



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.

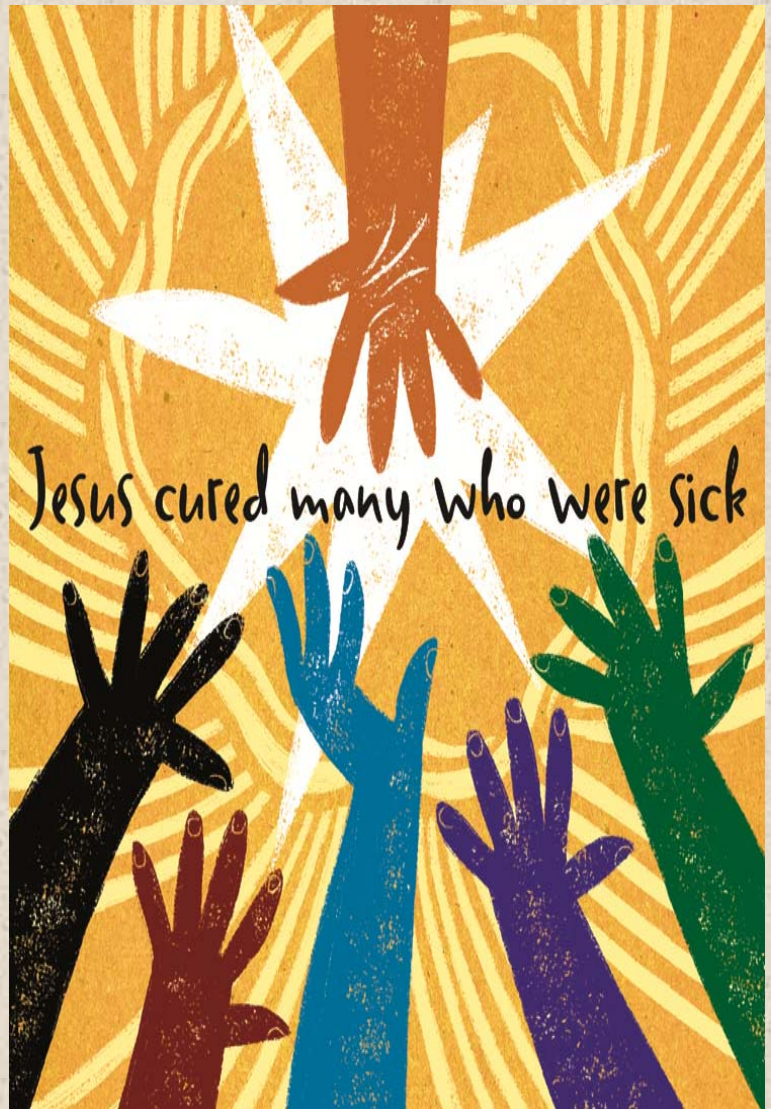
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 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:

Many times people ask why God allows people to suffer and to be sick. There is no easy explanation or answer to that question. As puzzling as this may be, even a superficial reading of today's Gospel shows us that Jesus spent enormous time and energy bringing healing and comfort to those who were sick and poor.

Whether it was Peter's mother-in-law who was sick with a fever, or the woman with the hemorrhage or the ten lepers or the many other people suffering from one disease or another, he always ministered to them.

One thing that becomes clear in the Gospel reading is that Jesus' healing of those people who were sick was always accompanied by his preaching of the Good News of the kingdom of God.

Every sick person who sought out Jesus wasn't always cured of his or her sickness. Even so, their experience of Jesus' message frequently brings them comfort and hope.

Inspired by the actions of Jesus himself, may we continue to develop God's healing power within us in order to bring God's love and healing to those that we meet.

Together in Mission

In today's readings, we are told, "He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name." Though we are many, we are one Church. God calls each of us by name to offer our time, talents, and treasure to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. 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.

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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
- Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45



From Deacon Don's desk:

I found an interesting article about Bible passages at presidential oath taking. Only one president did not take the oath of office with his hand on the Bible. Franklin Pierce had a crisis of faith a few weeks prior to taking office: his 11 year old son was killed in a train accident.

Of note, here are some of the presidents who had the Bible opened to their favorite passages: Abe Lincoln: Matthew 7:1 "Stop judging, that you may not be judged." Theodore Roosevelt: James 1:22-23 "Be doers of the Word and not hearers only..." Woodrow Wilson: Psalm 119 "Happy those whose way is blameless, who walk by the teaching of the Lord. Happy those who observe God's decrees, who seek the Lord with all their heart..." Franklin D. Roosevelt: 1Cor 13 "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, is not quick tempered, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth...Love never fails..." Harry Truman: Matthew 5:3-11 The Beatitudes and Exodus 20 the 10 Commandments. Other passages can be researched on the Library of Congress website.

Quote: "If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich." John F. Kennedy.

