



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.

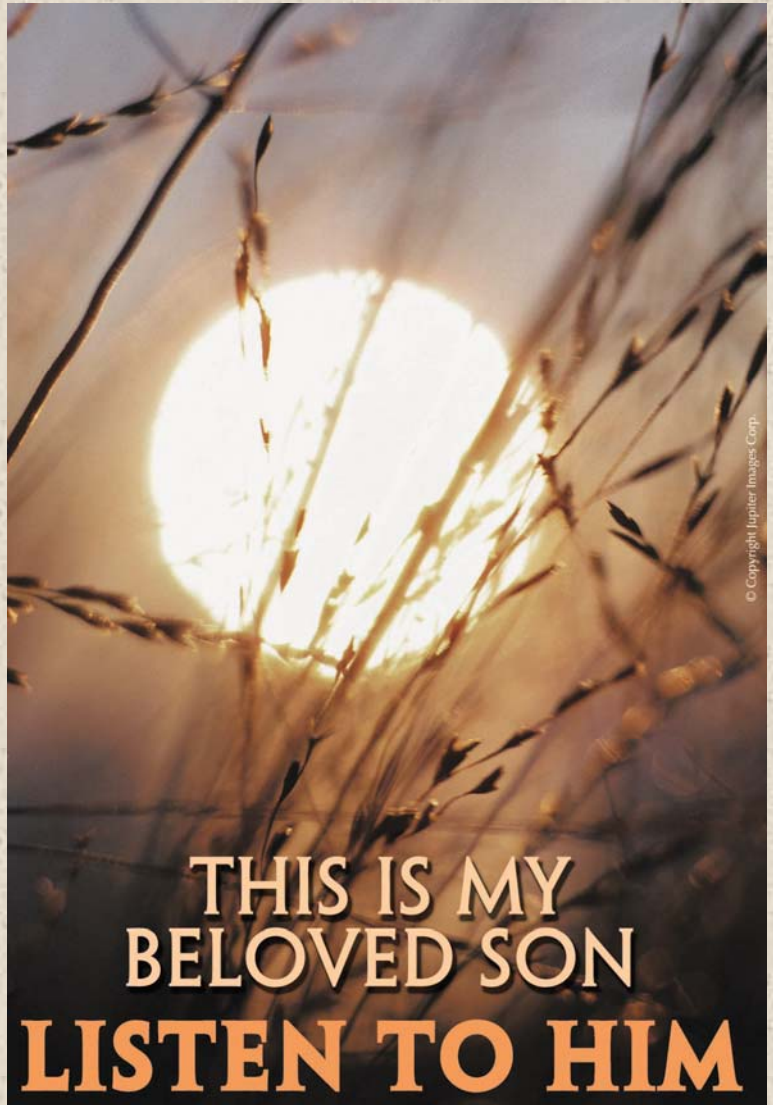
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Second Sunday of Lent

March 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:

Peter, James and John had their struggles and difficulties in leaving family, friends and security behind in order to follow Jesus. They didn't always understand what was going on, or what Jesus' purpose was but they faithfully

stayed with him.

Now before the road to Jerusalem begins, they got a glimpse of Jesus in all his splendor as Son of God. This man with whom they have laughed and cried is revealed to them in Mystery.

As disciples of Jesus we need our own high points, the chances to recognize the power and glory of God in the midst of our lives today. But in order to recognize the Lord, we have to take the same kind of journey that Abraham did. We have to leave what is familiar and comfortable and go on a journey. Every Lent we begin a journey in communion with the whole church.

Today we stand on the mountaintop with Jesus' closest companions as he is revealed to them in the mystery of his divine nature. We recognize the risen Lord in our midst, not only in the bread and wine transformed into the bread of life and the cup of salvation, but also in the presence of Christ in our brothers and sisters.

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.



