



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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.

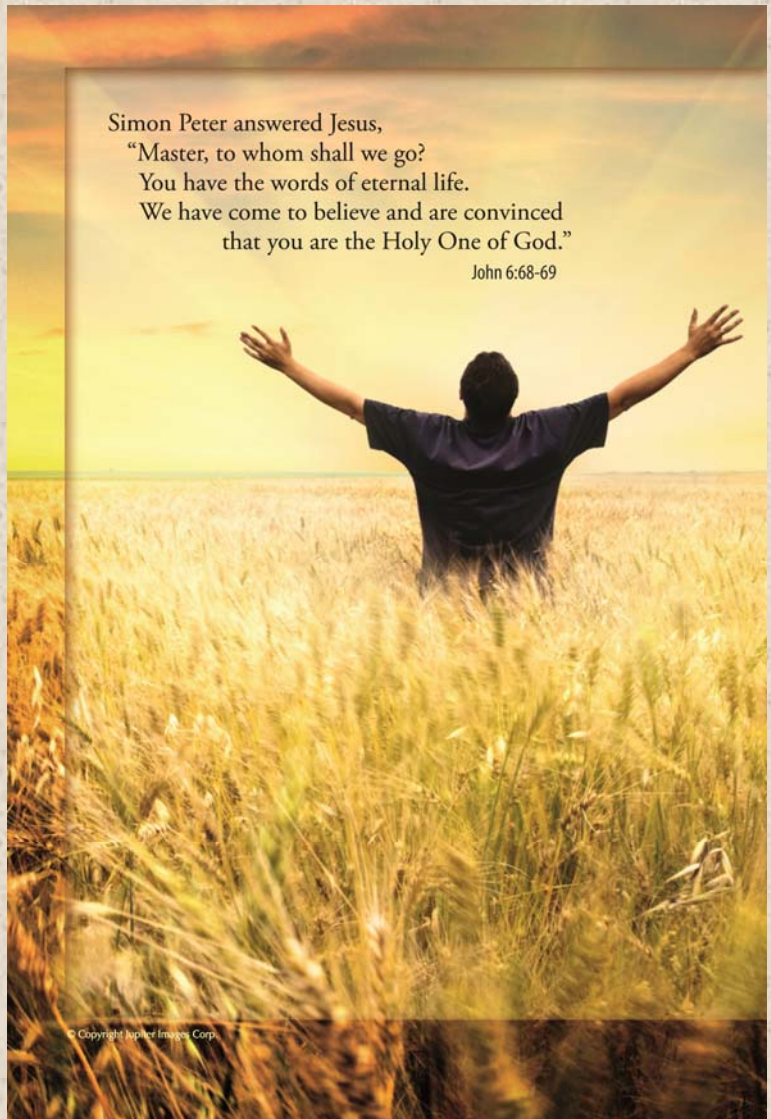
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Simon Peter answered Jesus,
“Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and are convinced
that you are the Holy One of God.”

John 6:68-69

**Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 23, 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.



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*



From Deacon Don's desk:

We love to have choices between two goods....that way we can't lose. But the disciples in the gospel don't have this choice. It's a choice between life and death. Jesus' teaching is about the Eucharist, it's the fulcrum (defined as a support or point on which a lever turns) a point on which their choice rests. It is the Eucharist which draws together our relationship with Jesus as well as with one another in lives of self-giving. This is what makes choosing to follow Jesus difficult. On our own we could not make such a demanding and all-encompassing choice. Jesus reminds us we are not alone; the Holy Spirit is given to us and helps us make the choice to follow Jesus. In the Responsorial Psalm we again, for the third week, are called to sing "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

Will we, like Peter, profess that we have tasted the Lord and found Him good? Will we allow what we have tasted to transform us and our way of living? Will our eating and drinking the Body and Blood deepen our conviction about how we should live as a follower of Christ?

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, may this Eucharist increase within us the healing power of Your love. May it guide and direct our effort to please you in all things and help us to spend this day for Your glory and our neighbor's good. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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.

Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69
Monday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

An interview with the "Greatest Dodger - Vin Scully."

Interviewer: "You've been praised for decades. Do you believe all the things said about you?"

Vin: "No, I really don't. It's very generous of people. The greatest gift I have ever given myself is the gift of **faith**. I realize that everything I have is God-given. I realize that I could lose it in one second. So I don't take accolades except to acknowledge them, tell them I appreciate them. But I don't dwell on them, because I know it is God's gift and not mine."

