



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.

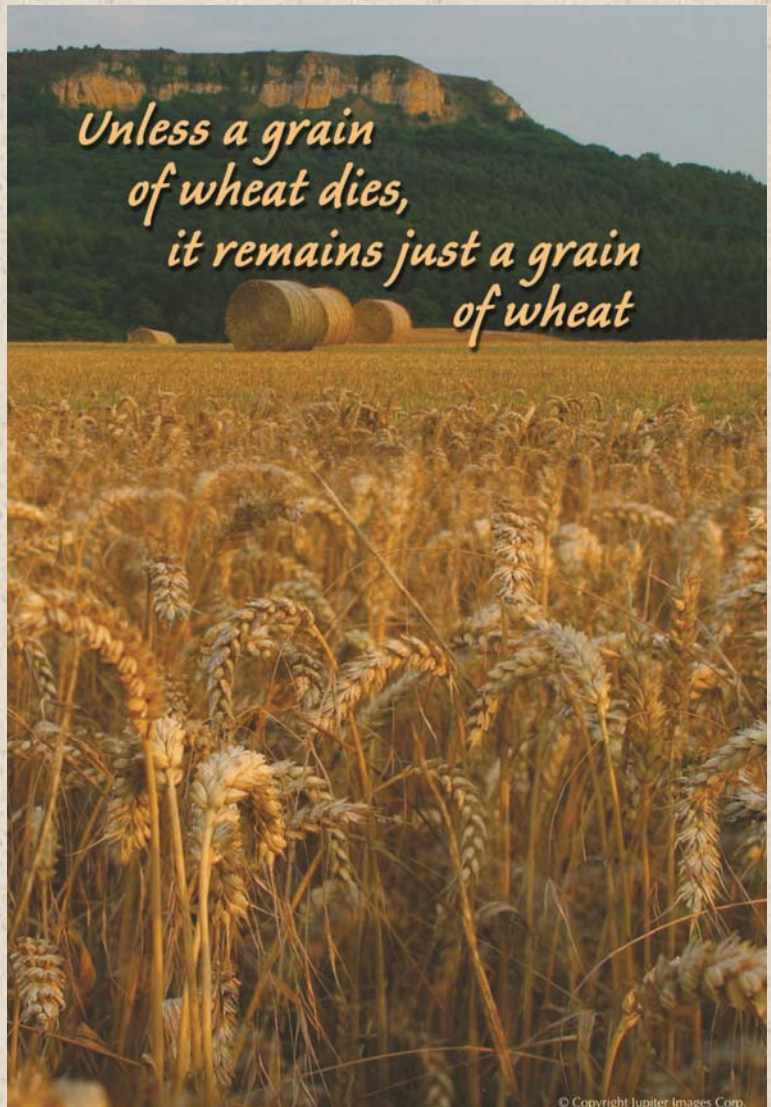
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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 of Lent

March 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:

Like the grain of wheat, Jesus has to let go of everything, including his own life, in order to bring life to others. Jesus bringing life is the primary focus of John's entire gospel.

In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. Through him all things came into being, nothing came into being except through him. What has come into being with him is life.

Again in John, we hear that God so loved the world that he gave his only son. So that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but will have eternal life.

In the process, both Jesus and we will be transformed, just as the grain of wheat, apparently annihilated, becomes something altogether greater and enriching for others.

May we learn to see Jesus, not in a superficial way as the Greeks we hear about in today's Gospel, but that we see Him in a penetrating way that allows us to know Jesus deeply from within the depths of our own being.

Remember that the Jesus who let go of everything out of love for us invites us to discover that the life and the happiness that we all long for is in that letting go and letting God.



Reconciliation Service

Monday, **March 23** at St. Bartholomew Church
 Tuesday, **March 24** at St. Joseph Church
 Wednesday, **March 25** at St. Cornelius Church
 All services begin at 7:00 p.m.

All other activities here at St. Joseph have been cancelled so you may attend. What a spiritual gift to the Lord it would be if every family attended and were renewed!

During Lent:

Give up pettiness - become mature.
 Give up gloom - enjoy the beauty that is all around you.



