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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.

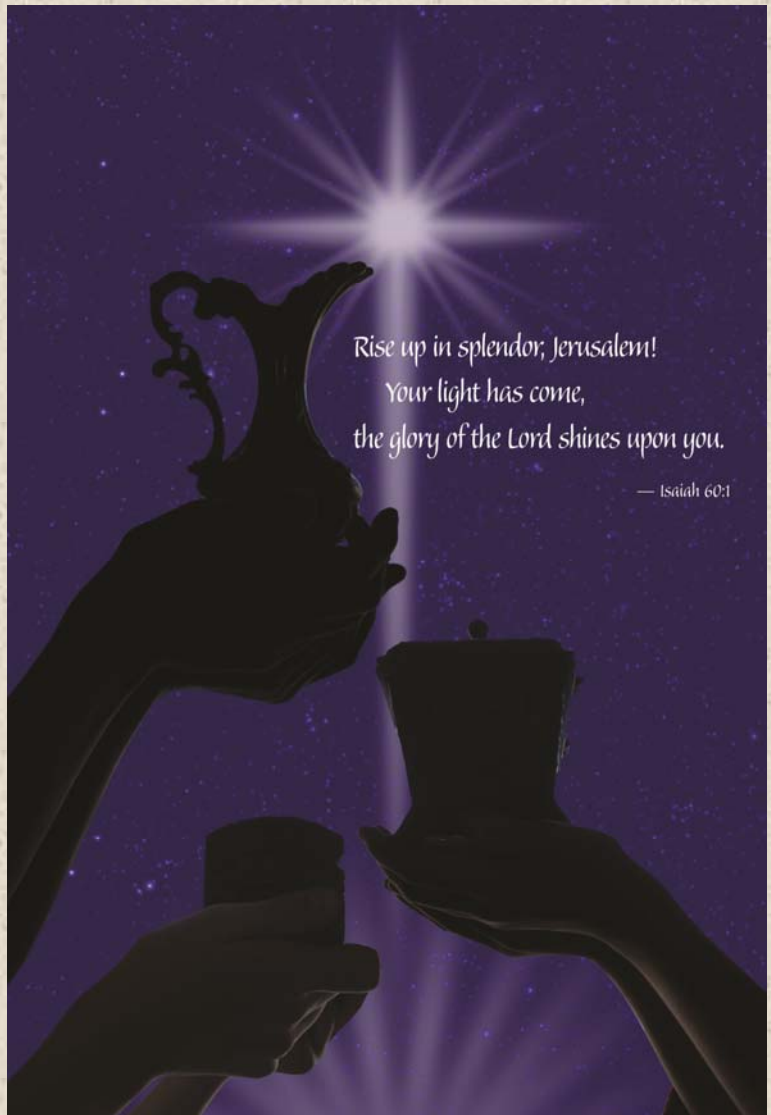
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2016

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

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Epiphany celebrates God's mercy shining on the magi from a guiding star. Their kingdoms were far from Jerusalem, their religions far from God's covenant with Israel. At first the star led the magi to Jerusalem, where they could "recalculate" their quest with the help of God's own "GPS," the Jewish scriptures.

How challenging and humbling for the magi to discover that they would find the world's Messiah not in a palace but with a poor couple in an insignificant village. That's where God's mercy, shining in the star, led the magi to worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Today the magi invite us to "recalculate" our life's journey during this Jubilee Year—to follow the star of God's mercy along the way of humble love, to discover a renewed personal relationship with Jesus ourselves and so become "guiding stars" leading other seekers to find Jesus, too.

In the Archdiocese of L. A., the Pilgrimage churches for the San Pedro Pastoral Region are St. Dominic Savio – Bellflower, St. Mary of the Assumption – Whittier, American Martyrs – Manhattan Beach, and St. Anthony – Long Beach.

Having Crossed the Doorway - Once a person has crossed through the Door of Mercy, or have fulfilled one of the other conditions under which Pope Francis has granted the Jubilee Indulgence (for example, for the sick, for the imprisoned, or for anyone who carries out in person a work of mercy), in addition to the usual conditions which require a heart well-disposed for the grace to bring its desired fruits, the faithful should stop in prayer to fulfill the final actions asked for: the profession of faith, and prayer for the Holy Father and his intentions. The latter should be at least an "Our Father" – the prayer in which Jesus himself taught us to turn as children to the Father – but it could possibly be more. In particular, taking into consideration the spirit of this Holy Year, it is suggested that pilgrims recite the lovely prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee, and that they conclude the time of prayer with an invocation to the merciful Lord Jesus (for example, "Merciful Jesus, I trust in You").

