



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Office Hours

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.

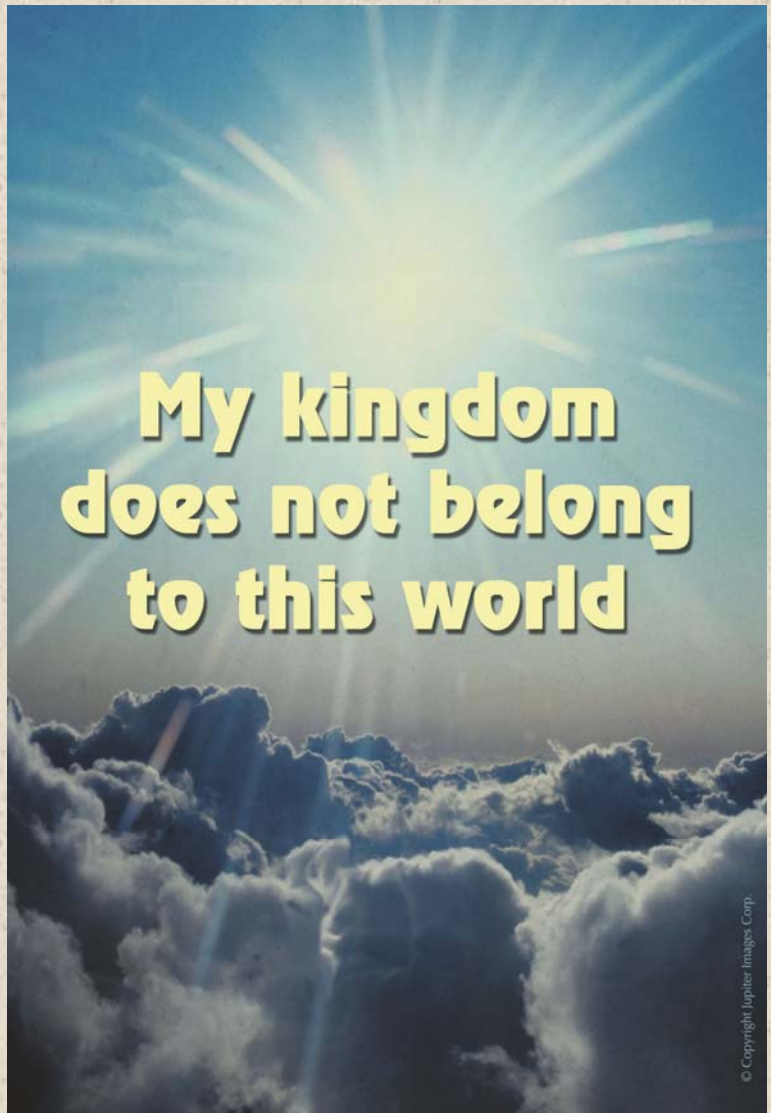
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



**My kingdom
does not belong
to this world**

**Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

November 22, 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:

Today we celebrate a very beautiful feast, the Solemnity of Christ the King. This is the last Sunday of the church year. Through this feast the church is saying that all of our celebrations can be summed up in one statement: "Jesus is our King." He sits enthroned as King of Kings. He gives us the blueprint of how we are to live every day of our lives. And today - more than ever - he reminds us of our mission on earth. Our mission is to testify to the truth - and that Jesus Christ is the truth Himself. We do this so that others may come to believe in Him and may have eternal life.

Did you know that there are a lot of things people can get away with in life and still be acceptable in society's eyes? They can cheat and lie and not testify to Jesus Christ and they can compromise their personal integrity and still be acceptable in society's eyes. They can cut corners - compromise their moral values and still be good in society's eyes. I went online to see why people lie and cheat and steal and there were articles promoting the 'advantage of cheating and lying.' The point of our beautiful feast of Christ the King is that we are not here on earth so we can measure up to society's standards. No - because society's standards are low. We are here to measure up to God's standards. Remember - when Jesus came - He raised the bar. So the question is - how high do you want to go? How much of God's love - His blessings - His favor - His peace - do you want to experience in your life? How much do you want God to use you, your talents and your resources? Understand this - God cannot raise you up in victory - he cannot give you the great things he has in store for you and your loved ones - if you are not testifying to the truth - if you not listening to His voice.

