



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

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Religious Education: 598-0519

email: religioused@stjosephlb.org

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.

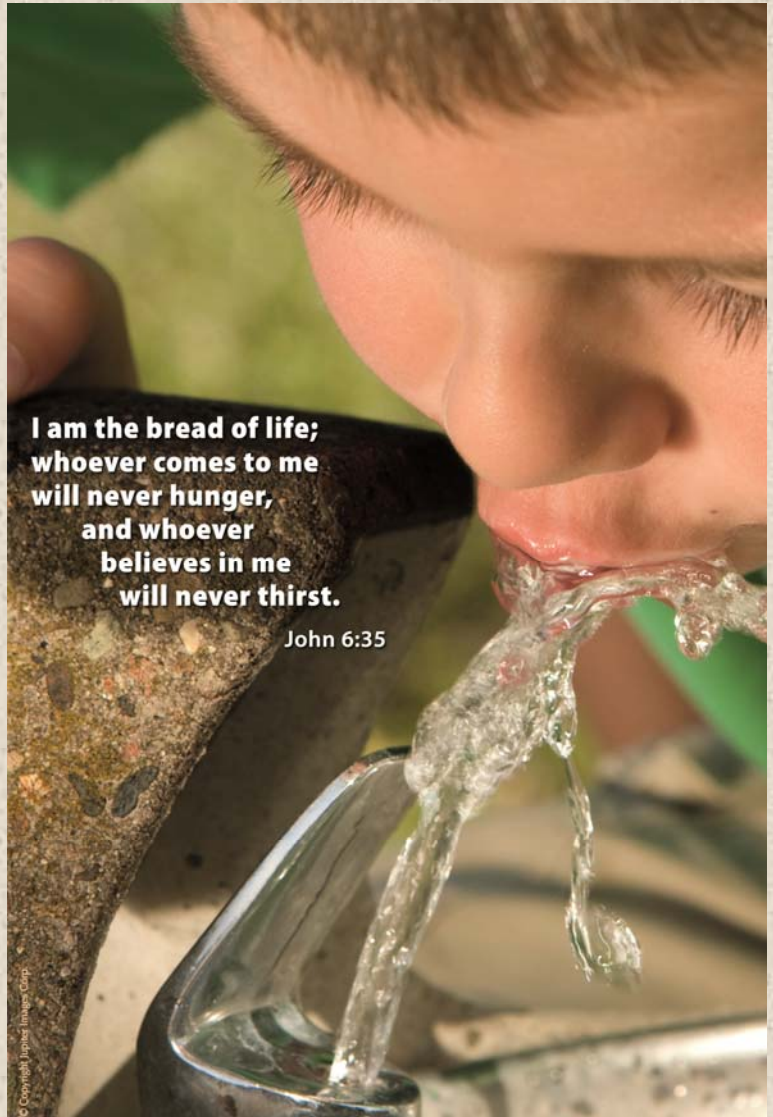
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



**I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me
will never hunger,
and whoever
believes in me
will never thirst.**

John 6:35

**Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 2, 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 desk of Fr. Francis:

In today's gospel, Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." There is a reason to rejoice why we are Catholic; there is great cause to celebrate our lives on earth. And this reason is found in the Sacrifice of the Mass that Jesus left for us. When we think about it, even though Jesus was rejected and was trampled on the ground, he took the fall for us. Above all this, he thought of us and left us one of the greatest miracles that the world has ever known. He left us his body and blood to give us the strength to fulfill the purpose for which we were created. His body and blood are what strengthen us when we are going through difficulties and confusion in our life. He is our prize and consolation when things have been turned upside down when we least expected it. He is our source of hope when things seem impossible to overcome. His body and blood empower us to go through the valley and get to the mountaintop. When you believe in this great mystery, then you strengthen your faith and you will begin to see transformation in your life...

