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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.

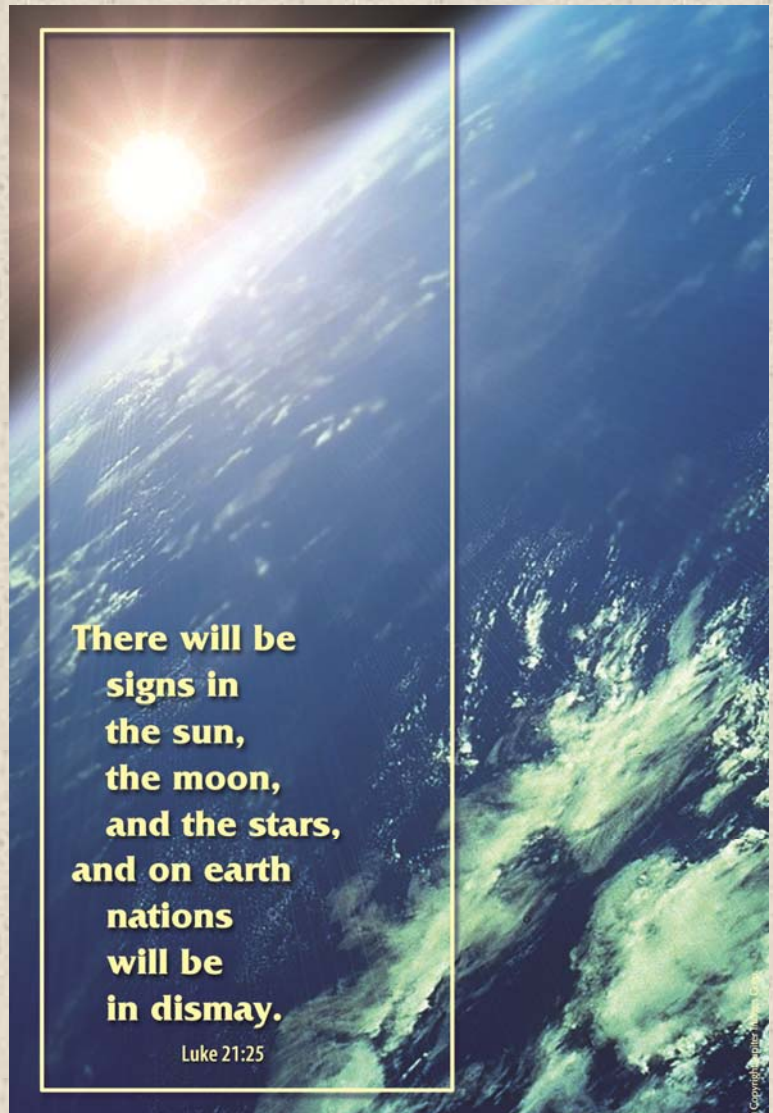
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Besides a new liturgical year, this Advent features an additional "beginning" - next week's opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, a graced opportunity to contemplate more profoundly and live more concretely the mystery of God's unconditional love. Pope Francis says that mercy, as the bridge connecting God and the human family, opens our hearts to welcome God's love for us sinners and our eyes to recognize others, especially society's least loved and most vulnerable, as brothers and sisters entrusted to our care. Today's scriptures provide a perfect Jubilee preparation. Jeremiah comforts us with the promise of God's justice; Paul challenges us to abound in love for all; Luke bids us anticipate Jesus' future coming as the joyful advent of our redemption. But in a unique way, this Jubilee Year's Advent reminds us that Jesus, whose coming we await, is already present among us, in those for whom we need to become instruments of God's mercy.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Before we embark on the **Advent** season, I saved a reflection titled **Thanksgiving** from several months ago. I trust your Thanksgiving was just that: filled with family gathering and giving thanks. We think that the word **Thanksgiving** is relatively new, going back to the pilgrims. But as early as the middle of the second century Justin Martyr referred to the blessed bread and wine of the Lord's Supper as "food we call 'thanksgiving' " (in Greek eucharistia). The Thanksgiving we celebrate in this autumn is at times marked by a sort of proud societal self congratulation and consuming food until we sink into that overstuffed sense. The "thanksgiving" we call our **Eucharist** is just the opposite: we are led to it by acknowledging our own failings; we remember our failings; we remember our humble place in the scheme of things by giving praise to God alone who can satisfy us.

While the food of Christ's body and blood fills our spiritual hungers, it also creates in us a greater hunger. We are not sent to our spiritual sofas to let the Lord's Supper settle; we are sent to be living signs of that thanksgiving for the world by looking out for the poor and powerless, feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, speaking out against the self righteous. In short, the hunger given by our doing in remembrance of Christ must lead us to living in remembrance of Him. Go in peace glorifying the Lord **with** your life!

