



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

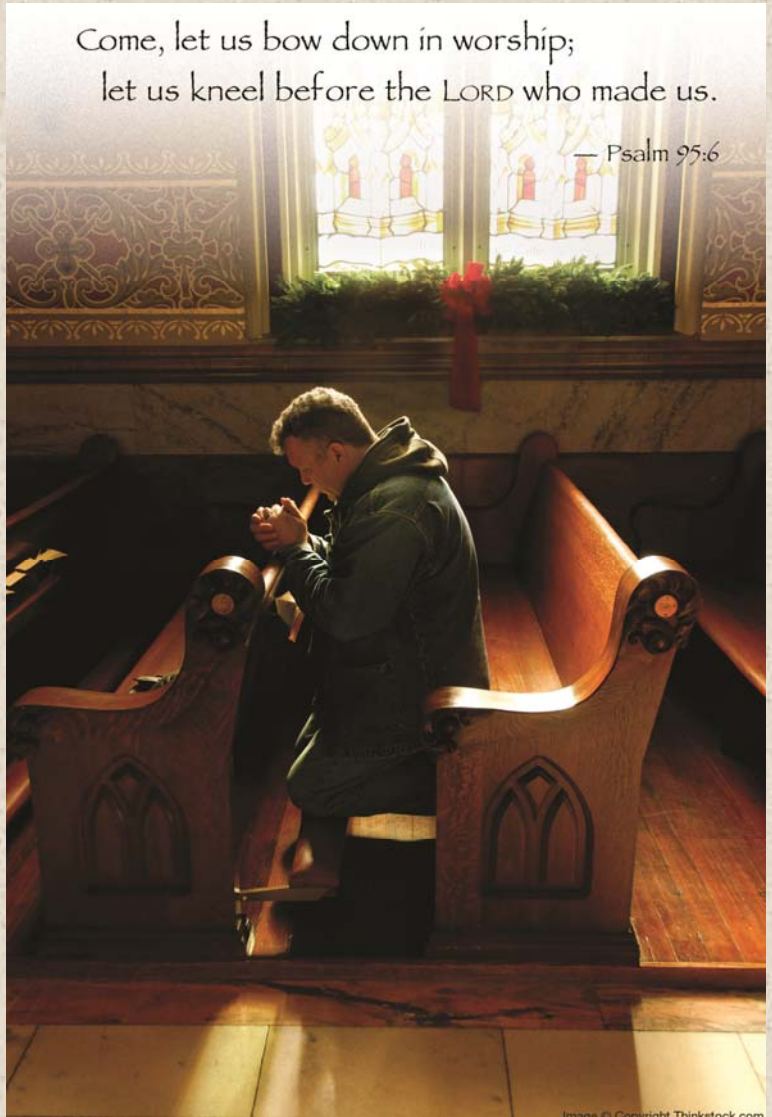
BAPTISM: Fourth Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

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.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

— Psalm 95:6



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 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:

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus visited the synagogue in Capernaum and began to teach the people there. His teaching made people talk among themselves because it wasn't like anything they were used to from the teachers and interpreters of the Jewish law.

We're told that Jesus taught with authority. For us humans, authority often means possession, power, control, and success. For God, however, authority means service, humility and love.

Humility means entering into the logic of Jesus who stoops to wash the disciples' feet, who seeks the true good for all of humanity, who heals wounds, who is capable of a love so great as to give up his life, because he is Love.

Today we need to find the most appropriate way of bringing the Good News to people, and that begins when we find ways of bringing the Good News with conviction in what we say and do.



From Deacon Don's desk:

What does being a Catholic Christian mean to you? Deacon Tom Halliwell baptized two children last Sunday. He asked the parents and godparents, "Do you reject Satan, all his works and all his empty promises?"

It made me think of how we seldom thank our ancestors, parents down to our grand and great-grand parents who gave us our faith. They knew evil exists--that's why I had to kneel in the corner a time or two.

Father Leonard, SJ once wrote: "Sometimes when we think we are making progress in the spiritual life we become aware of all the trials within us. We are in good company! Nearly every mystic in history sees the same pattern: The closer they feel to God, the more aware of sin they become. The more light there is in a room, the more sharply defined the dark corners become."

In Mark's Gospel, the evil spirit asks Jesus, "Have You come to destroy us?" You betcha! Fr. Leonard says, "Let us pray that we can work out the patterns of the bad spirit and change them and respond firmly and quickly when we see the bad behavior and understand it is a lifelong project."