Holy people of St. Joseph, it is when we receive the Eucharist that we are transformed into Jesus Christ. And we become more loving, more patient and more accepting of all the things that happen to us. During communion, the body and blood of Christ appear to simply be bread and wine but they are beyond that. Underneath the outward appearance of bread and wine, Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity are present substantially in the Eucharist. In the words of our wonderful past pope, Pope Benedict, "Feeding on him we are freed from the bonds of individualism and, through communion with him, we ourselves become, together, one thing, his Mystical Body..." This is the time when we are all equal no matter what our job is, how old we are or the color of our skin. During the Sunday Mass, we form one great family. May you always see the benefit of coming to Mass and receiving the Eucharist. May you go out of your comfort zone and reach out to others to help them discover Christ and deepen their relationship with Him. And may you never lose your joy knowing that the one who created you has made a dwelling place in your heart. God bless you all!

Sunday Hospitality - we need a volunteer to help with our Sunday hospitality. This person would be responsible for scheduling the different parish groups for hosting and also for ordering the donuts each week. Please call the rectory, 594-4657, if you would be able to help. Thanks!

Sunday Nursery/Day Care - We need volunteers to help take care of our little ones during the 9:00 and 10:30 Sunday Masses. If you are being called to this ministry, please call Olga at the rectory, 594-4657. Thank you!



From Deacon Don's desk:

Jesus has fed the Israelites of His day with "bread from heaven," but they saw only the "bread." They followed Him back across the lake to Capernaum. They were hoping for more free food. Jesus uses their question to try to teach them the deeper meaning of the "bread from heaven." He reproaches them for being so concerned about food. They have missed the meaning of the feeding. They do not see this as a "sign" pointing to a deeper meaning. Today's Gospel continues John's treatment of the feeding story. These accounts indicate a **Eucharistic** setting, they don't simply recount a miracle but offer a reflection on the meaning of the Lord's supper. Still, we are stubborn of heart seeking an even greater sign to convince us. Next week Jesus continues to try and convince them "I am the **living** bread that came down from heaven." Father Leonard said, "Food for the journey originates in our dining rooms. He quotes, 'It is unfortunate that the family dinner table is not as common as it once was. Some people grow up learning to eat on the run. In some homes the same meal is eaten at the same time in five different parts of the same household; in front of the TV, beside the computer, on the back deck, etc. Creating a family table in this fast food age is easier said than done, but is worth the effort. The table should be a place to listen and talk. The family home is often called the "Domestic **church**." The meal table is a mirror image of the **Eucharist**, where we hear stories from our faith tradition and are fed the Bread of Life, a place where God sits among us. He is patient when we argue, laughs at our funny stories, and knows whose turn it is to stack the dishwasher.'"

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, let us never go hungry for Spiritual food. Help us to receive Your Son often in Communion, so that we may be brought together with You in the union of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

The parish hall will be closed Aug. 10-15.

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

Registration for Religious Education - Registration forms are available on-line and at the church exits.

We do need catechists for Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School and High School...if you are interested - we will provide **free training** and a wonderful group of people to work with! God will bless you 1000 fold! I always gain more when I share my gifts, I promise you will, too! Please contact Nancy Longo if you have questions: 562-598-0519.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP – Save the dates for next year: July 11-15, 2016!

Youth Ministry – See Website for more information (Flyers at exits of the Church)

Revelation Nights (Youth Nights for all teens!) from 7:30-8:30pm on Wednesdays

The Word (Bible Study for Teens) is on vacation.

City of Saints – Conference for Teens this Summer at UCLA – **Aug 7-9. \$195 due now.** Great Music, Great Speakers.

Parish Life Center is closed for renovation this summer. You can reach the Religious Education Office at the same number and email.

Long Beach Catholic Young Adults - We welcome all young adults, ages 18-39, to join the Long Beach Catholic Young Adults, a ministry serving Long Beach parishes. LBCYA seeks to reinvigorate the Catholic young adult ministry in faith and love of Jesus Christ through service, spiritual development, and social fellowship. For more information, visit www.lbcya.org or contact Jason Pillon at coordinator@lbcya.org.

SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention Sept. 4-6 at the Anaheim Convention Center. This year's theme is **Rejoice and Be Glad**. For info contact 818-771-1361, spirit@scrc.org. Online info and registration: scrc.org
Over 70 presentations. Spiritually enriching for all ages!



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 October 15 (Men), and October 29 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or OCCursillo.org*



YOU ARE INVITED to our INAUGURAL Tri-PARISH FAMILY FUN FEST

August 22 from 3pm – 7pm.
Here at St. Joseph. Join us for a family fun day with:

BBQ Hot dogs, burgers and chips, DJ music, games, prizes (**volleyball, basketball and field areas will be available, bring your own equipment). Bring the family, your lawn chairs, EZ ups, and a side dish or dessert to share if you wish. (You can come without!) For more information email us at triparishfamilyfest@gmail.com
Sponsored by: St. Joseph, St. Cornelius and St. Bartholomew Catholic Churches! FREE! Hope to see you there!

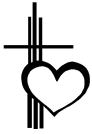
Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:
Aug. 4 - St. Helen, South Gate, 323-563-3522 x 110
Aug. 8 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796
Aug. 15 - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Hermosa Bch, 310-372-7077

Women's Silent Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House - Sept. 11-13

Theme: "I Was Born For You" - St. Teresa of Avila.
Retreat Master: Rev. Phillip DeVous
"We need no wings to go in search of God, but have only to find a place where we can be alone and look upon Him present within us." This retreat is for any woman of the parish who would like a quiet weekend of peace, tranquility and spirituality; a time to rest and be refreshed in Jesus. But don't delay, make your reservation today. Call Madeline Majick 562-596-6219, Marie Newton 562-429-7939, or Tina Gath 598-5202 to reserve a room.

Did You Know? Helping children problem solve through communication - Often the easiest response to complicated conversations is a generic one, but these moments can be opportunities to help children grow. For example, if a child comes to you and tells you that a friend is being left out of social activities, you might respond with a question: "Do you think there is anything you can do help him/her feel more included?" Or if your child comes to you for money for social activities, instead of offering a solution, you might prompt them to consider ways that they could earn money or fundraise on their own. In this way, you are not only helping a child find a solution to an immediate situation, but also helping them to grow in wisdom and prudence. For complete VIRTUS® Article and more communication tips, email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

Come join us. Bring a friend.

Aug. 3 - Business meeting/games

Aug. 17 - Meeting/Games & fun

Sept. 14 - Business meeting/games

Sept. 28 - Meeting/Games & fun

Senior Upcoming Activities

More Trips, more casinos (see below)

More programs TBA

**Note: Meeting start time, 11:00 a.m. until Oct. 5,
Then meeting time 11:30 to 2:30**

Bring your brown bag lunch. Drinks & Dessert provided.
Free bakery items to members

You're invited to join us for

Bingo, Poker, Mexican Train, Sequence, Bridge & more

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

Trips - Trips - Trips

Viejas Casino Aug 4-5 overnight includes \$25 Free play/
\$10/Dining/ \$10 shopping. \$105 dbl/\$155 single/ \$95 triple
Riverside Hotel Laughlin -Sept 23-25 Two free breakfast
buffets, one free buffet of choice. \$105pp/dbl. \$125 single
Chocolate LA Tour Sept 30 \$85 pp Step-on guide to take
you to bakeries, factories & shops you never knew existed.
You will be given a treat to take home from each shop.

Some stops are a Japanese sweet shop, a classic soda store,
plus a Monastery for hand dipped chocolate. We will end
our day at a 28,000 square feet of a candy carnival. Lunch is
at Tam O'Shanter Restaurant with a wonderful chocolate
dessert. Lunch choices are Prime rib or Turkey sandwiches.

For more information contact Mary Lou @ 562-431-4385
or Gerry @ 562-420-3220

You are invited to join Fr. Joseph Parathanal's Pilgrimages to: Holy Land: (Oct. 2015), Eastern Europe: (Apr. 2016), India: (Sept. 2016). Contact Bernadette at 323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618 or at bcorp1114@hotmail.com.

