



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Office Hours

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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.

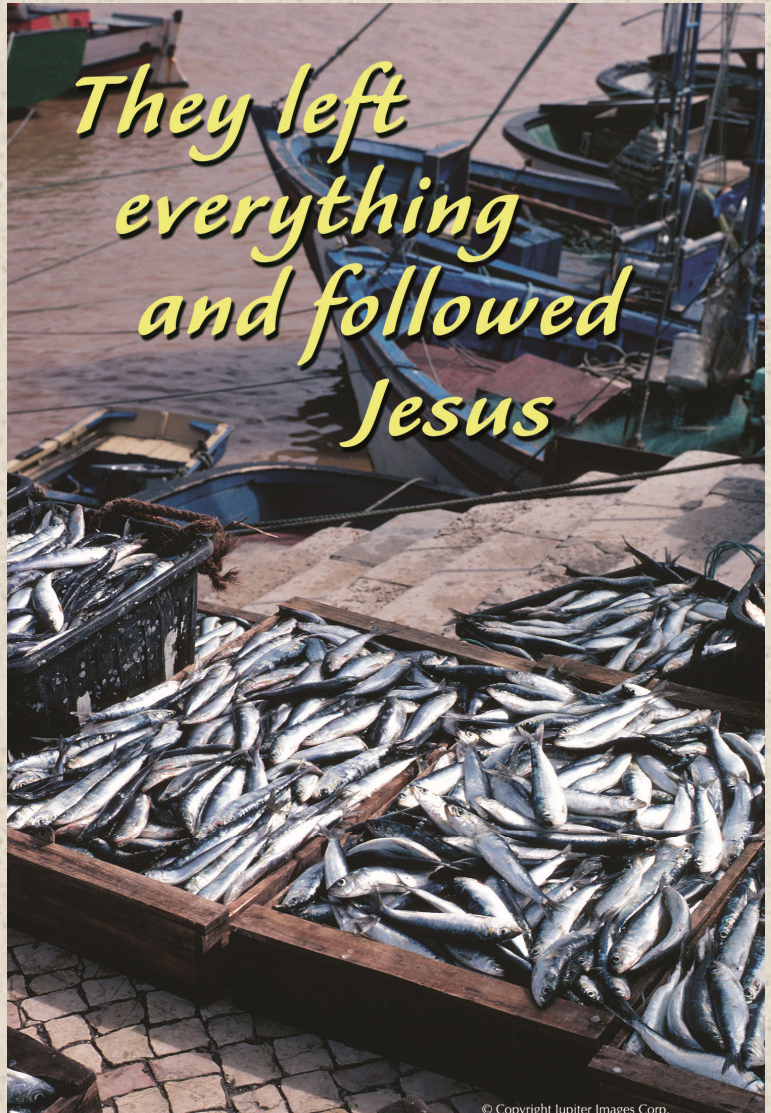
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 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

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis calls us to share with everyone the tender compassion of God that we ourselves have experienced. In today's Gospel, Luke uses a special Greek word conveying just such tenderness. In the other Gospels, Jesus calls the disciples to be "fishers," haleis, the same word that means catching fish with hooks or nets, to be killed and eaten. But Luke uses zogron, from zoe or "life," meaning "catch or gather people alive," as animal lovers capture without harming, rescue from "the wild" for a better life, and protect in aquarium or zoo, tenderly cared for by professionals committed to the creatures' well-being. So in Luke's vision--and Pope Francis' as well--we who have been "caught alive" by God's mercy ourselves are to become "missionaries of mercy" during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, rescuing fellow sinners from danger and gathering them into Jesus' community to enjoy fullness of life.

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



From Deacon Don's desk:

Interested in a good story? We all need good stories and good friends, especially when life is unkind to us. A friend is "the first person who comes in when the whole world has gone out." Not a bad definition. Do you have a friend who will lift you when you fall? Jesus says something very intriguing. "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."

How do we know that Jesus is our friend? Two ways: The cross tells us He is our friend. "Greater love has no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends." We are Christ's friends. Why was Jesus willing to make this sacrifice? Because He thinks we are worth it. That's the message of the Cross. But there is a second way we know we are Christ's friends. The Church is the greatest gift Christ gave us besides the gift of eternal life. This gift is also a membership in a family. He gave us community. He gave us friends. Christ says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you." Before we were born, Christ chose us to be part of His family. They will be there when you are sick. They will be there to comfort you when you are in the last stages of life. You don't ever have to be alone. That is part of being His family, the Church. I must confess--this is part of a homily Fr. Harold Ford gave in May 1, 1997. I was a deacon in formation when he gave me a copy. Our prayers are with all of our priests that have graced St. Joseph Church. They have fed us with the finest wheat.

"Long to see God, fear losing God, and find joy in whatever leads to God. Do this and you will find great peace." ...St. Teresa of Avila.