The Works of Mercy are the practical ways we live out mercy, how we show loving kindness, compassion, and self-restraint to the people around us, both physically and spiritually. According to the Catechism, "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities" (No. 2447). While the exact list has varied slightly throughout the history of the Church, there are 14 consistently recognized works of mercy.

Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Clothe the naked. Harbour the harbourless. Visit the sick. Ransom the captive. Bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy: Instruct the ignorant. Counsel the doubtful. Admonish sinners. Bear wrongs patiently. Forgive offenses willingly. Comfort the afflicted. Pray for the living and the dead.



From Deacon Don's desk:

"The Gift of the Magi," is a story of real love, real giving. O'Henry's story is about Jim & Della Dillingham Young at the turn of the century (1900). They are poor. It's Christmas eve. Della's been saving every penny for Jim's present. Jim's weekly pay is now down from \$30 to \$20. Her savings is now at \$1.87. She wants to buy something fine and sterling, a little bit worthy of the love he bestows on her. Now, there are two possessions of Jim and Della in which they take great pride. One is Jim's gold watch that had belonged to his father and grandfather before him; the other is Della's hair. Her hair reached below her knees and almost made a garment for her. Quickly, before she loses her nerve, she leaves the apartment and sells her hair for \$20. She looks all over town for that perfect gift. She finds a platinum fob chain that was surely made for Jim. She pays \$21 and hurries home to prepare supper and tries to fix her hair so Jim won't be too upset. She says a little silent prayer; she whispers, "Please God, make Jim think I am still pretty."

Jim comes home; his response is not what Della anticipated. He seems dumbstruck, but Della cannot figure out why. Finally, after assuring her that he loves her no matter what, Jim gives her the gift he bought for her. It's a pair of tortoise shell combs that Della had long coveted. Della is thrilled with joy but then quickly realized that she had no hair in which to wear the combs but assures Jim that her hair grows fast. Della remembers she has a gift for Jim, which she presents to him. Jim's response is a smile, and then he tells Della that he sold the watch to buy the combs and then says, "perhaps we should put the gifts away and save them for a later time." O'Henry ends the story and says, "The Magi, as you know, were wise men--wonderfully wise men--who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones. And here I have lamely related to you the uneventful chronicle of two young foolish children who wisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures of their home. Of all who give and receive gifts, these young ones are wisest."

St. Augustine says: "Of whose gifts do you give if **not of His?**" **Joy is contagious!**

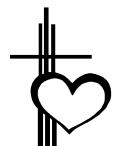
What gifts can we give? Our gifts can be our **being** present to someone who lives alone.

"Joy is the most infallible evidence of the existence of **God.**" Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

OUR PRAYER: God of mercy and peace, teach us to put all our trust in You and desire only what You have willed for us. 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.



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 Masses 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 Word 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.

Holiday Dates for Faith Formation and Confirmation:

Religious Education/Faith Formation is back in session.
Confirmation closed Jan. 3, returning Jan. 10.

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas Season!

High School Youth Ministry –

Revelation Nights (Youth Nights for all teens!) – from 7:30-8:30pm on Wednesdays
 No revelation on Jan. 6. Return on Jan. 13.

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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.

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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome and Italy - May 25 to June 5, 2016.

You are invited to join us on a special pilgrimage to celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. This pilgrimage includes 4 nights in Rome and a special Mass with Pope Francis. After Rome we will visit Montecassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Siena, Florence and Castel Gandolfo. Our very own former seminarian, now Fr. Luis Estrada will be the Chaplin for this pilgrimage and celebrate his first anniversary of ordination while with us on pilgrimage. There are several spaces still available. For more information, please contact Deacon Don and Tina Gath (562 498 6701 or 562 481 2301).

Bereavement prayer support group will be meeting **Jan. 11, 7-8:30.**

RCIA group Sunday dismissal **Jan. 10**, class **Jan. 14.**

Stephen Ministry **Jan. 12 7-8:30.**

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 **Jan. 3** New Year break
 Sunday **Jan. 10** hosted by Cub Scouts



Our next book is: "Soul Centered" by Fr. Jim Clarke. Our Book Club discussion will be **February 3**, in the new PLC. Everyone is welcome!

