



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.

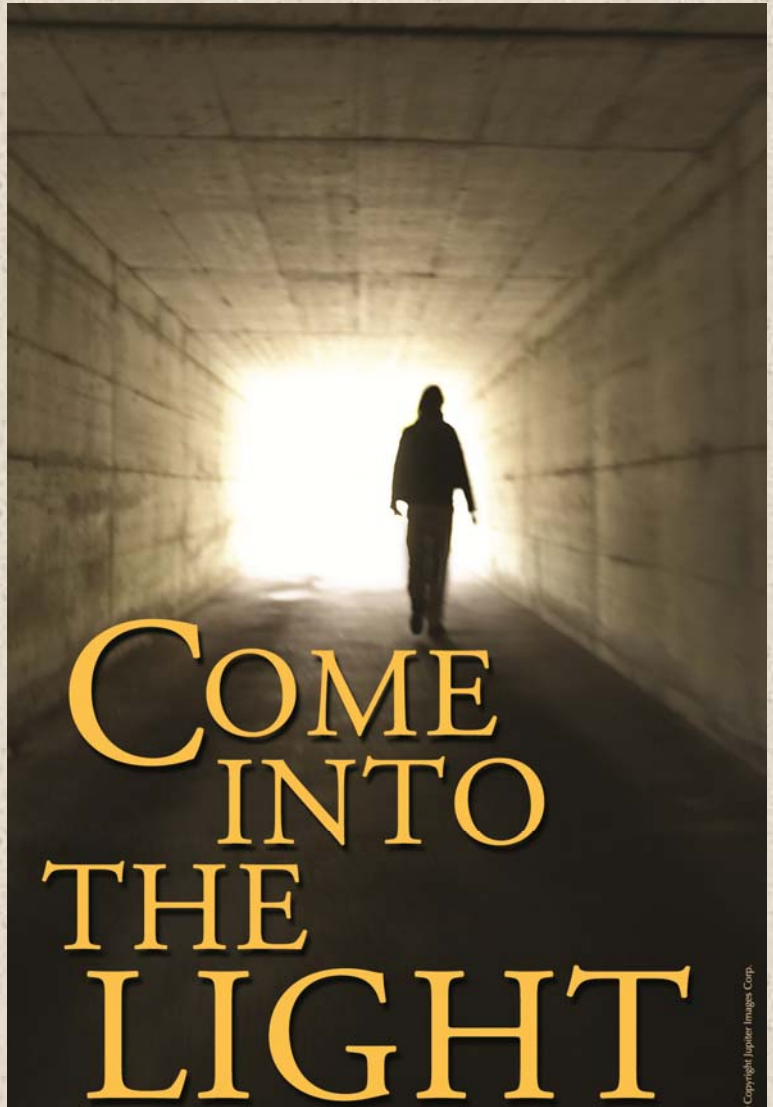
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 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:

Jesus says in the Gospel today that human beings "have shown that they prefer darkness to light because their deeds were evil." To be human, then is always to be involved in the struggle of good against evil. This struggle is both outside us and inside us too.

This theme of light and darkness continues throughout the Gospel, but always with the assurance that God will triumph through the life, the death and the resurrection of Christ.

The Good News of Jesus Christ is that the darkness will not win. Most of us are aware that the world has much in it that is evil and fights against the Gospel of life, and because of that my hope is that we all are able to come to a deeper understanding of the truth that everything that God has created is good. And each one of us through our baptism has been chosen by God to be a force for good.

Late Night Catechism

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, **March 20**, Fr. Jim is hosting this interactive off Broadway comedy show. 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.

During Lent:

Give up pessimism - become an optimist.

Give up jealousy - pray for trust.



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.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Quiz: Does the phrase "The Ten Commandments" appear in the bible? It is **not** found in the Bible. In Exodus, Chapter 20 begins, "Then God delivered **all** these commandments... I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt..." American Bible footnotes, "The precise division of Chapter 20, 1-17 precepts into the "ten commandments is somewhat uncertain. Among Catholics verses 1-6 are considered one commandment. Verse 17 is 2 commandments.