From Deacon Don's desk:

"Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus." A writer once said, "The readings give us three famous mountain climbers: Moses, who climbed Mount Sinai and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah climbed

Mount Carmel and was given the gift to conquer evil that was in the land: the evil prophets of the pagan god Baal. Jesus climbed the mount of Transfiguration with His trusted disciples and was given as **the gift** for the people: a cloud came casting a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice, "This is My beloved Son. Listen to Him." Mk 9:7-8.

Let us pray for our own religious transfiguration in the Father's love this Lent, and may the Eucharist give us hope through faith that no matter what altar of sacrifice we may feel heaped upon us God never wants us to give up: His love is never destructive. His love always leads to life.

Lent is our journey of faith. We are called to trust in the Lord in our life's challenges and struggles. The one gift from the Lord that is never denied us is the gift of **faith**.


OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help me to fast for the right reason. Grant me grace to believe in the Gospel and to read that Gospel continually. Then let me put it into practice. 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

During Lent:

- Give up bitterness - turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred - return good for evil.



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
	Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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:

Sacrament Preparation Parent Nights
 March 9 - Yr I – 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.

Monthly Men's Group Speaker Series

at St. Cornelius - 6-9pm Supper Included
March 26 - Fr. Alexei Smith - Topic: Pope Francis and Ecumenism
April 23 - Deacon Shane Cuda - Faith and Science



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

Precious Life Shelter’s Affair of the Heart Gala

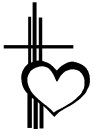
“Sea” Hope Happening, March 21, 6pm to 11pm, at The Waterfront Hilton Resort, Huntington Beach. Come join us for a night of fun with The Elm Street Band, Silent and Live Auction, Dinner and more. Tickets are \$80 per person or \$150 per Couple or \$1400 per table of 10. To register please go to: Conta.cc/1Cn8xR2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

Did You Know? Start a discussion with your child about Internet safety

- Use the following discussion starters to get an Internet safety conversation going with your children. The more often you talk to them about online safety, the easier it will get, so don’t get discouraged if they don’t respond immediately!

- Could you show me your online profile(s)?
- Do you use your real name or age when communicating with others online?
- What kinds of things do your post on your page?
- How do you decide who to add as a friend?
- Would you feel comfortable if I checked your profile?

For more information, visit: <http://www.netsmartz.org/SocialNetworking>.



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

Come join us!! Bring a friend!!

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.

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.

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.

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.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18

Mar. 14-22 Book Drive - collecting new and gently used children and teen reading books for our Easter Food and Gift distribution.

Mar. 28 Easter Food and Gift Distribution - 8:30 a.m. in the hall. *Drivers needed!* Please call Amy, 427-5917. So meaningful to kids!

Skip-a-Meal Donations - Urgent need to support our Easter food distribution. For fulfilling opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.



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 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, sparishfair@gmail.com

Save the Date!

**Texas Hold 'Em School Fund Raiser
March 28**



Married Couples prepare for Easter in a special way this year! Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Couples return with a refreshed relationship, full of hope and joy. Renew your sacrament and love now! Weekends take place in a local hotel and all sharing is private with your spouse. Presentations, made by married couples and a priest, teach valuable communication tools and more! **Our next weekend is March 20-22 in Torrance.** Apply online at www.ilovemyspouse.net or contact Sarah and Jacob Flores, 562-923-7335.

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 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

MONDAY, March 2

8:00 a.m. - † Gerry Kohnen

TUESDAY, March 3

8:00 a.m. - † Gerry Kohnen

WEDNESDAY, March 4

8:00 a.m. - † John Risko

THURSDAY, March 5

8:00 a.m. - † James Halley, Sr.

FRIDAY, March 6

8:00 a.m. - Larry Smith

SATURDAY, March 7

5:00 p.m. - † Gerry Kohnen

SUNDAY, March 8

7:30 a.m. - † Bernie Hodowski

9:00 a.m. - Men and Women discerning a call to religious life

10:30 a.m. - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.

12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

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:

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 (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
MEDITATION	Marie Mitchell	310-490-4012
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
	msanty@verizon.net	
	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
PARISH FAIR	sparishfair@gmail.com	
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