OUR PRAYER: God of kindness help us make the rule of life Christian courtesy. Let us show courtesy to all in every circumstance so we may truly imitate You. 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 April 16 (Men) and April 30 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or OCCursillo.org*

COME TO THE QUIET

Mondays, 2:30-3:00 p.m., in the Church

Take some time out of your busy lives to come and visit with the Lord. "Come to me And I will give you rest."

This is a great opportunity for you to take some time for yourselves before you pick up your children from school and rest in the Lord. Come to the Quiet to pray, Be Still, Rest in the Lord, let Him love you! *Everyone is Welcome!!!*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk1:21-28
- Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Together in Mission

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has enlivened the Church to renew our spirit of evangelization. Through their ministries and education supported by funds provided by Together in Mission, recipient parishes and schools are doing just that, reaching out to their communities and making the message of God's love known.

The funds we collect will directly benefit more than 250,000 of our Catholic brethren, and ensure our parishes and schools remain centers of faith and hope for their surrounding communities.

Everything we have is a gift from God, which we are called upon to share. When we give generously, our life is most like His. Archbishop Gomez will soon be sending letters to those that have generously given to Together in Mission in the past.

During all Masses next weekend, we will conduct the in-pew process for the collection of gifts & pledges to this year's appeal. Your gift can be the one that allows a priest to serve communities in need. It can help a school make essential repairs for the safety of their students. It can enable parishioners to have a place to celebrate Mass.

The strength of the Church is not in numbers, but in love. Your contribution, large or small, is the one that matters.

May God bless you for your generous support of this year's appeal.

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:

2-15 – Operation Rice Bowl Begins

2-22 – Religious Education Open House! Why is on-going Religious Education important for all of us? Find out this weekend!

Confirmation 1 Youth will be on their retreat the weekend of **February 27-March 1**. Please pray for them.

Sacrament Preparation Parent Night

Monday, **February 9** – for all parents. Do you want to have a better understanding of the Mass? Often we go through the motions at Mass without an appreciation for what has really happened. Fr. Jim will be explaining the behind the scenes of the Mass for us this evening. All are welcome! 6-7:30pm.

Capital Campaign for Parish Life Center remodel -

We are well on our way to achieving our goal of renovation. We have **\$225,073** pledged, over 75% of our goal! There are pledge envelopes in church, and in the rectory office, for you to add your pledge. Let's make it 100% participation! Thank you and may God bless you all.

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.

**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, Sundays **from 10:40 - 11:40**.

Feb 1 Topic: Mom's Prayer Group

Feb 8 Topic: How to Make Sunday Scriptures relevant to my life

Feb 15 Topic: Preparing for Lent– Ideas for Home

Middle School Youth Ministry

On-The-Edge Middle School Youth Ministry Night – Tuesday, **January 27** On the Day You Were Born for all 6-7-8th graders. Free. Bring your friends. All are welcome! In the PAC!

High School Youth Ministry

The Word (Bible Study for Teens) on Thursdays from 7:00-8:15pm

Thriving Marriages Valentine's Mini-Retreat - St. Bruno Church Special Event for every couple! **Feb. 8**, 1-4 pm \$10/person, 15740 Citrustree Rd., Whittier 90603. Walk-ins welcome & child-care provided, but must notify us with # and ages of children. Registration taken at door on. For further information and to call to reserve for child-care, please contact: Gabe & Maria Teresa Saavedra at (562) 693-7896 or e-mail at mariateresasaavedra@gmail.com.

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



“The Lord is knocking at the door of our hearts.” --Pope Francis

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

Bulletin Deadlines - due to our upcoming pilgrimage to the Holy Land, all information to be included in the **February 15, 22 and March 1 bulletins** needs to be in by **February 9**. Please send to bulletin@stjosephlb.org

Catholic Co-ed Softball Players Wanted!

Greater South Bay Catholic Co-ed Adult (Ages 18+) Softball League seeks players for their 2015 season! Games are Sunday afternoons from February thru June in Torrance. Singles & couples welcome; female players especially needed! If interested, please contact ASAP: Fred Lawler, (310) 504-0271 or fredlawler@hotmail.com

“Jesus is Lord” BIBLE STUDY

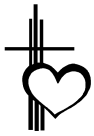
Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

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

Valentine's Dinner Dance Feb. 14, hosted by the Knights of Columbus at the Canoga Park Council Hall, Canoga Park. Dinner at 7 pm, live band, door prizes. \$25/person. Reservations: Call Angelo, 818-577-6719 or Leo, 818-633-3926.



