



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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RECTORY

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Office Hours

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

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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.

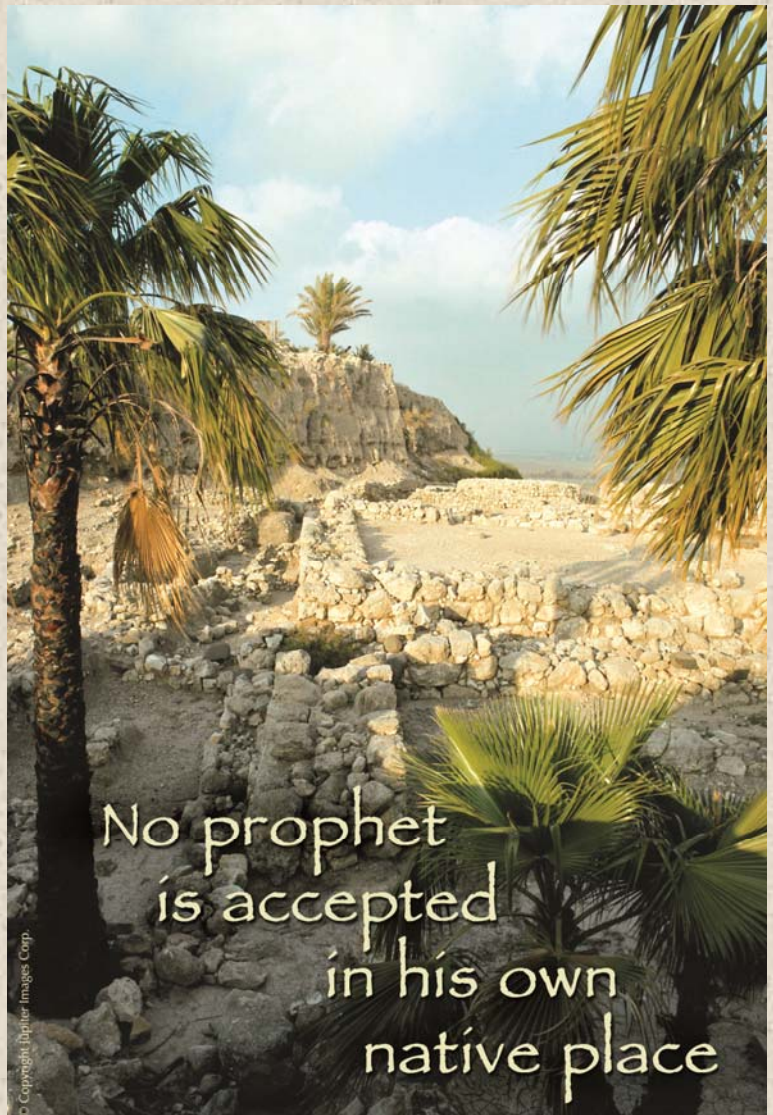
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 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

Rave reviews greeted Jesus' first hometown homily proclaiming a year of God's mercy, but the mood turned violent when he went on to declare that God's mercy embraces outsiders; it rejects distinctions between citizen and foreigner, acceptable and unworthy, even sinner and saint. Far from being anyone's personal possession, God's kingdom is open to everyone, God's love unconditional, God's mercy boundless. By this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis repeats Jesus' challenge in today's Gospel to broaden our horizons until our vision matches Jesus' vision of every sinner as a potential saint, and each suffering stranger as our neighbor. Jesus, says Pope Francis, continually went beyond the law, keeping company with public sinners and even sharing meals with them to demonstrate that God's mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12). To be truly Jesus' disciples, such unconditional love and boundless mercy must also be at the center of all we say and do.



Free app: 365 days of mercy at www.osv.com/yom

Blessing of our Parish Life Center - On **February 7**, Bishop Oscar Solis will be here to celebrate the 10:30 Mass and then will bless our new center after Mass.

Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11



From Deacon Don's desk:

"Isn't this the son of Joseph?" Some are wondering how a home grown boy could be so smart. How could He know that Isaiah's words were being fulfilled? They question His origins, become furious at His words and want to destroy Him.

Which Scripture passage do we hear? Which do we fulfill? When Jesus challenges them with examples of Elijah's and Elisha's outreach to the Gentiles they grow furious. The Good News is broader than selective preferences or limited understanding. Yes, salvation can extend to Gentiles as well as Jews.

Some accept Christianity as a beautiful philosophy of life and find it a meaningful life leading to happiness. Others reject it. Some do not care and it does not mean they are bad people. Accepting Jesus Christ requires faith, and faith is a free gift of God. It is better to leave judgment up to God. We can only be a witness of a Christian life-style which we believe leads to lasting happiness.