This solemnity invites us to renew our commitment to serve Him with all our hearts. It invites us to renew our self-giving stance as disciples who follow our King. In our self-giving we are transformed, and as we are transformed - so is the world because He has made us into a kingdom. At the end of this liturgical year we are invited once again to fall in love with our King - the truth Himself - who has won for us eternal life. To him be glory, honor and power forever and ever. Amen!

**From Deacon Don's desk:**

Jesus was crucified on the charge that He claimed to be a Messiah. Pilate's inscription "Jesus the Nazorean, King of the Jews" placed on the cross, was a sarcastic warning to all Messiah-pretenders to be careful, if they planned to revolt against the Roman empire. Jesus reinterprets what kingship means. It is not political in character!

Note Jesus' statement that He came to testify to the truth. His kingdom (the reign of God) will not be fully realized on earth. There will always be evil and enemies of the good. Jesus is king, and shares power with God (in Hebrew "sits at God's right hand"). In heaven He constantly intercedes for us "and waits until His enemies are made His footstool" (Heb 10:13) which will happen at the end of time. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to My voice." Jn 18:37

Pope Pius XI only established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. Though rooted in an ancient devotion, this feast seems to have roots in the 1880's when European bishops worried about the rise of secularization and how governments were asserting power over the church. Especially in France and Italy, bishops began venerating Jesus as the Universal King. By 1922 at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, 69 cardinals petitioned the pope to establish this feast. From Fr Leonard, SJ

Question: How many kings or queens love their people so much that they would be prepared to die for them?

When you look at the Crucifix and the outstretched hands, you can hear Him say, "I love you this much!"

OUR PRAYER: Lord, You give us Christ, the King of all creation, as food for everlasting life. Help us to live by His gospel and bring us to the joy of His kingdom, where He lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

Weekly Collection for November 15: \$11,599

Thank you for your continued generosity.

eGiving with Faith Direct

This month we are introducing a new and exciting way for you to support our parish offertory and second collections: Faith Direct. Faith Direct enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

Faith Direct also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket.

Please join me in enrolling by responding to the mailing you will receive or visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA717.

God Bless You! Rev. Francis Aguilar

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ

**Gene Ensich
John Comfort
Amador and Edgar del Castillo**



Happy Thanksgiving!! We wish each of you a most joyous celebration as we give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Start the day with **Mass at 9:00**. Bring your dinner bread to be blessed.

Faith Formation/Religious Education News
Classes have begun for 3 years to 5th Grade at 10:30am

LITTLE SAINTS Toddler Ministry – Do you have a wiggly or restless toddler? We take care of your “Little Saints” during the 9am & 10:30am Mass in the Daycare room at the school (behind the parish hall). FREE! We are looking for volunteers to help out for the 12:30pm Mass!

Liturgy of the Word for Children is available to all children from 4 - 11 years old during the 9am Mass. Follow our Catechist out with the rest of our children to hear the World of God explained so that you will understand! Parents, you are welcome to join us! We could always use more adults to help with this wonderful ministry. Training and materials are provided.

Parent/Adult Faith Update Sessions from - 10:35-11:30

While your child(ren) are in class, take time to grow in your faith, too! If you already know the subject - come and witness how you share your faith at home with your family! Grab a donut before you come - we will have a coffee bar available! Bring your own Bible - if you don't have one, we have ones you can use!

Nov. 22 - We'll be meeting in the 8th grade classroom. If you have questions, please call Nancy Longo 598-0519.

High School Youth Ministry – See website for info
Revelation Nights (Youth Nights for all teens!) – from 7:30-8:30pm on Wednesdays

The Word - Bible Study for Teens - 7-8:15 on Thursdays

Middle School Youth Ministry – On the Edge – All Middle School Tweens are invited to attend our Monthly Youth Ministry just for them! Our next On the Edge is on Nov. 24. Stay tuned for topic!