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

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

Feb. 2 & 16 - Social/game gatherings

Mar. 2 & 16 - Social/game gatherings

Mar. 29 - Hospitality - Donuts and coffee for Parish in front of Church after 7:30, 9 and 10:30 Masses. Please sign up.

Apr. 6 and 20 - 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

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

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Gerry Kohnen
Allan Gremler**



Pancake
Breakfast
Time

**Please Join Boy Scout Troop 120
for our Annual Pancake
Breakfast!! Sunday, February 1,
8am - Noon. Ticket Price \$4.00.**

Committed to Faith and Family - BENVENUTI! The ICF is a family oriented fraternal organization dedicated to promoting activities that build faith and family spirit and bring men, women and children together. We are active in various cultural events throughout the country, support our local parishes, and provide various charities with financial and other support. On any particular evening, you might find us stirring polenta, making pasta sauce, or baking lasagna at a fundraiser, or you working with a local parish pastor on a special project. We would love you to join us. Our next meeting is **Feb. 15** at St. Cornelius Church. Website: icf.org or call Lance or Ruth Edwall, 562-421-5902.

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." JN 13:35 For fulfilling opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.



Jan. 31 - Feb. 8 Homeless Kit Drive -

Please take an envelope containing a shopping list from the cross at the back of the church. Purchase those items and return to the church or rectory next week.

Feb. 25 Committee Meeting - Help us to plan our Easter food distribution and Book Drive.

Skip-a-Meal Donations - Support our weekly lunches for Catholic Charities and St. Francis Center, and our Easter food and gift distribution.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, **March 20**, Fr. Jim is hosting an interactive off Broadway comedy show called '**Late Night Catechism.**' Doors open at 6:45 pm and show begins at 7:30 pm. This is a one woman play featuring a hilarious nun who is guaranteed to have you laughing out loud. All proceeds benefit the parish. Tickets - \$30 for General Admission to \$50 front row. On youtube search Late Night Catechism to check out a few minutes of her performance. Look for flyers and info in back of the church. This is a public event so tell a neighbor and spread the word.

Questions: please email kjondle@gmail.com

- VIP tables, available for \$500, seat 8 people. VIP tables come with a meat/cheese platter and a bottle of wine.
- A Knights of Columbus bar will be available throughout the night and desserts available at intermission.

Calling all 5th and 6th Graders!

The St. Joe's **Catholic Baseball League** has openings. You do not need to attend St. Joe's school. This is a Catholic co-ed team. Games start in March. Practices are starting in a few weeks. For information call Pat Murach, 978-879-8556 or e-mail: murach4

Tax Letter for 2014 - If you would like a letter stating your contributions to St. Joseph Church for 2014, please call the rectory office, 594-4657, and leave your name, phone number and email address.

Did You Know? How to Report Inappropriate or Illegal Content on the Internet - One of the main reasons that children do not report the inappropriate content they find online is fear of punishment from parents. If you let them know that it is not their fault if they come across an inappropriate site, they will be more willing to come to you when it happens. If your children ever show you a site that contains illegal behavior, such as pornographic images of children, contact your Internet service provider and the CyberTipline at www.cybertipline.com.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, January 31
 5:00 p.m. - † Olimpio Pili
SUNDAY, February 1
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † Celia Delgado
 10:30 a.m. - † Don Miller
 12:30 p.m. - † Edward Beardsley
MONDAY, February 2
 8:00 a.m. - † John Christie, Jr.
TUESDAY, February 3
 8:00 a.m. - † John Megna
WEDNESDAY, February 4
 8:00 a.m. - Subia family, Special Intention
THURSDAY, February 5
 8:00 a.m. - † Lois Riley
FRIDAY, February 6
 8:00 a.m. - † Frank Aimone
SATURDAY, February 7
 5:00 p.m. - † Edward Beardsley
SUNDAY, February 8
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † Eleanor Connell
 10:30 a.m. - † Jeanne Sutton
 12:30 p.m. - † Allan Gremlí & Colleen

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.

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, Butch LaBash, Theresa Stewart & Lois Kearney.

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 493-2198
 (sister & brother)

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL Margaret Alvarez
 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Sonia Yurak
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562-598-0519

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 YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION Marc Leon 598-0519
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 LITURGY/CHILDREN Nancy Longo 598-0519
 RCIC (Children) Nancy Longo 598-0519
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 Charlotte Morrison 439-7733
 Marie Mitchell 310-490-4012
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 MINISTERS TO THE SICK 594-4657

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BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
 Please submit notices, with your name & phone, to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org