Last Sunday a parishioner came up to me and said, "I'll never forget what Father Ford told us in one of his homilies. The letters P-U-S-H mean continue to PRAY. P=pray, U=until, S=something, H=Happens. That brought to my mind one Sunday morning before Mass I entered the sacristy and posed this riddle: If you call a camel with one hump a camel and one with two humps a dromedary what do you call one with no humps?" Fr. Ford said "Humphry!!" He will always be remembered by his homily stories.

OUR PRAYER: God of kindness, help us to make Christian courtesy the rule of our lives. Let us show that courtesy to all in every circumstance---so that we may truly imitate You. Amen

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Fr. Harold Ford

Weekly Collection for January 24: \$10,503

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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 Apr. 14 (Men), and Feb. 4 and Apr. 28 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or OCCursillo.org*

RCIA - If you know anyone or are interested yourself in learning more about being a Catholic, please call Sr. Eva at the parish office, 594-4657.

Grief Support - If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, come and join us every other Monday, Feb. 8 and 22, Mar. 7 and 21, Apr. 4 and 18, May 2 and 16, in the PLC from 7-8:30 pm. Questions? Call Sr. 594-4657.

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

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.

Activities for Faith Formation and Confirmation:

Faith Formation/Religious Education - Sundays: 10:30

Middle School - Tuesdays 7-8 pm

Confirmation - No class Year 1 - 1/31.

Confirmation 2 Retreat Jan. 29-31 - Please keep our team, teens and families in your prayers.

High School Youth Ministry –

Revelation on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30pm.

Long Beach Catholic Young Adults - Welcome young adults, 18-39, to 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 information, visit www.lbcya.org or contact Jason Pillon: 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

- Daily instruction in religion and weekly Mass attendance

- 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.



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!

Fr. Jim Clarke - February 5, 7:30-9:00 to kick off our Lenten Speaker Series - only \$5. **Topic: Spiritual Maturity**

Have you heard the good news about Marriage? Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

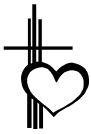
Jesus came into the world to bring the good news, to proclaim liberty, give the recovery of sight, and free the oppressed. Let Him proclaim the good news to you in your marriage! Allow the Lord to strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend on **April 2-3**. Apply at www.ilovemypouse.net or contact Sarah and Jacob Flores at 562-923-7335 or Ginny & Boon Hazboun at 562-861-7562 for more details.

New Evangelization Series - Come and explore the Church's mission within the challenges of contemporary culture. This documentary, hosted by Bishop Robert Barron, focuses on the cultural obstacles the church faces today such as the emergence of “the new atheism,” and relativistic attitudes towards questions of faith and morality. Catholicism taught us what the Church believes and why, the New Evangelization shows us how to put our faith into action. Come join us in the school library on Tuesdays from 9-10:30 am.

St Joseph 7th grade class is hosting a Spring **Texas Hold'em Tournament**. Saturday, **March 12**. Doors open at 5 pm play begins at 6 pm. Father Martin Hall. Please contact Lisa Powell for more information, 562-481-8646 or Powells724@hotmail.com.

Catholic Co-ed Softball Players Wanted! Greater South Bay Catholic co-ed adult (Ages 18+) softball league seeks players for their exciting 2016 season! Games are played on Sunday afternoons from February thru June in Torrance. Singles & couples welcome; female players especially needed! If interested, please contact ASAP: Fred Lawler, League Commissioner, (310) 504-0271 or fredlawler@hotmail.com.

Did You Know? Kik Messenger and the dangers of anonymous messages - Social media sites are available to anyone with an internet connection (computer, phone, tablet). Your kids may be sharing their lives with complete strangers, and parents should be aware of the sites they use, what they share, and who their friends are. One mobile app, Kik, is regarded as the most dangerous site for internet predators, because users can send messages to anyone with a cellphone, including young children. Kik has no options for parental controls, leaving kids exposed to the entire web. To learn more about this app in the Virtus® article “Mobile App Danger—Kik Messenger,” email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.



St. Joseph Social Club
 Hosted by the **St. Joseph Senior Group**
 Time to "sign up" or "re-up" for a fun 2016
 \$10 a year Membership

Feb. 1 - Senior Group Lenten Retreat. 9 am gathering in Fr. Martin Hall. \$10 includes box lunch.

All are welcome. Reservations required. 562-429-8891.