The Knights of Columbus will hold a **Blood Drive, August 30**, 8:15 - 2:30 in the parking lot with the Red Cross Bloodmobile. You may register online at redcrossblood.org Code: JosephLB . For more info please contact Tony Diaz: bstdad2@msn.com

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ

Olga Kocevar



Together In Mission

We are getting closer to our Together in Mission goal of **\$70,100**. So far **227 families** have pledged **\$67,046**. There are pledge envelopes in the church as well as in the rectory office to add yours. Thank you all!

Bundle Sunday - On **August 30**, our parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores. Please bring your useable clothing and household items. Please help them in their efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Please call 323-224-6280 or 800-974-3571 for free pick up of the large items.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

Registration for Religious Education, Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, Confirmation, and Sacrament Preparation for all young people - Registration forms are available on-line and at the church exits.

We do need catechists for Early Childhood, Elementary (2nd grade and 3-5th grade), and High School and Liturgy of the Word for Children! 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 or email at religioused@stjosephlb.org).

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 summer vacation.

City of Saints – Was a wonderful conference for our teen leaders! Please continue to pray for our young people!

Middle School Leader Training on August 29, 10:00—2:00. All 6-8th graders who want to help in Religious Ed on Sundays need to sign up for this—youthministry@stjosephlb.org

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

Adult Confirmation - If you have not received Confirmation, a class will be offered on Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 11:00 at St. John of God, in Norwalk, beginning **January 10** and continuing through May. Please call our Religious Education office at 598-0519 to sign up.

5th Annual Grand Marian Procession, Votive Mass, and Feast of Our Lady of the Angels **August 29**. Archbishop Gomez will preside over the Procession and Mass. The Catholic community and those who venerate Mary will come together invoking her protection and guidance. We invite you to participate in the Procession, the Mass and the Fiesta. Holy Mass begins at the Cathedral at **3:00 p.m.**

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 tells you that a friend is being left out, you might ask: “Is anything you can do help him/her feel included?” If your child comes to you for money for social activities, you might prompt them to consider ways that they could earn money on their own. You are helping a child find a solution to an immediate situation, and to grow in wisdom and prudence. For complete VIRTUS® Article and more communication tips, email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

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!

Young Adult Retreat: Vocations California is hosting a retreat for men and women 18 - 40. “Seeking God’s Dream for Me: Tools for Christ-Centered Decision Making.” **Aug. 29**, 9:30 - 5:00, St. Catherine’s Academy, 215 N Harbor Blvd., Anaheim 92805. Fr. Christopher Nguyen, S.J., will lead the retreat. \$10/person (pay at the door cash/check), breakfast and lunch included. Mass at 4:00 pm. To register email: vocationscal@gmail.com by Tuesday, August 25. For questions please call Sr. Val at (805) 452-9699.

Meditation in the school library every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME!

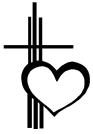
"Be Still And Know That I Am God"
Newcomers please call Marie Mitchell (310) 490-4012 for directions.



Calling All Married Couples - Feel blessed by your marriage in the Church? If so, we would love to have you help us prepare engaged couples for marriage in the Archdiocese of L. A. For information, please contact Candy Metoyer at cmetoyer@la-archdiocese.org or (213) 637-7250.

Pregnancy Help Center - looking for "School & Sexual Integrity Education Coordinator" to run the program and coordinate volunteers for speaking. Part-time paid position. Contact Mary Thompson at (310) 320-8976, or email resume: mthompson@phctorange.org. Looking for a young person who can relate to high school & college kids, is passionate about Abstinence/Sexual Integrity, and can organize such a program.

Children’s Bureau Family Foster Care and Adoptions - Caring, Compassionate, Committed, Child-focused, Concerned and Comforting. Is this how you “C” yourself? Help children of all ages by becoming a Resource Parent. Discover if you have the willingness, ability and resources to take on the challenge! Information meetings: Sept. 12 and Oct. 10, 800-730-3933 or all4kids.org



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

Come join us. Bring a friend.

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

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 candy carnival. Lunch is at Tam O'Shanter Restaurant with a wonderful chocolate dessert. Lunch choices are Prime rib or Turkey sandwiches.

Mission Inn - Dec. 15 This day trip includes a tour of the historic Mission, view of all the lights, time for shopping, and dinner at the Black Angus restaurant with four entrées to pick from, depart at 2:15PM and return approx. 9PM. Price \$80 due by Nov 2.

