. The best defense against allowing pornography to reach our children is to stop it before it begins or to address it immediately. For the complete VIRTUS® article with tips for parents and caring adults email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

1 JN 3:18



Christmas Follow-up Special Needs -

We are in the process of filling special needs requests from seven supported families. Can you help to coordinate parishioner donations, program purchases, and donation deliveries?.

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.

Catholic Schools Week: January 25 - 31: "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service"

Join us on Sunday, January 25 for St. Joseph Catholic School's Open House and Junior High Science Fair from 10 am - Noon. Applications for the 2015-2016 school year are currently available on-line at: www.sjknights.net

St. Joseph Catholic School is accepting applications for Kindergarten and our new Transitional Kindergarten (Alpha-K) for the 2015-2016 school year. Applicants for Kindergarten must turn 5 years old by August 31, 2015. Applicants for Alpha-K must turn 4 years old by August 31, 2015.

Alpha-K:

- Emphasizes developmental readiness skills with a hands-on approach to curriculum
- Focuses on Kindergarten readiness
- Students receive daily instruction in religion and attend Mass weekly
- Offers a half-day (7:50-11:50 am) or full-day (7:50 am – 3:00 pm), 5-days-per-week program
- Extended daycare is available until 5:30 pm

Please call our school office at 596-6115 or send an email to jgianessi@sjknights.net to receive an application or set up an appointment to speak with Mrs. Alvarez our principal.

St. Anthony High School College Preparatory,

620 Olive Ave. invites you to **open house** on **Jan. 11**, 2:00pm. Tour Long Beach's only Catholic high school, meet teachers, speak with students, learn about the 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 10

5:00 p.m. - † Botelho & Salvati 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

MONDAY, January 12

8:00 a.m. - † Eric Lund

TUESDAY, January 13

8:00 a.m. - † Michael J. Rice

WEDNESDAY, January 14

8:00 a.m. - † Don Miller

THURSDAY, January 15

8:00 a.m. - † Tom Rasmussen

FRIDAY, January 16

8:00 a.m. - † Katie Jones

SATURDAY, January 17

5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

SUNDAY, January 18

7:30 a.m. - † Ray Litzinger

9:00 a.m. - † Patricia Nesvold

10:30 a.m. - † Karin VanDerwood

12:30 p.m. - † Dixie Garner

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.

Help support our school by clipping "Box Tops for Education" and "Labels for Education" labels. Collection boxes are in the back of the Church. Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Kim Agee, Marlene Sargeant, Mary Jane McCormick, Sheila Corry, Gary Hillebrecht, Karen Muccino, Olga Kocevar, Eileen Bentley, Laverne Kelly, Delia Nix, Fr. Ford, Gene Ensich, Mike Brio, Noel Devine, Duane Studer, Janeen Higbee, Patricia Berry, Jay Kefalas, Marian Steins, Stacey Marcus, Shirley Morasse, Magali & Wendy Sapien, Bill Whitt, Anna Osorio Kathy June & Jordynn Seckington.

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
ADMISTRATIVE 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
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	www.stjosephlb.org	

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