OUR PRAYER: God of power and might, let us place all our trust in You. Strengthen our faith and deepen our hope that You may be able to bring about the wonderful things You want to do for us. 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!!!*

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.



Holy Grounds CAFE – Come and enjoy coffee, donuts and sharing faith with other adults in the Parish Life Center, Sundays **from 10:40 - 11:40**.

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

Feb 15 Topic: Preparing for Lent– Ideas for Home

“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

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Harry Grote



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.

Middle School Youth Ministry

On-The-Edge Middle School Youth Ministry Night – Tuesday, **February 17** - Mardi Gras! And Tuesday, **March 10** - Lenten Prayer Service. For all 6-7-8th graders. Free. Bring your friends. All are welcome! In the hall!

High School Youth Ministry

Revelation Nights (Youth Nights for all teens!) 7:30-8:30 on Wednesdays

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

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.

Capital Campaign for Parish Life Center remodel -

We are well on our way to achieving our goal of renovation. We have **\$225,553** 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.

Pope Francis has asked for **February 8**, the feast of Saint Josephine of Bakhita, to be a world day of prayer to end human trafficking.

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

Breathe New Fire into Your Ministry Feb. 21, 8:30-1:30, St. Gregory the Great, Whittier, \$25 before Feb. 14, \$35 at door. Refresh, renew, reignite! Join us for a day of prayer and formation. Revitalize your passion for your ministry. Breakout sessions for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans, Musicians, Ministers of Environment, Ushers, and Ministers of Hospitality. For information, contact Paul Puccinelli, mm@st-rita.org

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!!**

2015 dues of \$10 per person are now being accepted. If you joined between October and end of the year 2014, the dues paid are good for 2015.

Feb. 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.

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

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? Archdiocesan personnel mandated to attend VIRTUS training - Did you know that every person working with children and youth in the Archdiocese of L. A. is mandated to attend VIRTUS training? VIRTUS is designed to prevent child abuse by making adults aware of how sexual abuse is perpetrated by adults as well as other children. More than 210,000 adults have gone through the VIRTUS training program in the last decade. To find out about VIRTUS training sessions near you, please call the parish office or the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program Office, (213) 637-7227.

"The bread of charity is life itself for the needy." Sir 35:21

Feb. 8 Homeless Kit Drive - Thank you for your generous support! Please return kit supplies to the church today or to the parish office next week.

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

Easter Food and Gift Distribution Opportunities Book Drive coordination, supported family communications, distribution driver coordination, food pricing and purchase, family food box assembly and packaging, distribution drivers—1 1/2 hours on March 28 (*So meaningful to kids!*) 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.



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.

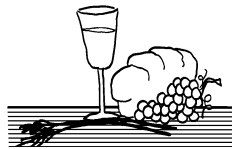
Calling all 5th and 6th Graders!

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: murach@charter.net

SAVE YOUR STUFF!!!! We will have a **Rummage Sale** at the fair. Clean out your house and donate the items. All proceeds will benefit the school and parish. Storage available now. For questions please contact: Lorena Esparza, brilorhome@gmail.com, 562-618-7307 or Fair Chairs, Conny Frost and Kraig and Kim Jondle, sjparishfair@gmail.com

Italian Catholic Federation of St. Cornelius is a family oriented, non profit organization promoting activities designed to build faith and family spirit. We usually meet the first Sunday of every month. Please join us on February 15, 1:30-4:30 for a Mardi Gras celebration, enjoying a variety of holiday foods. If you have questions, either contact Stephanie Hardy 562 544-2222, or Steve Dipietro 562 225-9447.

Mass Intentions



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 Gremli & Colleen
MONDAY, February 9
 8:00 a.m. - † John Riley
TUESDAY, February 10
 8:00 a.m. - Rita Smith
WEDNESDAY, February 11
 8:00 a.m. - Milagros Chingcuangco
THURSDAY, February 12
 8:00 a.m. - † Gerry Kohnen
FRIDAY, February 13
 8:00 a.m. - † Gerry Kohnen
SATURDAY, February 14
 5:00 p.m. - † Tom Steiner
SUNDAY, February 15
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † Jeanie Sutton
 10:30 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore
 12:30 p.m. - † Edward Beardsley

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 & Al Soldin.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 of HOLY COMMUNION Bill & Katie Greening **421-3997**
 LECTORS Bill Smith **431-2495**
 USHERS Marty Vezzetti **425-0621**
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 LITURGY/CHILDREN Nancy Longo **598-0519**
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 BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN

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 BAPTISM PREPARATION Olga Cuda **594-4657**
 BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY Dave Desmond **429-3316**
 Charlotte Morrison **439-7733**
 Marie Mitchell **310-490-4012**
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 SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES Dcn. Don & Tina Gath **598-5202**
 MINISTERS TO THE SICK **594-4657**

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