OUR PRAYER: God our Father, let us always give proper thanks to You. Grant that we may do so through the Eucharist and through our own private prayers every day. Amen

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



February 10 - Ash Wednesday
Masses are at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
There will also be a prayer service with ashes at 12:00 noon.

Fast and Abstinence - **Abstinence** from meat on all Fridays of Lent and Ash Wednesday.

Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all who are 18 to 59 years. One full meatless meal, two other meals to maintain strength but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work are affected, fasting does not oblige.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Thoughts for Lent
The greatest handicap - Fear
The best day - Today

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
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: JI 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Daryl Wozniak



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 Apr. 28 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or OCCursillo.org*

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 - Class Sundays, 11am thru 12:30 Mass.

High School Youth Ministry –

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

Multi-Parish Lenten Speaker Series - Look at all the opportunities for adults to grow in their faith! Check out the flyer at the entrances to the church.

Adult Confirmation Classes are beginning on Friday, February 12. Call Sr. Eva or Nancy Longo to register.

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 Parish Life Center on Tuesdays from 9-10:30 am. or Thursdays 7-8:30 pm.

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.




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.

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

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.

Prayer and Life Workshop - There are still a few seats open in this life-changing “Prayer and Life Workshops”, where you will learn to overcome suffering and anxiety, and develop a profound peace through the power of prayer. The “PLW” is an internationally recognized program that guides you to develop a deep and intimate relationship with the Lord through a series of practical prayer methods and exercises. More information at www.plwStJoseph.com
 Sessions Run every Saturday through May 21
 Time: 9:00 am – 11 am, Parish Life Center

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.



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!!!*

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.ilovemyspouse.net or contact Sarah and Jacob Flores at 562-923-7335.

Did You Know? Kik Messenger and the dangers of anonymous messages - Social media sites are available to anyone with an internet connection. 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**
 Join now for a fun 2016
 \$10 a year Membership

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

Feb. 15 - Meeting and Social gathering with games & fun 11:30-2:30. Come meet old friends and make new ones.
Be sure to pay your 2016 dues if you haven't already.

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, tour of Vatican art, history, & gifts 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.

ESTHER MINISTRY - End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue - We are ending a month designated as National Human Trafficking Awareness. The period of January 11 to February 8 is a time for reflection and prayer for those who have been victims of this modern day slavery. February 8 is the feast day of the patron saint of human trafficking, St. Josephine Bakhita. She was born in southern Sudan in 1869. As a young girl she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. She was treated brutally by her captors as she was sold and resold. As we celebrate her feast day, let us pray for the transformation of the hearts of traffickers, as well as pray for those who are their victims.



Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Y.E.S.S. event on Saturday, February 20, at L.B.C.C. on Carson from 10am to 3pm. Anyone who is interested in human trafficking issues is encouraged to attend. A special session for middle and high school students will be included. It is a free event and lunch is provided! You may go to the website at <https://yess2016.eventbrite.com> to sign up. For more information about the Esther Ministry, please email Marianna Wescott at wescottfam@yahoo.com.

"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.



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.

St Joseph 7th grade class is hosting a **Texas Hold'em Tournament**, **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 Powells724@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU to St. Joseph Parishioners and school parents for supporting the Knights of Columbus pasta night fund raiser for Charles. Total funds raised reached \$6031. These funds will be used to cover round-trip travel & visa costs for Seminarian Charles's mother to travel to the USA for his ordination as a Deacon; due to your generosity of funds raised we can now purchase Charles' ticket home to Uganda where he will be ordained a priest in 2017. THANK YOU from the Knights of Columbus.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions



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 Ensched and family

12:30 p.m. - † Jhordis Leon

MONDAY, February 8

8:00 a.m. - † John Kielbasa

TUESDAY, February 9

8:00 a.m. - † Aquilina Zamora

WEDNESDAY, February 10

8:00 a.m. - † Tonet Risko

12 noon - Prayer Service

7:00 p.m. - † Eleanor Connell

THURSDAY, February 11

8:00 a.m. - Fr. Jim Halley, Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, February 12

8:00 a.m. - † Halina Kamocka

SATURDAY, February 13

5:00 p.m. - † Dennis Papini

SUNDAY, February 14

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

9:00 a.m. - † Thomas Steiner

10:30 a.m. - † Gene Ensched

12:30 p.m. - † Gene Ensched

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Francis Ilano

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

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 **Feb. 7** hosted by Social Club/Senior Group Sunday **Feb. 14** hosted by Cub Scouts

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	Sisterr Eva	594-4657
	Rita Smith	
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Sister 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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PASTORAL COUNCIL	Anne Weaver	498-7008
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	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	
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SENIOR GROUP	Marilyn North	429-8891
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Paciano & Molly Diaz	310-729-5890
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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