



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.

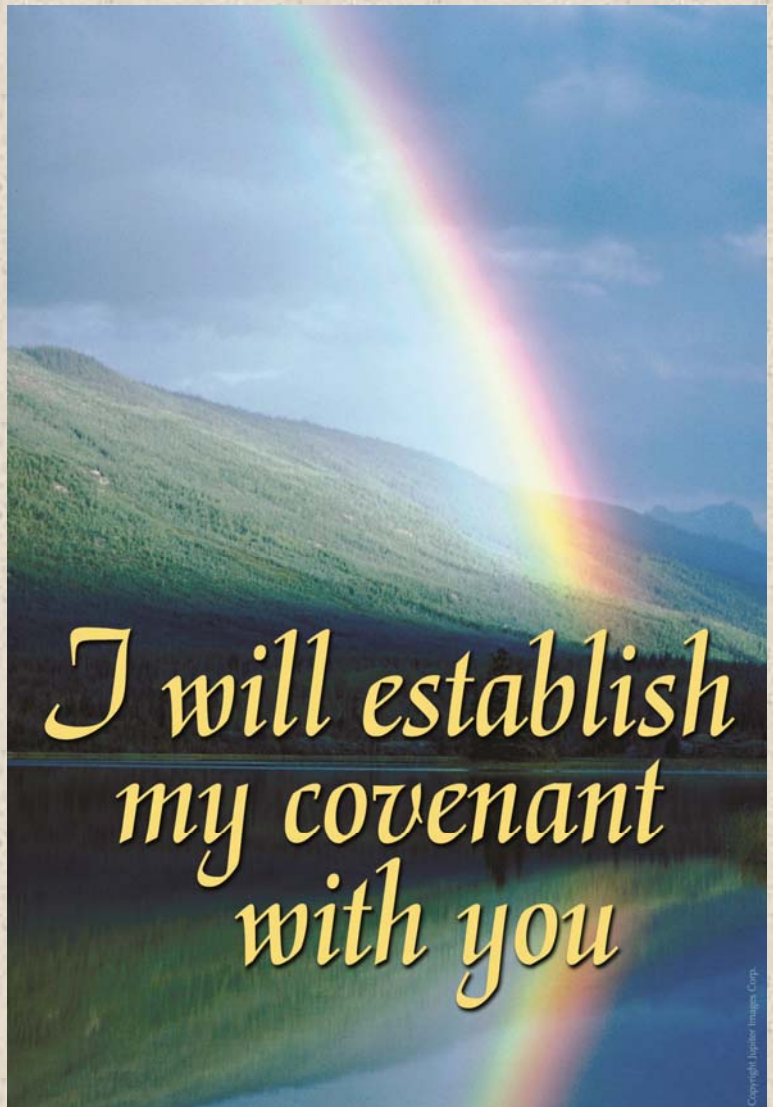
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 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 about the temptation of Jesus tries to share with us how to avoid tragedy in our lives and helps us to understand clearly how Jesus' temptation in the desert has meaning for us today in our lives.

If we understand this, then we will be able to appreciate that the temptation of Jesus wasn't something strange and extraordinary that only had to do with Jesus and therefore has no real meaning for us.

In overcoming his temptations Jesus chose to accomplish his mission with complete faith and trust in God, living in and among all the uncertainties and limitations of the ordinary human condition in this world.

The gospel story is telling us that, like Jesus, we also have to overcome temptation and realize that the only way of salvation that God gives us, is to live and work within our human condition and with all of its limitations.

During Lent:

Give up worry - trust Divine Providence.
Give up discouragement - be full of hope.

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.

The Rectory Office hours during our pilgrimage will be 9-4, closed for lunch from 12-1.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



From Deacon Don's desk:

We are now beginning our Lenten Journey. Usually this Sunday we hear of the temptation of the Lord by the devil. Mark presents a shorter version: Jesus is driven into the desert by the Spirit. He is tempted by the devil.

