



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed noon - 1:00 for lunch

Closed Saturday and Sunday

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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.

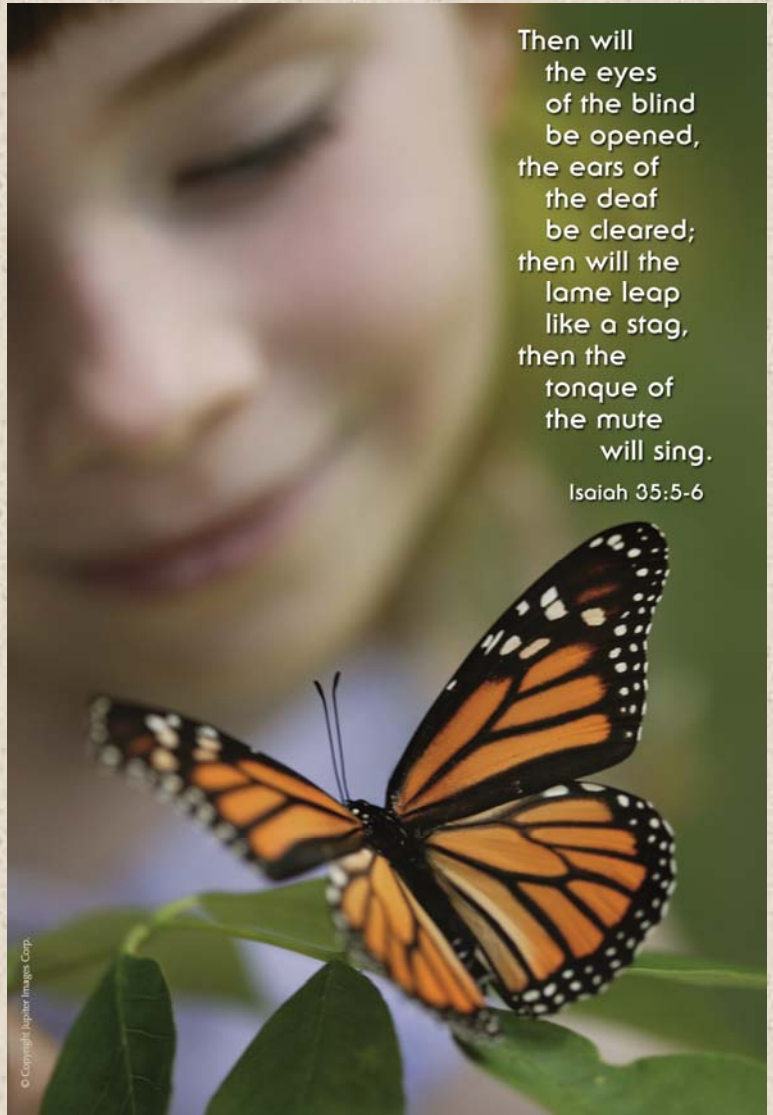
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Then will
the eyes
of the blind
be opened,
the ears of
the deaf
be cleared;
then will the
lame leap
like a stag,
then the
tongue of
the mute
will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

September 6, 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:

Many great things are happening now at St. Joseph. I have been here for about 8 weeks and I've had the opportunity of meeting different families. I have also had the privilege of meeting almost all of our ministry leaders and volunteers over wine and cheese. It is very helpful for me as the newcomer to learn about St. Joseph and the different events that take place here.

I also want to thank all of you for your continued support to St. Joseph. In particular, I want to express gratitude to those who contributed to the capital campaign to renovate the Parish Life Center. Just so you know, Deacon Bob Miller from the Regional Bishop's office, Mike Roide and I have been meeting with the Construction Crew in charge for the renovation of the PLC. The construction is well underway. I am excited to announce that we will have 5 new conference rooms which will allow ministries to meet and plan for the future of St. Joseph. We will also have enough office space to accommodate all of our full time and part time employees.

Our mission is to transform lives and bring healing and hope to the broken hearted. The contribution of your time, talent and treasure allow us to bring to fruition this goal by making available programs that will address the needs of the people that we serve. In the next couple of weeks, Sister Eva will start the Stephen Ministry program that will equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. During the month of October/November, I also plan to give a 4-6 week adult formation class to give you the tools to grow to spiritual maturity and make more Christ-like decisions.

With the support of the different ministry leaders and lay volunteers, I continue to meet families to get involved and help us continue to build St. Joseph into a holy, healthy and vibrant parish that God created it to be. May you all have an awesome weekend!