Each of the three readings for today relate to the human condition, our weakness and condition of sin and God's unlimited mercy. The journey through Lent challenges us to balance these realities as we look for reconciliation with God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

"May Christ shield me today....Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me. Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me...." St Patrick.

OUR PRAYER: Lord Jesus, be with us this day and let us see You in everyone we meet. Grant that we may always serve You in others and arrive at Your heavenly Kingdom where will serve You forever. Amen

SPECIAL NOTE: IN DEFERENCE TO THE LATE NITE CATECHISM=THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BEGIN AT **6:45 pm on March 20** TO ALLOW THOSE WHO WILL ATTEND TIME TO FIND THEIR SEATS.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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****April 26** - 1st Eucharist Retreat for Child/Parent will be from 2:30 – 5pm

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**.

Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent!!!

Treat yourself to a spiritual banquet! Choose one or many! Bring a friend for free! **Dive-in Adult Faith Formation** – Embracing God's Love and Forgiveness seminars offered at parishes in the South Bay, through **March 19**. (We have one more here at St. Joe's) See Flyers at all exits! Tickets are \$5/ presenter or a \$25 pass for as many speakers as you want.

**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!!!*

Monthly Men's Group Speaker Series

at St. Cornelius - 6-9pm Supper Included

March 26 - Fr. Alexei Smith - Pope Francis & Ecumenism**April 23** - Deacon Shane Cuda - Faith and Science

Did You Know? Start a discussion with your child about Internet safety - Use the following discussion starters to get an Internet safety conversation going. The more often you talk to them, 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 you 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>.

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

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.

YOUNG ADULTS! A group of your fellow peers from local Long Beach parishes are making plans to develop activities for people college age to early thirties. If you are a young adult or know of anyone who might be interested, please email Jason Pillon, jtpillon1@verizon.net.

Fashion Show and Luncheon - Saturday, **March 28**, 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Refuge hall. Proceeds benefit our local charities throughout the year. For information call Colleen, 562-427-5745.

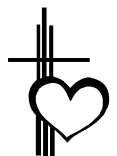
"Praying Divine Mercy on Our Families: Healing the Family Tree" Conference April 11, Holy Family, Glendale, 10-4:30. More information next week!

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.

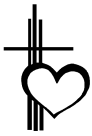
Meditation in the Parish Life Center chapel every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME!

"Be Still And Know That I Am God"

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



Married Couples - Worldwide Marriage Encounter! 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.



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

Come join us!! Bring a friend!!

Mar. 16 - L. B. Fire Ambassadors - Sr. Safety Program • free gift. Social/game gathering

Mar. 29 - Senior Hospitality - Join us for donuts and coffee in front of Church after 7:30, 9 and 10:30 Masses.

Apr. 6 - Business meeting/games etc.

Apr. 20 - No Senior meeting

May 4 - Meals on Wheels Presentation

Social/game gathering

May 18 - Social/game gathering

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

Bring your brown bag lunch. Drinks & Dessert provided.

Note: Re-up or join for 2015. \$10 per person.

Senior Upcoming Presentations

Identity Theft Presentation - TBA

For group information call: Judy (562) 421-6863.

Trips - Trips - Trips

April 15 - Chocolate covered L.A. tour! Start off with a chocolate churro and Mexican hot chocolate. Venture to bakeries, factories and shops you never knew existed. Some stops are: Japanese sweet shop, gourmet soda store, and a monastery for hand dipped chocolates. End the day stepping off the musical stairway into 28,000 square feet of carnivality. Lunch at Tam O'Shanter Restaurant and you guessed it, a chocolate dessert. Come join us - we will diet on another tour. Driver's gratuity included. Cost \$86 due March 18.