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

John Kielbasa



Did You Know? Common tricks strangers use to lure children

- Are you familiar with the news show segments testing children’s safety knowledge? They often feature “strangers” trying to lure children with offers of ice cream, modeling contracts, or other goodies. They know that while many children are taught to avoid strangers, they may not be taught to recognize abduction tactics. For more information on common tricks predators may use to lure children, from The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, visit <http://www.kidsmartz.org/CommonTricks>.



Introducing... St. Joseph Social Club

Your host: St. Joseph Senior Group

Time to "sign up" or "re-up"
\$10 Membership for a fun 2016

Jan. 4 - Business meeting/games

Jan. 18 - Special presentation - update on reverse mortgages & free lunch, games & fun. Reservations required 421-6863

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 - Reagan Library. Docent tour of Vatican art & history, & 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. **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.

Parishioners Wanted: We need parishioners who want to be told what to do and we need parishioners to advise people what to do. Come help organize the 2016 Fair which is April 15-17. You tell us what you want to do. We know you can help - the question is will you help? This event is a great way to serve your parish. Join our first 2016 Fair planning meeting **January 20** at 7 pm in the school library. Any questions please email: sjparishfair@gmail.com

ESTHER MINISTRY - We are fortunate in Long Beach to have a wonderful task force dedicated to the cause of eliminating human trafficking in our area, as well as bringing about awareness and education on this devastating crime against humanity. One of the main missions for the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force is organizing and presenting the Youth Exploitation Safety Symposium. The Y.E.S.S 2016 event will be held on Saturday, February 20, at Long Beach City College from 10am to 3pm. This event is for middle and high school students, as well as parents and educators. Mark your calendars for this important safety symposium. More information will follow at a later date.

The Esther Ministry would like to invite anyone interested in learning more about this ministry to a meeting on Sunday, **January 10**, at 11:30am in the new Parish Life Center. For more information or to be added to our contact list, you may email Marianna Wescott at: wescottfam@yahoo.com.



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40

Jan. 23-31 Homeless Kit Drive - provide daily necessities to a homeless person. Shopping lists will be available in the church **Jan. 16?**
Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holiday support of families in need. For fulfilling opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

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



Meals on Wheels - Students are on winter break. Volunteers are needed from now until the end of January. You can serve for two hours one morning a week, choosing among three locations in Long Beach. Apply online: www.mowlb.org or call Adriana, 562-439-5000.

Fundraiser for our Seminarian Charles:

SAVE THE DATE: A pasta dinner fundraiser for our Seminarian Charles and organized by the Knights of Columbus will take place on **January 29** in Fr. Martin Hall from 5:00 – 8:30 pm. Your cost for the dinner is what you choose to donate at the door, no pre-sale tickets will be sold. Beer, wine and soda will be available for purchase. Water will be provided. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the cost of a travel VISA and roundtrip airfare to fly Charles's mother in from Uganda to witness her son being ordained a Deacon. Great things are happening for Charles and your support is part of his success. Please join us. If you have questions talk with Knights of Columbus members Marty Vezzetti, Chris Berry or Kraig Jondle.

Bundle Sunday - January 10 St. Vincent de Paul's truck will be here. Please bring your *usable* clothing and household items and help to assist the needy. They are in need of furniture & large appliances. Please phone 323-224-6280 or 800-974-3571 for free pick up of large items.

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

God Bless You! Rev. Francis Aguilar

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, January 2

5:00 p.m. - † Romeo Mitu

SUNDAY, January 3

7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 a.m. - † Andres & Guadalupe Saenz

10:30 a.m. - † Mary Mariano

12:30 p.m. - † Anthony Hastert

MONDAY, January 4

8:00 a.m. - † Robert Arranaga

TUESDAY, January 5

8:00 a.m. - † John Comfort

WEDNESDAY, January 6

8:00 a.m. - † Matthew and Mary Kielbasa

THURSDAY, January 7

8:00 a.m. - † Marie Haddad

FRIDAY, January 8

8:00 a.m. - † Paul Lavoie

SATURDAY, January 9

5:00 p.m. - † Lauretta Townsend

SUNDAY, January 10

7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 a.m. - † Gene Ensch

10:30 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison Bennett

12:30 p.m. - † Edward Ely

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

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

Tax Letter: If you would like a statement of your donations for 2015, please call the rectory, 594-4657.

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, Lou Teran, Rita Smith & Zita Roehrig.

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		

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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

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PROJECT ACHIEVE	Tina Gath	598-5202
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CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	420-1877
BOY SCOUTS	Brian Moskovitz	506-7817

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM

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