Feb. 7 - Hospitality hosted by Senior Group at the Dedication of the new Parish Life Center - 10:30

Feb. 15 - Regular meeting with games & fun 11:30-2:30

All regular 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 and much more.
 For information call: Marilyn North 562-429-8891

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. Two buses full/ Taking Stand-bys

Tour of Little Italy - a day trip to San Diego on **June 14**. A great docent tour into the magical world of Little Italy. Visit hidden neighborhood landmarks and more followed by a wonderful progressive lunch plus a stop for "homemade" gelato and yes a little shopping. Departs at 9:00 AM- Returns approx. 6:30pm Cost is \$69 due May 9.

Future trips: Doctors TV Show, Reno/Lake Tahoe and more including casino trips.
 Please contact Mary Lou 431-4385 or Gerry 420-3220.



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!!!*

eGiving with Faith Direct

Faith Direct enables you to make contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. You can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings as you may now use it to make your mortgage or tuition payments.

Please visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA717.

"True power is service. We must serve all people, especially the poor, the weak and the vulnerable." Pope Francis



Feb. 17 - Committee Meeting - Help us plan our upcoming activities.

Mar. 5-13 - Book Drive - Collecting new and gently used children's reading books for our Easter distribution.

Mar. 19 8:30 - Easter Food and Gift Distribution - If you are NOT able to help us deliver again, please call Amy McKenna, 427-5917.

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.

Annual Pancake Breakfast - Please Join Boy Scout Troop 120 Sunday, **January 31**, 8 am - Noon. Tickets \$4. Hope to see you there!!

The St. Joseph Parish Blood Drive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place on Sunday, **Feb. 14** from 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM in the Bloodmobile outside the Parish Hall. You can sign up online at redcrossblood.org. Sponsor Code: JosephLB. For more information contact Tony Diaz at bstdad2@msn.com.

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.

ESTHER MINISTRY - End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue - One of the goals of the Esther Ministry is to bring about awareness of the human trafficking issues. Knowledge of the facts can promote a better understanding of this ongoing crime and, hopefully, make a difference in abolishing the trafficking of men, women, and children. Sex and labor trafficking exists within diverse venues in our society including truck stops, fake massage parlors, restaurants, agriculture, online escort services, city streets, motels, and hotels. The National Human Trafficking Hotline and Resource Center is 1-888-373-7888.



Please consider attending the Youth Exploitation Safety Symposium (Y.E.S.S.) on February 20, 10am - 3pm at Long Beach City College, Clark Avenue campus. This event is for middle school and high school students, parents, teachers and anyone interested in learning more about this issue and on building healthy relationships. Sign up at: <https://yess2016.eventbrite.com>. Please email Marianna Wescott at wescottfam@yahoo.com if you would like more information.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, January 30

5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

SUNDAY, January 31

7:30 a.m. - † Gene Enschede

9:00 a.m. - † Olimpio Pili

10:30 a.m. - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.

12:30 p.m. - † Joseph Steinhauser

MONDAY, February 1

8:00 a.m. - † Louis Lapthorne

TUESDAY, February 2

8:00 a.m. - † Craig Kvarnlov

WEDNESDAY, February 3

8:00 a.m. - † Duane Studer

THURSDAY, February 4

8:00 a.m. - † Susan Stauffer Dougan

FRIDAY, February 5

8:00 a.m. - † Zenon Popinski

SATURDAY, February 6

5:00 p.m. - † Frank Aimone

SUNDAY, February 7

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

9:00 a.m. - † Rolando Castillo

10:30 a.m. - Shirley Enschede and family

12:30 p.m. - † Jhordis Leon

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

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. 24** hosted by St. Joseph School Sunday **Jan. 31** no coffee & donuts - pancake breakfast

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Kim Agee, Mary Jane McCormick, Gary Hillebrecht, Karen Muccino, Eileen Bentley, Delia Nix, 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, Robert & Frances Stickney, Bryan Nielson, Joel Stephesen, Georgiana (Peggy) Schad, Eloisa Mariano, Angela Gibbons, Luis Arroyo, Michael Dresnick, Larry Luckey, Ramona Pedroza, Mary DeRuyter, Albert Rodriguez, Tony Olivar, Lisa Dang, Nina Escandon, Chris Belcher, Janet Bernardo, Regina Jurado, Pat & Marie Mitchell, Dennis Cuda, Barbara Baine, Mark Ham, Odete Salvate, Joan Aimerito, Bob Becker, June Kukahiko, Scott Reinard, Valerie Karner, Graciella Griffin, Joe Hamamoto, Cynthia Hogan, Lou Teran, Rita Smith, Zita Roehrig, Bella Dassanayake, Rose Gonser, Mike & Colette DiHarce.

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	Marilyn North	429-8891
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