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:

The Italian sculptor Donatello rejected a block of marble because it was flawed. Michelangelo was offered the same block and accepted it. He looked beyond the obvious flaw to something potentially beautiful in it. He eventually carved from it his greatest masterpiece: **David**. God did something similar with us and our sin filled world. God looked beyond our obvious flaws to something potentially beautiful in us. God is now "re-creating" all things in the image of Jesus. Do we believe that God has plans for us and wants to make us into something special in spite of our flaws? What fills me with hope? ...taken from Mark Links "Mission"

"When the scales of sin have fallen from our eyes, all the world begins to sparkle."John Michael Talbott

God says, "I can never forget you! I have written your name on the palms of my hands." Isaiah 49:16

OUR PRAYER: Lord of Justice, enable us to be just and upright people after the example of St. Joseph. Let us be just toward You, and toward all human beings. Amen.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Matthew Hall
 Larry Smith**



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

What is Lent?

For many, we think of Lent as a time of penance i.e. giving up something. **But** there is more:

Today in most Catholic parishes, adults are visibly making ready to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Lent then has regained that "baptismal" emphasis. We still can observe Lent through fasting, prayer and almsgiving, **but** we do it with the purpose of recalling our Baptism, our deepening of our commitment to Christ, **and** we do it in solidarity with those preparing to be baptized or received into the Church. Readings for each Sunday in Lent are chosen by the Church to relate to the journey of faith each of us undertakes to our basic baptismal call to be part of Christ.

Now is the time for us to include in our prayers those who are taking this journey that culminates at the Easter Vigil Mass. --Taken from Father Greg Friedman OFM's Sunday Soundbites

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.



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!!!*

“Praying Divine Mercy on Our Families: Healing the Family Tree” Conference April 11, Holy Family, Glendale, 10-4:30. In-depth teaching and prayer for breakthroughs in healing to take place for your loved ones, both living and deceased. Before Mar. 30, \$25. After, \$35. Register online at scrc.org or call 818-771-1361.

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

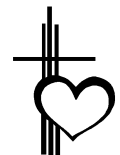
Human Experience – A Service project for all Confirmation Teens from Saturday, 3/21 (begins with 5pm Mass) and ends at 7am on Sun, 3/22. Come learn about homelessness and hunger! Invite your friends. Permission slip and information on the Website under Youth Ministry.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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]
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

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

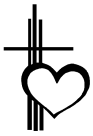


"Be Still And Know That I Am God"

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

Bereavement Ministry

All those interested in any aspect of the Bereavement Ministry are invited to a meeting with Fr. Jim and Sr. Eva on Tuesday, **April 14**, at 7:00 p.m. in the PLC. The training of leaders, facilitating a weekly support group, and preparation for the Memorial Mass in November will be discussed. All those who have participated in any way in this group in the past are also welcome.



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

Come join us!! Bring a friend!!

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.

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 **\$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. 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.



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.

Save the Date.... March 28 - St. Joseph School Texas **Hold'em Tournament**, 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.

Will you give a few hours a week to save lives?

Volunteers needed at the Pregnancy Help Center in our mission to encourage women to choose life for their pre-born babies. Training will be provided for all positions.

- * Client Advocates: Compassionate listening to assess client needs, offer options
 - * RNs & NPs: Pregnancy & STI testing
 - * Marketing & Communications Volunteers: Assist manager in expanding this area, especially social media
 - * Data Entry Volunteers: Client and donor database
 - * Receptionists: Greeting clients and answering phone
- Call Mary or Victoria at 310-320-8976 and let us know what days you are available on a regular basis.

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.

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 Friday, April 17, 9:00 - noon at the gym.

*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 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
- MONDAY, March 23**
 8:00 a.m. - † Margaret Stahl
- TUESDAY, March 24**
 8:00 a.m. - Tonete Risko
- WEDNESDAY, March 25**
 8:00 a.m. - † Margaret (Peggy) Montello
- THURSDAY, March 26**
 8:00 a.m. - † Larry Smith
- FRIDAY, March 27**
 8:00 a.m. - † Larry Smith
- SATURDAY, March 28**
 5:00 p.m. - † Domingo and Maria Dang
- SUNDAY, March 29**
 7:30 a.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero
 9:00 a.m. - † Gerry Kohnen
 10:30 a.m. - † Kenneth Miller
 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:

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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 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, Chris Carrera, Barbara Grochocenski, Robert & Frances Stickney & Bryan Nielson.

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**
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 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**
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 LITURGY/CHILDREN Nancy Longo **598-0519**
 RCIC (Children) Nancy Longo **598-0519**
 SUNDAY NURSERY Shannon Carpenter **430-6840**
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 FOR CHILDREN

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- RCIA Sister Eva **594-4657**
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 BAPTISM PREPARATION Olga Cuda **594-4657**
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 BOY SCOUTS Brian Moskovitz **506-7817**

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 to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org