This month of remembrance brings to mind parishioners who have given so much as part of Saint Joseph Parish community: Gerry Kohlen, Mary Jane Mulick, Joe Lozano, Peter Tisei, Donna Halligan, Olga Kocevar, Duane Studer, Betty Maligie, Jim Klodt, Andrina Summerfelt, Mary Mariano and Gene Ensch. I may have missed a few but these are the one's that Tina wrote down as they became known to her. **OUR PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, help us to sing to You the song of the redeemed every day. Let our whole life be an uninterrupted song of thanksgiving and praise to you. May the souls of the faithful departed benefit from our prayers and help gain remission of their sins. Amen

**Holy Day of Obligation
The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, December 8**

Vigil, December 7, Monday, 7:00 pm
Feast day, December 8, 8:00 am, and 7:00 pm

**Morning of Advent Reflection
and Spiritual Renewal**

For those who minister at our parish Masses: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Music group members. Please plan to attend.

Saturday, December 5, 9:00-10:30 a.m.



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

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. 29 Thanksgiving break
Sunday Dec. 6 Knights of Columbus

Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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!

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!

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.

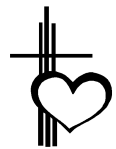
St. Joseph Catholic School is accepting applications for Kindergarten and our Transitional Kindergarten (Alpha-K) for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants for Kindergarten must turn 5 years old by August 31, 2016. Applicants for Alpha-K must turn 4 years old by August 31, 2016.

- 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.

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.

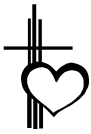
Women's Advent Twilight Retreat, December 3
 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Supper at 6:00, Talk at 7:00 pm, St. Cornelius Large Hall. RSVP to st.c.aff@gmail.com by Tuesday Dec. 1. Free-will offering.



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!!!*



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.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection Nov. 29. Help end the cycle of poverty by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. Please make your check out to St. Joseph Church and thank you.

Project Achieve's 10th Anniversary - Ten years ago this Thanksgiving, Project Achieve opened to serve the poor and homeless of Long Beach. Project Achieve, Long Beach's Transitional Homeless Shelter, in July of 2007, became a program of Catholic Charities. St. Joseph parish has been a part of Project Achieve since its inception as Guest Chefs providing over 30,000 meals. None of this would have been possible without the direction of our Guest Chef Team Leaders who plan the meals, secure food donations and get helpers to cook and serve the food. A special word of thanks to our Guest Chefs Ava Baldwin/ Susie Beeghly, Ann Crowley/ Olga Cuda/ Victoria Higgins/ Cindy Rodriguez, Pat Solis/ Anne Weaver, Virginia Young and all of their helpers. Also thanks to Chris and Rose Bauss who provide breakfast each month. As a parish community we have been blessed sharing our blessings and being a witness of Christ's love to the people we serve. If you would like more information/ would like to become involved or make food donations please give me a call. Blessings, Tina Gath 562 481 2301

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

Thanksgiving Drivers - If you have not returned your family information sheet, please return it to the rectory mailbox **today**. We need the information to prepare for our Christmas Present Drive.

Dec. 5-6 Christmas Gift Drive: Trees will be in the church with envelopes containing information to purchase a gift for a child of one of our supported families. Gifts must be returned by 12:30 p.m. the following week.

Dec. 19 Christmas Food and Gift Distribution 8:30 a.m. in the hall. Thanksgiving drivers, please let us know if you will NOT be able to deliver for Christmas. Call Amy, 427-5917.

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**



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.

The **Little Sisters of the Poor** and their residents would like to thank you for the support you have given to their mission of humble service to the elderly. Your gifts, prayers, support and volunteerism are appreciated more than can be said.

Did You Know? Who should report child abuse?

Priests, deacons, school faculty and administrators and other staff members in our parishes and schools have been designated as mandated reporters under California law. When one of these persons receives information leading to a "reasonable suspicion" that a child is being abused or neglected, he or she must make a report to the appropriate child protection or law enforcement agency. However, every adult has a moral responsibility to report suspected child abuse. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "How to Familiarize Yourself with Policies and Procedures on Reporting Abuse," email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, November 30

8:00 a.m. - † Betty Maligie

TUESDAY, December 1

8:00 a.m. - † Jim Klodt

WEDNESDAY, December 2

8:00 a.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

THURSDAY, December 3

8:00 a.m. - † Lois Cote

FRIDAY, December 4

8:00 a.m. - † Vera Bodensteiner

SATURDAY, December 5

5:00 p.m. - † Charles Branch

SUNDAY, December 6

7:30 a.m. - † Duane Studer

9:00 a.m. - Dang family

10:30 a.m. - † Patrick Cory

12:30 p.m. - † Charles and Mary Settina

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, Margarete Wareham, Larry Luckey, Ramona Pedroza, Mary DeRuyter, Albert Rodriguez, Tony Olivar, Lisa Dang, Nina Escandon, Chris Belcher, Janet Bernardo, Regina Jurado, Pat and Marie 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