Labor Day - the parish office will be closed Sept. 7.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Many awake each day not to the sound of an alarm on a table, but to the whirl of a vibrator under a pillow. Like the deaf-mute in the gospel, these people live in a silent world. For them, turning on the radio is useless. Watching TV is a bland experience. Conversation is virtually impossible. But the plight of a *physical* deaf-mute is nothing compared to the plight of a *spiritual* deaf-mute - someone who can't hear God or talk to God in prayer. And all of us fall into this category, at least at times in our lives. *Spiritually*, we live in a silent world.

Have I ever asked Jesus to take me off "away from the crowd" and heal me of my *spiritual* deafness and dumbness? "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Genesis 18:14 "Silent and listen are spelled with the same letters." Anon
OUR PRAYER: Lord of creation, grant us the grace to see You in all things and in all places on earth. Help us to seek and reach You in all the events we experience and all the persons we encounter every day of our lives. Amen

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ

Jack Kravitz

Robert Corlett



Capital Campaign for Parish Life Center Update!

It has been almost a year since the start of our Capital Campaign. We have had **\$232,983 pledged** and **\$215,853** has been **paid!** Most have completed their pledge. If you haven't, or if you would still like to make a pledge, there is time! Thank you and God bless you all.



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*

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!

Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
Monday:	Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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

Women's Retreat: You're invited to get away for a weekend of rest and inspiration, **September 25 - 27** at El Carmelo Retreat House on a beautiful hilltop in Redlands, just over an hour from our area. The theme for this year's retreat is "Family: Today and in our Catholic Tradition." Three Carmelite priests will give the conferences with talks about special families like that of the soon-to-be canonized Zelig and Louis Martin, the parents of the Little Flower, St. Therese of Lisieux. Weekend starts with dinner Friday night and ends Sunday after Mass & lunch. Cost for the entire weekend, room with private bath, six meals, all conferences: \$170, double; \$195, single. Call Margaret Lander (562) 429-2897.

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.

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 in the Religious Education blue trailer!

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.

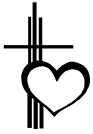
Want to learn the secret to living your marriage sacrament freely, totally, faithfully & fruitfully? Come learn **Natural Family Planning**; it's highly effective and can do wonders for your relationship. A new class series starts **September 19**. To learn more, visit www.ccli.org or contact Greg &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

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.



RENEWING YOUR WITNESS and THE NEW EVANGELIZATION - Saturday ~ September 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Cornelius Catholic Church - 5500 East Wardlow Road, Long Beach 90808. The speakers include Father Ed Benioff (Director of the Archdiocesan Office of New Evangelization), and Marc Leon (Youth Director from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Long Beach). This is a FREE event. RSVP to the Regional Office by phone at (562) 634-0456, or by email at office@sppr.org



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

Quarterly meeting (Committee Chairs or committee representative invited) RSVP to Judy please.

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

You're invited to join us for fun and games.

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.



COME TO THE QUIET

Will resume on **September 14**, Mondays, **2:30-3:00 p.m.**, in the Church, except for school holidays. Take 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 time for yourself and rest in the Lord. Come to the Quiet to pray, be still, rest in the Lord, let Him love you! *Everyone Welcome!!!*

"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.

Sept. 26-27: Feed-a-Baby.

Skip-a-Meal Donations support our ministry including sandwiches weekly, for St. Francis Center & Catholic Charities.



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

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! Please, no wheelchairs. You may drop them off **until September 13**, 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.

Save the Date! Oktoberfest, Oct. 10.

Companion Hospice Care, Downey, is recruiting volunteers for training program. Train to become a needed friend to someone during the last part of their journey, or just come help with the office. Call Yovana Lopez, 562-944-2711 or email ylopez@companionhospice.com

33rd Annual **St Margaret Mary Fair, September 11 - 13**, corner of 255th & Eshelman, Lomita. Admission is free! Questions? Lomitafair.net, Facebook or call (310) 326-3364.

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

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, September 7

8:00 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

TUESDAY, September 8

8:00 a.m. - Dang family

WEDNESDAY, September 9

8:00 a.m. - † Duane Studer

THURSDAY, September 10

8:00 a.m. - Zeny Tupas

FRIDAY, September 11

8:00 a.m. - † Anita Tulay

SATURDAY, September 12

5:00 p.m. - † Botelho and Salvati families

SUNDAY, September 13

7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano

9:00 a.m. - † Sheila Dolan

10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 p.m. - † Danny Lim

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, 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

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LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS	Jason Pillon coordinator@lbcya.org	
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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