



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.



“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name
to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

Luke 24:46–47

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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:

At times we have fear, anxiety, a sense of oppression. God seems far away, and circumstances can be difficult. Or we might be experiencing a sense of emptiness, like something is missing. But then comes relief as we discover the living Christ right where we are, in a more meaningful way than we did before.

But, as wonderful as that experience may be, it isn't enough. Our faith needs some flesh on it. Our minds need to absorb what the scriptures say about God if we are to live that experience in our hearts.

So as we continue to celebrate Jesus' great sacrifice and victory for us during this Easter season, my hope for each of us is that we experience that sense of relief and new purpose he brings, and that we learn from Jesus who is gentle and humble of heart.

Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



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 30 and July 30 (Women) and July 16 (Men).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or OCCursillo.org*

Together In Mission

We have made a good start with our Together in Mission pledges toward our **goal of \$70,100**. So far **216 families** have **pledged \$44,956**. There are pledge envelopes in the church as well as in the rectory office. Thank you all!

Capital Campaign for Parish Life Center remodel -

We are well on our way to achieving our goal of renovation. We have **\$230,609** 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.



From Deacon Don's desk:

St. Faustina's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. Born in what is now west-central Poland, Helena Kowalska was the third of ten children. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities before joining the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses. She had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors.

At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize His mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. "I do not want to punish aching mankind," He once told Sr. Faustina, "but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My merciful heart." The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death.

Because Sr. Faustina knew that the revelations she had already received did not constitute holiness itself, she wrote in her diary: "Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God." Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993 and canonized her seven years later as the first saint of the great jubilee year.

Devotion to God's Divine Mercy bears some resemblance to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In both cases, sinners are encouraged not to despair, not to doubt God's willingness to forgive them if they repent. As Psalm 136 says in each of its 26 verses, "God's love (mercy) endures forever." **Our Prayer:** Loving Father, pour out Your divine mercy and love into our heart and soul. Let us cooperate with that love and in this way strive for perfection in all virtues. Amen



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519**Important Religious Education Class Dates:****Early Childhood-** 9-10am: Apr. 19, Last Class Apr. 26**Elementary-** 10:30-11:45: April 19, 26, May 17 (Last Class is May Crowning - Ice Cream Social) No Classes on May 3 or May 10**Middle School:** Tuesdays from 7-8pm - April 14, 21, 28, May 5 (Last Class in the Hall)**Confirmation:** April 19, 26, May 3 (attend whatever Mass you wish), May 17 – Last Class**Youth Ministry** – See Website for more information (Flyers at exits of the Church)**Middle School Youth Ministry** - On the Edge - Apr. 28, 7-8 (for all 6-8 graders)**Middle School Retreat** – June 12-14 at Whispering Winds!**High School - Lock In – May 15** – See Website for Permission slip and more information**Revelation Nights (Youth Nights for all teens!)** from 7:30-8:30pm on Wednesdays**The Word (Bible Study for Teens)** from 7:00-8:15pm on Tuesdays)**City of Saints – Conference for Teens – Aug 7-9.** \$50 deposit due by April 30. Only \$220. Held at UCLA. Great Music, Great Speakers.**Celebrate the Sacraments with our Young People!****1st Communions** for Religious Education and School are on the weekend of May 2/3 at the 5pm, 9am, 10:30 & 12:30 Masses.**April 26 – 2:30-5pm – 2nd Year Eucharist Retreat** for parents and child in the Hall.**Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on Sunday, May 31 at 3pm. Bishop Solis will be celebrating the sacrament with us.**Rehearsal** for Year 2 Confirmation Students and Sponsors – Tuesday, May 26 at 7pm in the church.

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.

“Compassionate Love: The Gift of Forgiveness in your Marriage & Life!” When we forgive we affirm: “Who you are is more important to me than what you did.” St. Timothy Church, 29102 Crown Valley Pkwy, 92677. **April 19**, 1–3 pm. Walk-ins welcome! \$10/person (child-care provided, please reserve). To register, please contact Deacon Charlie Boyer at (949) 973-9025 or email: cboyer@st-timsrc.org

Sacred Heart Women’s Retreat - “Remain in My Love” Conducted by the Sacred Heart Sisters at the Sacred Heart Retreat Camp, Big Bear Lake: **May 1-3**. Includes communal and private prayer, and celebrations of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Come and be refreshed by the love and company of our Lord Jesus Christ. Donation: \$100. For more information, call 909-866-5696.

The Southeastern District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan **Council of Catholic Women** will have a District Meeting Saturday, **May 2**, at St. Barnabas Church, 3955 Orange Ave., Long Beach. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and includes a speaker, prayer service, lunch and concludes at 1:30 p.m. Charge is \$12/person, **prepaid**. Make checks payable and mail to Patti Bowman, 9723 1/2 Ramona St., Bellflower, 90706 **before April 25**. For information: Patti Bowman, 562-867-8552.

2015 Summer Camps - Staffed by Sacred Heart Sisters, camps offer an enjoyable camping experience in a wholesome Christian atmosphere and a delightful loving spirit.

FAMILY CAMP: June 18-21 or June 25-28**GIRLS’ CAMP: July 12-18 or July 26-August 1**

For information www.sacredheartretreatcamp.com - Events page or call 909-866-5696. Spaces are limited. Donations are needed to help sponsor a child or family to camp. Please help! Contributions can be sent to: Sacred Heart Retreat Camp, P.O. Box 1795, Big Bear Lake 92315.

Did You Know? Administrative Handbook for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles - For the first time, the Archdiocese has a Handbook that integrates a wide range of pre-existing resources, guides, manuals and other publications to offer a single comprehensive source of information on archdiocesan administrative policies and procedures. This new resource also includes a special section which provides detailed information about all of the Safe Environment policies, procedures, programs, forms and other resources utilized by the archdiocese for the protection of our children and young people. Go to: <http://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9/section-9-1>.