Apr. 25 - May 2 - Attention on California Cruise!

Change of itinerary, Santa Barbara cancelled due to port traffic. Will stop in Catalina and increase our stay to an overnight in San Francisco. We no longer have a direct flight from Vancouver to Long Beach. We will have to divert to LAX and use the shuttle service. Any questions please call Gerry, 420-3220. **Bon Voyage!** Seven day wine country cruise on Princess Cruise Line. Port of departure - L.A. (San Pedro). Fare: \$549 - 2299 + port fees, gov. fees & tax. (Ins. available).

May 11 - Santa Barbara via Amtrak - Day trip. Train Ride via Amtrak to Santa Barbara, lunch at By Roadhouse, city tour with local guide from Santa Barbara. Scenic motor-coach ride home. Pick up at church parking lot. Cost \$95 includes driver's gratuity. Leave 7:30 am, return ~6:30 pm. Payment due March 10.

Capital Campaign for Parish Life Center remodel -

We are well on our way to achieving our goal of renovation. We have **\$228,193** 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.

"He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." LK 4:18

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. So meaningful to kids! Drivers needed! Please call Amy, 427-5917.

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



Precious Life Shelter's Affair of the Heart Gala

"Sea" Hope Happening, March 21, 6-11pm, at The Waterfront Hilton Resort, Huntington Beach. A night of fun with The Elm Street Band, Silent and Live Auction, Dinner and more. Tickets \$80/person or \$150/Couple. To register please go to: Conta.cc/1Cn8xR2 or call 562-431-5025.

RANCHO SAN ANTONIO - St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will be at the church doors this weekend in support of the boys at Rancho San Antonio "Boys Home of the West." **FIRST PRIZE** is \$5,000. Donation \$2.00. (Winners need not be present.) Drawing on May 3, your chances of winning are good.

Information and applications for membership in the Knights of Columbus will also be available. All Catholic men over the age of 18 are invited and encouraged to join the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus.

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!

Save the Date.... March 28 - St. Joseph School **Texas Hold'em Tournamant,** 5 PM in Father Martin Hall. Registration through the school office or contact Lisa Powell 562-481-8646 for assistance. \$30 pre-registration or \$40 at the door. Food and drinks available for purchase.

PARISH FAIR NEWS

*Fair will be **April 17, 18, 19.**

***Rummage Sale** April 17 & 18 in Fr. Martin Hall.

**If you have items to donate we are accepting all goods such as clothes, electronics that work, toys, household goods and more. Drop off every Sat 8am-10am at front gate.

*Vendor Boutique Fair **April 18 & 19** during fair hours.

*Live bands each night - The Elm St Band Saturday at 8 pm

*Sponsor the Fair - forms available at any exit of the church.

*Buy ride tickets before the fair starts. Ride tickets are full price during the fair, if you purchase before the fair starts you get a discount. **SAVE MONEY!**

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, March 14

5:00 p.m. - † Tim Spellicy

SUNDAY, March 15

7:30 a.m. - Fernando Montoya

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

12:30 p.m. - † Joseph Steinhauser

MONDAY, March 16

8:00 a.m. - Edward Bryan

TUESDAY, March 17

8:00 a.m. - Dennis Cuda

WEDNESDAY, March 18

8:00 a.m. - † Bob Maney

THURSDAY, March 19

8:00 a.m. - † Antonietta Gigliotti

FRIDAY, March 20

8:00 a.m. - Staff of St. Joseph Church

SATURDAY, March 21

5:00 p.m. - † Botelho and Salvati families

SUNDAY, March 22

7:30 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault

9:00 a.m. - † Ernest Baker

10:30 a.m. - † Gerry Kohnen

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

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 Kocovar, 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, Barbara Grochocenski & Robert & Frances Stickney.

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 msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	799-0660
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 ktrm@sbcglobal.net	310-729-5890
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
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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