Before going on I must give you something that relates to Jesus' "Agony in the Garden." Sometime during Lent I ask you to take few minutes, go to the Tabernacle and look up at the picture of Jesus kneeling at the rock. Thanks to Father Jim he placed this painting in its proper place. There's a story behind this painting. A parishioner; Frank Aimone (1920-1985) (pronounced "Eye mo knee"), an artist, wanted to do something special for St Joseph Church. With wood backing, thick plaster, many hours and days of carving out the relief and then painting, all told, over 500 hours of love! **But** most important is the Love that is reflected in the painting. Jesus asks: "Father, if it possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will but as You will." Mt 26: 39.

Fr. Leonard, SJ says, "Believing in evil does not mean we have a convenient excuse for all the world's ills. As Jean Paul Sartre said, "Evil triumphs **when good people do nothing.**" To keep choosing life and a love that drives out fear, we have to see evil, name it, and **do** something about it."

OUR PRAYER: Father God, You conquer the darkness of ignorance by the light of Your Word. Strengthen in our hearts the faith You have given us; let not temptation ever quench the fire Your love has kindled within us. Amen

Lenten & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross - all Fridays of Lent, 7:00 p.m.
Reconciliation Service - Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.
Morning Prayer - April 2, 3, and 4, 8:00 a.m.
Liturgy of the Lord's Supper - April 2, 7:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death - Apr 3, 1:30pm
Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday Masses - 7:30, 9 & 10:30 am, 12:30 pm



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*

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:

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

Sacrament Preparation Parent Nights

March 9 - Yr 1 – 6-7pm, Yr 2 – 6-7pm
April 26 - 1st Eucharist Retreat for Child/Parent will be from 2:30 – 5pm
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**.



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

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.



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!!!*

Middle School Youth Ministry

On-The-Edge Middle School Youth Ministry Night – 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 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.

“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!)

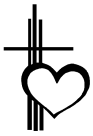
Information: Rita Smith 562- 533-1243

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

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>.



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

Come join us!! Bring a friend!!

Feb. 16 - Social/game gatherings

Mar. 2 - Business meeting/games etc.

Mar. 16 - Social/game gatherings

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

Apr. 6 - Business meeting/games etc.

Apr. 20 Social/game gatherings

All meetings 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Bring your brown bag lunch. Drinks & Dessert provided.

Note: Re-up or join for 21015. \$10 per person.

If you joined after Oct. 2014, your dues are paid thru 2015.

Senior Upcoming Presentations

L.B. Fire Ambassadors Safety Tips

Meals on Wheels Update

Identity Theft Presentation

Call Judy 421-6863 or Mary Lou 431-4385 for group info.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

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.

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.

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

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

Precious Life Shelter's Affair of the Heart Gala "Sea" Hope Happening, March 21, 6pm to 11pm, at The Waterfront Hilton Resort, Huntington Beach. Come join us for a night of fun with The Elm Street Band, Silent and Live Auction, Dinner and more. Tickets are \$80 per person or \$150 per Couple or \$1400 per table of 10. To register please go to: Conta.cc/1Cn8xR2 or call 562-431-5025.

Los Angeles Religious Ed Congress Mar. 12 - 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. Register by visiting www.RECongress.org. To obtain a Guidebook contact our religious education office or call the RECongress information line at (213) 637-7348.

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.

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!

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.

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

Mass Intentions



- 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
- MONDAY, February 23**
8:00 a.m. - † Jean Libby
- TUESDAY, February 24**
8:00 a.m. - † Gerry Kohnen
- WEDNESDAY, February 25**
8:00 a.m. - † Tommy Wallace
- THURSDAY, February 26**
8:00 a.m. - † Domingo and Maria Dang
- FRIDAY, February 27**
8:00 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore
- SATURDAY, February 28**
5:00 p.m. - † Frank Aimone
- SUNDAY, March 1**
7:30 a.m. - † Jean Libby
9:00 a.m. - † Bob Bentley
10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
12:30 p.m. - † Charles DeCoudres

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 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, 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 **493-2198**
(sister & brother)

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**
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SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES Dcn. Don & Tina Gath **598-5202**
MINISTERS TO THE SICK **594-4657**

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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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