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**.

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

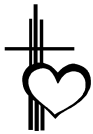
"Be Still And Know That I Am God"

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

**Monthly Men's Group Speaker Series**

at St. Cornelius - 6-9pm Supper Included

April 23 - Deacon Shane Cuda - Faith and Science



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

Come join us. Bring a friend.

Apr. 20 - No Senior meeting

May 4 - Meals on Wheels Presentation

Social/game gathering

May 18 - Social/game gathering

All meetings 11:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Note: new meeting start time, 11:00 a.m.

Bring your brown bag lunch. Drinks & Dessert provided.

Senior Upcoming Presentations

Identity Theft Presentation - TBA

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

Trips - Trips - Trips

Attention: The Chocolate LA tour & the Santa Barbara Trip have been cancelled. Unfortunately we were unable to meet the required 40 people.

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!** Wine country cruise on Princess Cruise Line. Port of departure - L.A. (San Pedro). Fare: \$549 - 2299 + port fees, gov. fees & tax. (Ins. available).

June 29 - July 1 - Laughlin NV. We will join the Cypress Sunshine Tours. Two free Breakfast Buffets plus one free buffet of your choice. Double \$124/ Single \$150. Western Party with \$1000 in prizes and Western style buffet with Champagne. Call Mary Lou at 4314385 or Gerry 420-3220.

The **50's Plus Catholic Seniors Singles Club** invites you to join them in fellowship on the 4th Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Conference Room at St. Pancratius Parish, Lakewood. Our May gathering will be on **May 24**. For further information please call Winnie Butler at 562 809 3206 or Verna Hammer at 562 633 2503. Looking forward to having you join our social group.

PARISH FAIR APRIL 17, 18, & 19

Visit the Parish Fair website for all info and forms at: <http://www.stjosephlb.org/fair/>

Rummage Sale: Sat & Sun of the Fair in Fr. Martin Hall. Sat 8am-6pm & Sun 8am - 7 pm
Live bands each night at the Fair, Sat at 8 pm and Sunday beginning at 4:30 pm.

Parishioners with no children in St. Joseph school, please consider volunteering for one shift at the Fair. The fair supports all ministries in the parish, maintenance of the church, parking lot, decoration, etc. We need volunteers to be successful. Please visit the Fair website for volunteer website sign ups <http://www.stjosephlb.org/fair/>

"Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples feet." Jn 13:5

Thank You! For your generous support of more than 82 families in need for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter! Testimonies of gratitude and of our fulfilling experiences are heartwarming.

May 16-17: Feed-a-Baby Drive – non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach. Can you tend a donation table at a Mass or buy baby products from Skip-a-Meal donations? For these and many other opportunities to help our brothers and sisters in need, please call Tim Clark, 431-4385.

Skip-a-Meal Donations support programs our holiday programs and others such as weekly lunches for St. Francis Center and Catholic Charities.



The **Pregnancy Help Center** in Torrance is looking for Client Advocates (lay counselors) and Nurse Volunteers. We will be having volunteer training coming up on **April 25**. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Mary at (310) 320-8976 or mthompson@phtorrance.org

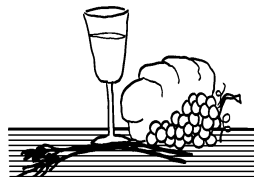
St. Bartholomew Women's Council Annual Fashion Show, Fantastic Fashions, **April 26 3:00 p.m.** \$35. Fashions courtesy of Draper's & Damon's. Proceeds benefit Harbour Area Halfway Houses for Women. Reservations by April 20: Judy Houston, 434-5011.

Pregnancy Help Center 28th Annual Walk For Life, **May 16**, 8:30-11:00 a. m., Redondo Beach. Please contact Jeanine at jeaninejim@gmail.com , 310-415-0876 or call the center at 310-320-8976. For more Walk details visit supportphtorrance.org

Our Lady of Refuge Golf Tournament - May 18, at Recreation Park, 5001 Deukmejian Way, Long Beach. Proceeds benefit Our Lady of Refuge church and school. For details and sponsorship information contact Mike Krantz at Krantzwp@yahoo.com or Janis Krantz at Jkmediapr@ol.com.

Save the Date – June 22, 32nd Annual St. Anthony High School Monsignor Gualderon Golf Classic. The tournament will be at El Dorado Park Golf Course and proceeds will benefit SAHS Athletics. Online registration at www.LongBeachSaints.org, space is limited. For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities or donations, please contact Renee Salvador at (562)435-4496 ext.1241 or www.Renee.Salvador@LongBeachSaints.org Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the course!

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, April 18**
5:00 p.m. - † Cornelius & Barbara McCullough
- SUNDAY, April 19**
7:30 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault
9:00 a.m. - † Ed & Mary Jane Merk
10:30 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore
12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
- MONDAY, April 20**
8:00 a.m. - † Christine Joseph
- TUESDAY, April 21**
8:00 a.m. - † Tom Steiner
- WEDNESDAY, April 22**
8:00 a.m. - † Annette Haddad
- THURSDAY, April 23**
8:00 a.m. - † Robert Aviles
- FRIDAY, April 24**
8:00 a.m. - † Romeo Tupas
- SATURDAY, April 25**
5:00 p.m. - † Botelho & Salvati families
- SUNDAY, April 26**
7:30 a.m. - † Mary Dondero
9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
10:30 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison-Bennett
12:30 p.m. - Tom Devine

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, Stacey Marcus, Shirley Morasse, Magali & Wendy Sapient, Bill Whitt, Anna Osorio, Kathy June, Jordynn Seckington, 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**
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
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562-598-0519

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