



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.

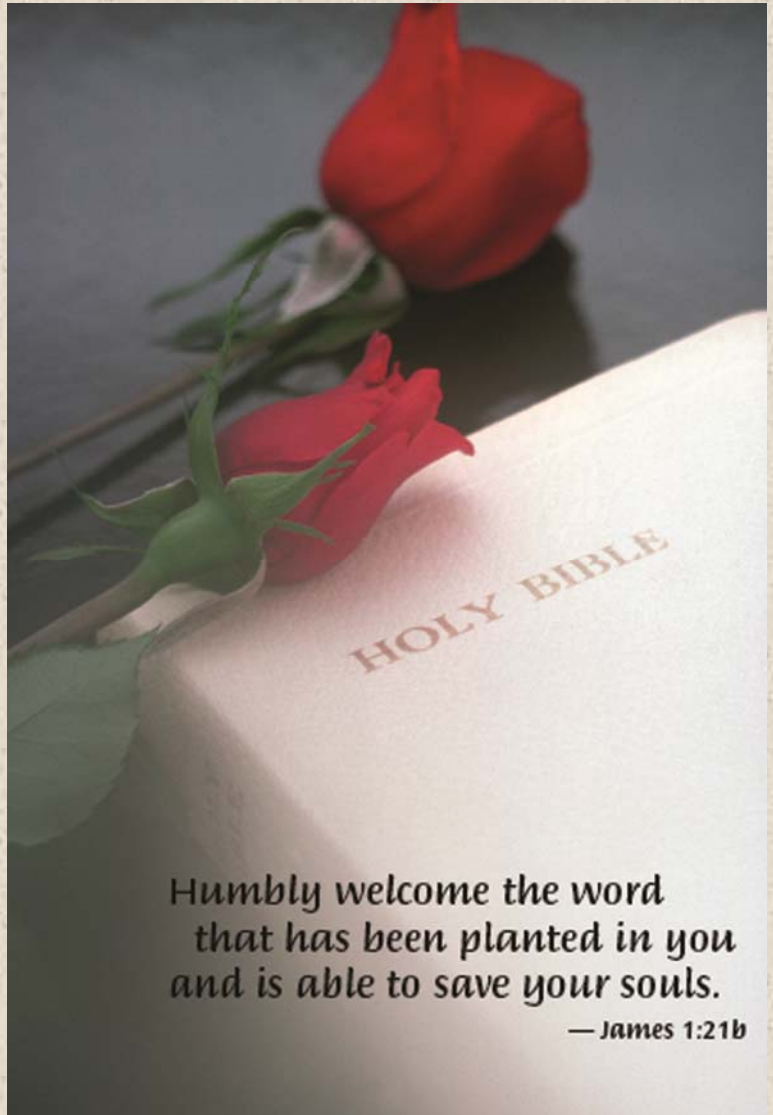
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



*Humbly welcome the word
that has been planted in you
and is able to save your souls.*

— James 1:21b

**Twenty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

August 30, 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.



In today's gospel, the Pharisees criticized Jesus and his disciples for not washing their hands before eating a meal. But the Pharisees were not people of integrity. They claimed to love God but they cheated others. They were envious and they were dishonest. So Jesus told them that there

is nothing that someone eats that makes him a sinner. Sin comes from the hearts of people: adultery, stealing, infidelity, lying, envy, being too proud. These are the things that come out of the heart and make someone a sinner. Jesus is inviting us today to get our hearts in the right place; and one way we can do this is by being a person of integrity. A person of integrity is someone who lives a just and blameless life. Scripture says today in Psalm 15 that whoever walks without blame and who thinks the truth in his heart will live in the presence of the Lord. Many times throughout the day, our integrity will be put to the test in order to figure out if we truly have a heart like Christ or are we simply pretending to be kind and loving in front of others?

I've learned in life that it's easier to clean the pots and the pans than to clean one's heart. The Pharisees are concerned with washing hands. Jesus is concerned about washing feet. The law is not given to be kept for its own sake; the law is given to transform us into becoming more Christ-like. Today more than ever, Jesus is telling us to make a commitment to being a person of integrity. God promises us this: if we make a commitment to integrity, if we make a commitment right now to refocus our heart in obeying God's commands and doing what is right no matter what, in the long run, we'll have more joy and peace. We'll be more fulfilled. Our almighty God will lift us up and give us fullness of life.



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:

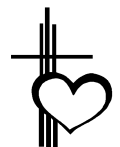
The Second reading from James:1-2 "Be doers of the Word not hearers only....." TV celebrity Malcom Muggeridge interviewed Bl. Teresa of Calcutta. The verdict was that the interview was not usable. Bl. Teresa's delivery was halting, her accent was thick. One BBC official felt the interview had a mysterious power and aired it on a Sunday night. Response to the program was amazing both in terms of mail and contributions. It was not the eloquence of Mother Teresa but the "convincing proof of the power of God's Spirit."

