



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.

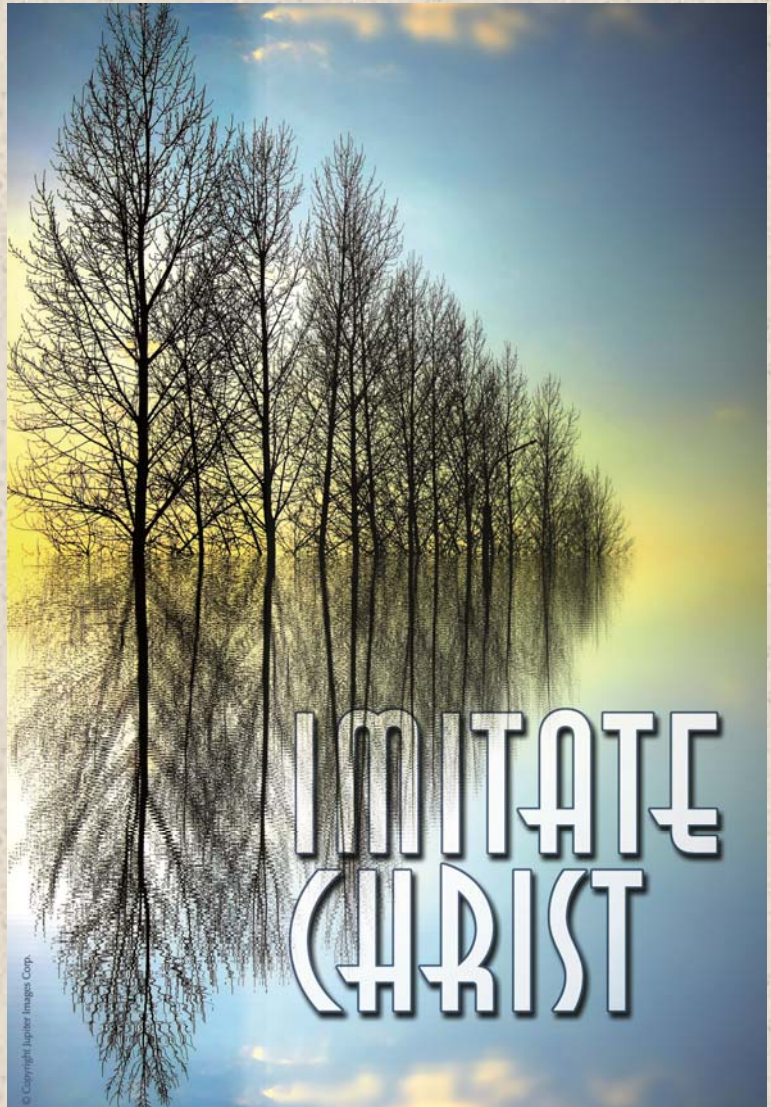
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 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 the gospel today, a leper begs Jesus to heal him and make him clean. Jesus touched the man and healed him. In doing this Jesus proved to the man how much God loved him.

The reason that Jesus came into the world was to give us hope, to heal us and to show us that God is present in our life. God wants us to be aware of the Gift he has given the world. The gift he gave by becoming human. He cured our diseases, and He forgave us our sins,

As we prepare to enter the Season of Lent this week my hope and prayer for each one of us is that we have a deeper understanding that Jesus who heals us from all of our infirmities is here among us even now.

As you know, 34 of us leave this evening for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Please be assured that we will remember all your prayer intentions while we are at the Sacred Places where we will celebrate Mass. We ask that all of you keep us in your prayers until we return on February 25.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. But before we leave the Ordinary time, in this Sunday's Gospel Jesus heals a leper and sends him to the priest. This should not be seen as just a proof of Jesus' power, but a breakthrough of God's kingdom of love, justice, peace, and happiness in human history. Jesus shows us why He came, i.e. to share our helplessness and to redeem us from evil.

The Responsorial Psalm invites us to pray, "I turn to You Lord in time of trouble and You fill me with the joy of salvation." For one reason or another, society expels members from its midst. Maybe for crime, disease, inability to live up to community standards or discrimination based on prejudice. Now California is thinking of following the State of Oregon and Canada's Supreme Court ruling that overturned a ban on "assisted suicide" for terminally ill patients. As an insurance broker how will those who have life insurance be affected in filing a claim? There is a clause that negates insurance within two years of issue for "self inflicted and assisted suicide."

A Harvard professor once stated: "If you take away religion, you will not hire enough police." Moreover there are 1752 Canon Laws. You know what the last one is? It says, "Keeping in mind the **salvation of souls**, which in the Church **must always** be the Supreme Law." I know you will have a question for me. Hold it until I return from our pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

OUR PRAYER: Lord, save us from false hopes and deceptive remedies. Direct us only in the paths You point out for us so we may find wholeness and salvation. Amen.



Ash
Wednesday

February 18 - Ash Wednesday
Masses are at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

There will also be a prayer service with ashes at 12:00 noon.

Fast and Abstinence - Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent and Ash Wednesday.

Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all who are 18 to 59 years. One full meatless meal, two others to maintain strength but together should not equal a full meal. Liquids may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work are affected, fasting does not oblige.

During Lent:

Give up complaining - focus on gratitude.

Give up harsh judgments - think kindly thoughts.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Feb. 16 for the President's Day holiday. Rectory hours during our pilgrimage will be 9-4, with lunch from 12-1.



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.



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*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45
- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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!

All Confirmation Yr I and Yr 2- Teens and Parents – Breakfast Potluck and Mass on **February 15** – We will celebrate Mardi Gras together – Breakfast begins at 10:30am (instead of 11am). We will attend 12:30 Mass together!Confirmation 1 Youth will be on their retreat the weekend of **February 27-March 1**. Please pray for them.

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 15 Topic: Preparing for Lent– Ideas for Home



Our book this quarter is “7 Secrets of Confession” by Vinny Flynn. We will be selling the books on Feb 15. Book Club Discussion will be on **March 10** at 7pm in the PAC.

“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:

Willis Kerr
Joseph Steinhauser

**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

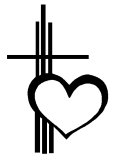
Revelation Nights (Youth Nights for all teens!) 7:30-8:30 on Wednesdays

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

Youth Day – Thursday, **March 12** – At Anaheim Convention Center – Cost is \$35 – See Marc Leon for tickets.

Human Experience – A Service project for all Confirmation Teens from Saturday, 3/21 (begins with 5pm Mass) and ends at 7am on Sun, 3/22. Come and learn about homelessness and hunger! Invite your friends. Permission slip and information on the Website under Youth Ministry.

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



"Be Still And Know That I Am God"

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

SAVE THE DATE: St. Joseph Parish Fair is April 17-19

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.

Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent!!!

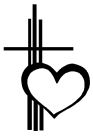
Treat yourself to a spiritual banquet for Lent! Choose one, choose many! Bring a friend for free! **Dive-in Adult Faith Formation** – Embracing God's Love and Forgiveness Seminars will be offered at St. Joseph, other Long Beach parishes, and parishes in the South Bay, **March 2 - 19**. (We have two here at St. Joe's) See Flyers at all exits! Tickets are \$5 per presenter and if you bring a friend – it is FREE! You can buy a \$25 pass and attend as many speakers as you want. **BONUS! DIVE-IN Kick Off Concert** - Jacob and Matthew Band (they were here for our XLT!) They will be at St. Anthony of Padua Parish on Saturday, Feb 28 at 7:30pm.

Monthly Men's Group Speaker Series

at St. Cornelius - 6-9pm Supper Included

February 26 - Jim Crofut**March 26** - Fr. Alexei Smith - Topic: Pope Francis and Ecumenism**April 23** - Deacon Shane Cuda - Faith and Science

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress March 12, (Youth Day), March 13 - 15 Anaheim Convention Center, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education - Archdiocese of L.A. Opportunities for personal faith enrichment, prayer and entertainment, 310 workshops. Enjoy morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of concerts. 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.



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.

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

Did You Know? Help prevent child victimization -

Many assume that children at risk for victimization are neglected or from dysfunctional homes. However, all children, even those from supportive families, may be at risk of victimization. Encourage your child to come to you immediately if anyone makes him or her feel uncomfortable online or makes overtures to meet in person. These are some signs an online predator may be connecting with your child: Your child becomes withdrawn and isolated from family and friends; you find inappropriate material on the computer; your child receives mail, money, or gifts from unknown people; you see unknown phone numbers when reviewing the phone bill. For more information visit: <http://www.netsmartz.org/ChildrenAsVictims>.

"He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed." Prov: 20:17

Feb. 25 Committee Meeting - Help us 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.

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

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@charter.net

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!

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. We will get them sent out after we return from our pilgrimage.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, February 16

8:00 a.m. - † Gerry Kohnen

TUESDAY, February 17

8:00 a.m. - † Jan & Clayton Ginnett

WEDNESDAY, February 18

8:00 a.m. - † Gerry Kohnen

12:00 p.m. - Prayer Service

7:00 p.m. - Larry Smith

THURSDAY, February 19

8:00 a.m. - Gene & Shirley Enschede, 60th Anniversary

FRIDAY, February 20

8:00 a.m. - † Gerry Kohnen

SATURDAY, February 21

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

SUNDAY, February 22

7:30 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault

9:00 a.m. - † Charles, Pauline & Paulette Thrash

10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 p.m. - † Tony Armas

SAVE THE DATE: St. Joseph Parish Fair is **April 17-19**

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, Sheila Corry, Gary Hillebrecht, Karen Muccino, Olga Kocevar, Eileen Bentley, Laverne Kelly, Delia Nix, Fr. Ford, Gene Enschede, 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, Larry Smith & Chris Carrera.

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

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Website address:		
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
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	ktmr@sbcglobal.net	
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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	Brian Moskovitz	506-7817

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM

Please submit notices, with your name & phone, to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org