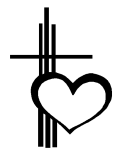
Long Beach Catholic Young Adults - We welcome all young adults, ages 18-39, to join the Long Beach Catholic Young Adults, a ministry serving Long Beach parishes. LBCYA seeks to reinvigorate the Catholic young adult ministry in faith and love of Jesus Christ through service, spiritual development, and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

St. Joseph Catholic School is accepting applications for Kindergarten and our Transitional Kindergarten (Alpha-K) for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants for Kindergarten must turn 5 years old by August 31, 2016. Applicants for Alpha-K must turn 4 years old by August 31, 2016.

- Alpha-K:
- Emphasizes developmental readiness skills with a hands-on approach to curriculum
 - Focuses on Kindergarten readiness
 - Students receive daily instruction in religion and attend Mass weekly
 - Offers a half-day (7:50-11:50 am) or full-day (7:50 am – 3:00 pm), 5-days-per-week program
 - Extended daycare is available until 5:30 pm
- Space is limited and classes will fill up quickly. If you are interested in taking a tour, please call our school office at 596-6115 or send an email to jgianessi@sjknights.net to set up an appointment to speak with Mrs. Alvarez our principal.

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.



Our next book is: “Soul Centered,” by Fr. Jim Clarke. It will be on sale after Masses in November. Our Book club discussion will be in January, in the new PLC. Everyone is welcome!

RCIA - If you are thinking about being a Catholic, please call Sr. Eva at the parish office, 562-594-4657.

COME TO THE QUIET

Mondays, **2:30-3:00 p.m.**, in the Church, except for school holidays. Take time out 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, let Him love you! *Everyone Welcome!!!*

Catholicism - Sr. Eva and Rita Smith have commenced a 10 week program, **Tuesdays 9-11 a.m.** in the school library. It is a wonderful adult faith formation series that not only explains what Catholics believe and why but displays in breathtaking visual detail the richness of the Church's global culture. Come and enjoy, reflect and share. Also offered on **Thursday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

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.

Women's Advent Twilight Retreat, December 3
 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Supper at 6:00, Talk at 7:00 pm, St. Cornelius Large Hall. RSVP to st.c.aff@gmail.com by Tuesday Dec. 1. Free-will offering.



Introducing... St. Joseph Social Club
Your host: St. Joseph Senior Group
Time to "sign up" or "re-up"

- Dec. 7** - Business meeting/games
 2016 Installation of Officers by Fr. Francis
- Dec. 21** - Annual Christmas Celebration & Luncheon, \$17 members & guests. Reservations a must - 562-421-6863
 Bring an unwrapped gift for Precious Life Shelter
- Jan. 4** - Business meeting/games
- Jan. 18** - Special presentation and free lunch TBA.
 Also, games and fun.

All meetings: 11:30 to 2:30

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

Join us for fun and games, including Bingo, Poker,
 Mexican Train, Sequence, Bridge & much more.

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

Trips - Trips - Trips

Vatican Splendors at the Ronald Reagan Library. A docent tour of 2000 yrs of Vatican art and history along w/ 25,000 gifts the Reagan's received while in office. Visit Air Force One and more including a "WHITE love HOUSE" luncheon complete with china, linens, table flowers and professional wait staff. Date: **April 8**. \$90

Future trips: Little Italy (San Diego day trip), Doctors TV Show, Reno/Lake Tahoe and more including casino trips. Please contact Mary Lou 431-4385 or Gerry 420-3220.

Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Did You Know? Archdiocese implements strict policies for children's safety - The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has implemented rigorous policies and procedures to provide a safe environment in our parishes and parish schools for all children and young people. These include: Zero Tolerance; Guidelines for adults working or volunteering with minors; Archdiocese of Los Angeles boundary guidelines for junior high and high school youth working or volunteering with children or youth; and Megan's Law compliance procedures. To view these and other policies visit:
<http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting>

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2Cor 9:11
Thank You! - To all who helped provide a blessed Thanksgiving and much needed hope to 92 parish sponsored families this weekend.