Today's Gospel is similar to Jesus' State of the Union address. Like the U.S. President, Jesus may have done the local equivalent of shaking hands when He came in, but He received no standing ovations for what He said, and he had to fight to get out alive when He was done! Have you heard any current political leader say that his policies are going to be good news for the poor, that he wants to let prisoners go free, make sure the oppressed are given justice and heal the sick. But, He was going to do all this for the nations around us whom we despise. Fr. Leonard SJ says, "The work of salvation is God's, every time we seem to have worked out precisely who can and cannot board the 'salvation train' God usually undermines our expectations, judgments, and prejudices. Christ is always there for us, but His kingdom only comes alive in our communities when we admit we are poor, we want to be set free, we want to see how the world actually is, we seek an end to oppression and we face up to the ways in which we oppress others. May the Eucharist, this meal of those of us who know we need Christ, help us to work for the kingdom He actually proclaimed and not the one we constantly try to build in its place."

OUR PRAYER: Father, help us to seek values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world. In our desire for what You promise make us one in mind and heart. Grant this through Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen

**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.



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
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ

Richard Carter



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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

It's TIME to Register for Faith Formation Sessions (Religious Education) All Ages – All Families welcome! Prices go up after September 1!

Registration Forms are available on-line and at the exits of the church

- **Early Childhood (Ages 3, 4 & 5)** - Come and play, pray and learn more about God's beautiful creations!
 - **Elementary (grades 1-2)** Learn about God and our church while preparing for the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion.
 - **Elementary (grades 3-5)** – Faith Formation continues even after receiving sacraments – Join our Kids Quest Program to grow in faith and have fun!
 - **Middle School (grades 6-8)** – Growing into adolescence knowing and serving God makes all the difference for a young person! Come and learn how to put your faith into Action at school, at home and in the world!
 - **Confirmation (High school)** - All teens are invited to learn more about their faith and how to live it out - as they choose to become fully initiated into our beautiful Catholic faith as Confirmed Catholics!
 - **Sacrament Preparation (Baptism, 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist)** is available for all young people (ages 7-18) – It's never too late!
- If you have questions, please call Nancy Longo at 562-598-0519.

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

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!

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.



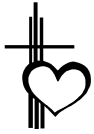
Adult Faith Formation - Our book this quarter is *God Wants you Happy* by Rev. Jonathan Morris. The discussion will be on Wednesday, **October 7** at 7pm. For further information contact Nancy Longo at the Religious Education office. Books on sale the next two Sundays!

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.

Want to learn the secret to living your marriage sacrament freely, totally, faithfully & fruitfully? Come learn **Natural Family Planning**; it's highly effective and can do wonders for your relationship. A new class series starts **September 19**. To learn more, visit www.ccli.org or contact Greg & Beth Gath: bethandgreg@verizon.net or 562-377-5877.



Thank you to all who volunteered and/or attended our **Inaugural Tri-parish Family Fun Fest**. It was a huge Success! A special thank you to Fr. Francis Aguilar, Fr. Mike Reardon and Fr. Mike Gleason who funded the picnic; Knights of Columbus who cooked the food and led softball games; our Long Beach Young Adults for setup/clean up and games; our Youth Ministries (from all three parishes) who led games; and all who came, mingled, helped out & fellowshiped! We will do it again next year!



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

Come join us. Bring a friend.

Sept. 14 - Business meeting/games

Sept. 28 - Meeting/Games & fun

Oct. 5 - Business meeting/games

Oct. 19 - Meeting/Games & fun

Note: Meeting start time, 11:00 a.m. until Oct. 5.

Starting Oct. 5: Meeting time 11:30 to 2:30

Senior Upcoming Activities

More Trips, more casinos (see below)

More programs TBA

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. Payment due August 31.

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.

For many 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.



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

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 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Registration fee \$10.00 paid at the door, cash only, includes lunch. 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 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
- MONDAY, August 31**
 8:00 a.m. - Dan Combs
- TUESDAY, September 1**
 8:00 a.m. - † Joe Lozano
- WEDNESDAY, September 2**
 8:00 a.m. - Dave and Sheila Poisson
- THURSDAY, September 3**
 8:00 a.m. - † Ligia Almada
- FRIDAY, September 4**
 8:00 a.m. - † Duane Studer
- SATURDAY, September 5**
 5:00 p.m. - † Betty Maligie
- SUNDAY, September 6**
 7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano
 9:00 a.m. - † Joyce Campbell
 10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 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 Enschede, 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, 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, Janet Bernardo, Regina Jurado & Pat Mitchell.

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
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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