Pilgrimage to Jordan and the Holy Land - Feb 16-28, 2016 - Join us for a pilgrimage. Fr. Angelo Beda, Franciscan priest and well known expert tour guide (there are numerous sites/articles about him online) will be our Good Shepherd. Our All-Inclusive Custom Tour includes airfare from LAX, deluxe first class hotels, air-conditioned motor coach, daily Mass & spiritual direction, etc. For more information, please contact Claudia Venegas (714) 414-2038 or email at claudiatravelholyland@gmail.com.

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." JN 13:35.

Aug 15-16 - Food from the Heart
family food drive to benefit Catholic Charities of Long Beach

Skip-a-Meal Donations support our ministry including weekly sandwiches for St. Francis Center and Catholic Charities of Long Beach. For these and many other opportunities to help our brothers and sisters in need, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.



Lay Mission Helpers and Mission Doctors Associations - Have you ever felt called to share your gifts and live your faith in another country? Teachers, nurses, accountants, administrators, and other professionals are invited to contact Lay Mission helpers, 213-368-1873 or www.laymissionhelpers.org. Physicians and dentists can contact 213-368-1875 or www.missiondoctors.org.

Take Action

California is considering legalizing assisted suicide through the proposed bill, SB 128. This legislation has dangerous implications for our state, especially for the poor and the most vulnerable. Call and Email your Assembly person today. Easily find your legislator info at: <http://ahardpill.org/you-can-help/>

The **Italian Catholic Federation** of St. Cornelius Catholic Church invites you to its monthly meeting and ice cream social. Come for fellowship and fun, **August 2** from 1-4:30, in the Small Hall of St. Cornelius. RSVP, or questions, to surferwall@aol.com

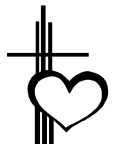


COME TO THE QUIET

We are now on summer vacation and will start up again in the fall. Stay tuned!

**Meditation in the school library
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.



Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, August 1**
 5:00 p.m. - † Vera Bodensteiner
- SUNDAY, August 2**
 7:30 a.m. - Special Intentions
 9:00 a.m. - Mitchell Weust, Thanksgiving
 10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 p.m. - † Joseph Lozano
- MONDAY, August 3**
 8:00 a.m. - † John Christie
- TUESDAY, August 4**
 8:00 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore
- WEDNESDAY, August 5**
 8:00 a.m. - † Joe Lozano
- THURSDAY, August 6**
 8:00 a.m. - † Joe Lozano
- FRIDAY, August 7**
 8:00 a.m. - † Maria Dang
- SATURDAY, August 8**
 5:00 p.m. - † Botelho and Salvati Families
- SUNDAY, August 9**
 7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Betty Maligie
 12:30 p.m. - † Lawrence Smith

Rest In Peace
 Died in Christ:

Stella Redondo-Soto
Joseph Vezzetti



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.

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, Janeen Higbee, Patricia Berry, Jay Kefalas, Stacey Marcus, Shirley Morasse, Magali & Wendy Sapien, Bill Whitt, Anna Osorio, Kathy June, Jordynn Seckington, Theresa Stewart, Lois Kearney, Al Soldin, Chris Carrera, Barbara Grochocenski, Robert & Frances Stickney, Bryan Nielson, Joel Stephesen, Georgiana (Peggy) Schad, Eloisa Mariano, Angela Gibbons, Luis Arroyo, Michael Dresnick, Jack Comfort, Margarete Wareham, Larry Luckey, Duane Studer, Ramona Pedroza, Mary DeRuyter, Donna Halligan, Albert Rodriguez, Tony Olivar, Lisa Dang & Nina Escandon.

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 Boller, 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	Kris Dominguez	598-0519
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Nancy Longo	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Nancy Longo	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY	Closed	
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	Sr. Eva	594-4657
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	Mike Roide	
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Website address: MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
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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
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Muñoz & Julie Gray	598-0519
PARISH FAIR	sparishfair@gmail.com	
PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	598-5202
PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER	Cynthia San Jose	884-9589
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