There are many more trips coming including a Napa Valley Wine Train trip, Cruises to Alaska and Mexico, Laughlin at the Riverside in Sept and also Dec. Day trips to San Manuel and Pechanga. These Trips are open to the whole parish, friends and family. For more info please call Mary Lou 562-431-4385 or Gerry Seckington 562-420-3220.

Operation Walk - Kate and Blake need your help. Do you want to rid your closets/garages of unwanted **walkers, canes and crutches**? Please donate them to Operation Walk. The team is going to Cuba and they need your help. Last year, we collected over 50 pieces, so let's try for 60 this year! A box will be outside the church after all Masses on **August 29 and 30**, or you may drop them off at the rectory (don't forget summertime hours - 9-2), or we can pick up if you prefer. Any donation is much appreciated! Please ask your friends and neighbors for donations too. Thank you and God bless you. Kate Baldwin 562 760 5827 or 562 900 4417.

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11.

Food from the Heart Food Drive -

Thank you for the tremendous support of last weekend's food drive. We donated at least 45 thirteen gallon bags of family food for Catholic Charities of Long Beach! That exceeded last year's previous record by more than 50%!! A special thanks to our compassionate helpers who passed out food coupons after Mass two weeks ago and those that staffed our donation table last weekend.

For these and many other opportunities to serve our local brothers and sisters in need, please call Tim Clark 431-4385. Next opportunity: Feed-a-Baby. Please watch for dates. Skip-a-Meal Donations support our ministry including sandwiches weekly, for St. Francis Center and Catholic Charities of Long Beach.



Back To School Backpack Drive -

Last year the Long Beach Rescue Mission collected over 1,200 backpacks to distribute to students at 9 schools in LBUSD. This year the goal is 1,500 backpacks. There are multiple ways to help:



1. **Donate a Filled Backpack:** Fill a backpack with supplies and drop it off. Go to lbrm.org/events/back-school-backpack-drive for more information and a list of supplies needed.

2. **Donate Funds:** If you are not able to buy a backpack or supplies, they will do it for you!

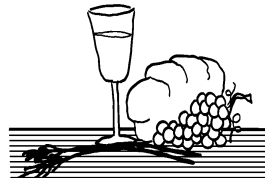
3. **Volunteer:** Help sort backpacks and supplies and fill empty backpacks. Please email Peter Cho at volunteer@lbrm.org to get on the schedule.

Additional supplies needed: Hygienic products (shaving cream in particular), Large towels, Socks, Ibuprofen/Aspirin. Donations can be dropped at Samaritan House: 1335 Pacific Avenue, LB 7 days a week, 7 am - 9 pm.

"Climate Crisis Conference" September 19 at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Rolling Hills from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Registration fee of \$10.00 includes lunch. The fee is to be paid at the door; cash only. Noted environmentalist Dr. Tom English will lead a panel of professionals. If you have any questions please contact Linda Delarosa (9:00-1:00 PM, Mon-Fri) 310-377-2825.

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.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, August 22

5:00 p.m. - † Linda Kreischer

SUNDAY, August 23

7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano

9:00 a.m. - † Hilton Espinoza

10:30 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

12:30 p.m. - † Agustin Barrido

MONDAY, August 24

8:00 a.m. - † Betty Maligie

TUESDAY, August 25

8:00 a.m. - † Matthew Hall

WEDNESDAY, August 26

8:00 a.m. - † Donna Halligan

THURSDAY, August 27

8:00 a.m. - † Christine Shiner

FRIDAY, August 28

8:00 a.m. - Carlos & Sandy Delgado - Anniversary

SATURDAY, August 29

5:00 p.m. - † Charles Branch

SUNDAY, August 30

7:30 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault

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

10:30 a.m. - † Kenneth and Charles Shearen

12:30 p.m. - † Donald Ashcraft

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Francis Ilano
St. Athanasius Church, Long Beach, 562-423-7986. Vocation information may be found at: www.lavocations.org.

Have You Remembered your Parish or School in your will or trust? For information, please contact the Planned Giving Office, (213) 637-7504 / www.ADLALegacy.org / PlannedGiving@LA-Archdiocese.org

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, 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 Grochowski, Robert & Frances Stickney, Bryan Nielson, Joel Stephesen, Georgiana (Peggy) Schad, Eloisa Mariano, Angela Gibbons, Luis Arroyo, Michael Dresnick, Jack Comfort, Margarete Wareham, Larry Luckey, Ramona Pedroza, Mary DeRuyter, Albert Rodriguez, Tony Olivar, Lisa Dang, Nina Escandon & Chris Belcher.

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	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	799-0660
Website address: MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS	Jason Pillon coordinator@lbcya.org	
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