Drivers - Please make sure you return your family information sheets to the rectory mailbox today from yesterdays' deliveries. We need that information to begin preparing our Christmas Present Drive which begins in two weeks!
Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holiday support of families in need. For many opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

<>< **2015 Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Honoree**

Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection Nov. 29. Help end the cycle of poverty by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please make your check out to St. Joseph Church and thank you.

ESTHER MINISTRY - One of the goals of this ministry is to bring about awareness and education about the tragedy of human trafficking right here in the Los Angeles area. The average age that a teen enters the sex trade in the United States is 12-14 years old. They are tricked, forced and/or groomed into slavery. Please pray for these young victims and for those that enter into this form of crime.
 Prayer: *"Awaken our hearts and deepen our commitment to work for a world where every person is free and able to live with dignity and freedom. We ask for conversion of heart for traffickers and for strong laws that protect victims."*



For more information on this ministry and to be included on our contact list, please email Marianna Wescott at wescottfam@yahoo.com.

YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry
 Please join us for donuts and fellowship with others in front of the church after the 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 Masses.
 Sunday **Nov 22** hosted by **Senior Ministry**
 Sunday **Nov 29** Thanksgiving break

"West Side Story" - The **Theater Departments of Saint John Bosco and St. Joseph High Schools** are proud to announce the opening of their fall musical. Performances run Nov. 19-22 at the SJB Theater. All show information and online ticket sales can be found at www.bosco.org. Come support the arts!

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, November 21

5:00 p.m. - † Botelho & Salvate families

SUNDAY, November 22

7:30 a.m. - † Charles and Mary Settina

9:00 a.m. - † Ed and Mary Jane Merk

10:30 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

12:30 p.m. - † Gerry Kohnen

MONDAY, November 23

8:00 a.m. - † Charles Nevarez

TUESDAY, November 24

8:00 a.m. - † Alfonso Garcia-Alvarez

WEDNESDAY, November 25

8:00 a.m. - † Duane Studer

THURSDAY, November 26

8:00 a.m. - † Lorenzo Gigliotti

FRIDAY, November 27

8:00 a.m. - † Romeo Tupas

SATURDAY, November 28

5:00 p.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

SUNDAY, November 29

7:30 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault

9:00 a.m. - Dr. & Mrs. Pat Mitchell

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

12:30 p.m. - † Angeline Olson

Immaculate Heart Radio, 930 on the am dial, a 24 hour Catholic radio station. 888-887-7120 or www.ihradio.com

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

SUGGESTION BOX - A reminder: there is a suggestion box right outside of church, in the school hallway.

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, 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 Stepheesen, Georgiana (Peggy) Schad, Eloisa Mariano, Angela Gibbons, Luis Arroyo, Michael Dresnick, Margaret Wareham, Larry Luckey, Ramona Pedroza, Mary DeRuyter, Albert Rodriguez, Tony Olivar, Lisa Dang, Nina Escandon, Chris Belcher, Janet Bernardo, Regina Jurado, Pat Mitchell, Dennis Cuda, Barbara Baine, Mark Ham, Nelson family, Odete Salvate, Joan Aimerito, Bob Becker, June Kukahiko, Scott Reinard, Valerie Karner, Graciella Griffin, Joe Hamamoto, Cynthia Hogan & Lolita Heilbron.

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		
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN		

ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Sister Eva	594-4657
BIBLE STUDY	Sr. Eva	594-4657
	Rita Smith	
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	799-0660
	msanty@verizon.net	
	www.stjosephlb.org	
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY	John/Deborah Rollinger	537-3457
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	310-729-5890
	ktmr@sbcglobal.net	
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Muñoz & Julie Gray	598-0519
PARISH FAIR	sjparishfair@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