



# 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.

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.



Second Sunday of Lent

February 21, 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

Many icons depicting Jesus' transfiguration bear the Greek title Metamorphosis, a technical term also for nature's springtime transformation. Fittingly, this Jubilee Year of Mercy coincides with the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for only Luke specifies Moses and Elijah speaking about Jesus' "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). Israel's exodus liberated from slavery; Jesus' exodus liberates from sin's living death of selfishness. Pope Francis suggests that Lent's prayer, fasting, and works of charity can transfigure the world, if Christians translate Isaiah's challenge into our daily lived experience of Jesus' life-giving exodus by releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and homeless into your house, clothing the naked, not turning your back on your own. "If you remove from your midst oppression, and malicious speech . . . then light shall rise for you in the darkness . . . you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails" (Isaiah 58:9, 10, 11).

Free app: 365 days of mercy at [www.osv.com/yom](http://www.osv.com/yom)



### From Deacon Don's desk:

A Jesuit, John Powell tells a story: A young man, Tommy, was a resident atheist in the course, "Philosophy of God" at Loyola U., Chicago. At the end of the course, Tommy returned said to Father Powell, "Do you think I will ever find God?" "No," replied Powell, "but God will find you." Tommy walked away. Years later, Tommy returned to see Father Powell to tell him that he'd been diagnosed with terminal cancer. More that ever he wanted to find God or at least be in a right place to be found by Him. Fr. Powell told Tommy to go tell the people he most loved in the world that he loved them. Within a week Tommy reported to Fr. Powell that in the midst of doing this he had a genuine and significant encounter with God. They found each other. Three months later Tommy died. John Powell reports that the only way to explain the three months of Tommy's life is that in telling others he loved them God transfigured him.

The Transfiguration on the mountaintop is not a "show." It describes how much God loved Jesus. The Transfiguration is not a one time event for Jesus alone. It helps us experience the love of God as sons and daughters of Christ. The problem with this concept of love is "we've devalued the currency!" We say "I love you" to people we don't love. And it works the other way as well. It may cause us to be cynical.

- Two things we can be sure of :
- #1. If we feel distant from God, guess who has moved away from whom? God continues to love us.
  - #2. God loves us as we are, not as we would like to be. An old saying: "You don't have to get good to get God; you have to get God to get good." Excerpt from Fr. Leonard.
- OUR PRAYER: God of wisdom, move us to have recourse constantly to Your words in Scripture. Let us find light, strength and consolation in the Sacred Book that was inspired by You. Amen

### Lenten Reconciliation Liturgies - 7:00 p.m.

- March 14 - St. Bartholomew Church
- March 15 - St. Joseph Church
- March 16 - St. Cornelius Church

Dear All,

On behalf of my mom, I wish to say thank you to each and everyone of you. Thank you so much for all the contributions you made towards mom's air fare. Thank you for your love and generosity, and may the good Lord always reward you generously. Charles Balamaze

### Together in Mission

**Our Goal: \$65,300**  
**Pledged: \$42,298**

We are getting there. Thank you to all who have made a pledge. There are envelopes in the church as well as in the rectory for those of you who would like to donate.

### Thoughts for Lent

The greatest mistake - Giving up  
 The greatest comfort - Work well done

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

- Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36
  - Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
  - Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
  - Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
  - Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
  - Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
  - Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
  - Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
- Alternate readings (Year A):  
 Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



### 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 and July 14 (Men), and Apr. 28 and July 28 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ [sfcuda@yahoo.com](mailto:sfcuda@yahoo.com), or [OCCursillo.org](http://OCCursillo.org)*

**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 - Sundays: 10:30**

**Parent/Adult Sessions during Lent - Sundays, 10:35-11:30.** Chris Dominguez is doing a series on Catholicism by Bishop Robert Barron. Free! Coffee and snacks! All welcome!

**Middle School - Tuesdays 7-8 pm**

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

**Confirmation I Retreat - Mar. 4-6. Please keep our teens, team and parents in your prayers.**

**High School Youth Ministry –**

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

**Religious Education Congress** - Feb. 25-28, Anaheim Convention Center. Stop by our hospitality room at the Anaheim Sheraton.

**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.

**Pasquale Talarico** will be speaking March 2, at 7:30 in our church about Family Spirituality. \$5 donation. Child care available. This would make a special Lenten Night to help you lead your family closer to God!

**Our next book will be** *The Name of God is Mercy* by Pope Francis. We will be selling the books in March and having our discussion on April 13, at 7 pm in the PLC.

**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.

**Meditation every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
**in the Parish Life Center**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**"Be Still And Know That I Am God"**  
 Newcomers please call Marie Mitchell  
 (310) 490-4012 for directions.



**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](http://www.lbcya.org) or contact Jason Pillon: [coordinator@lbcya.org](mailto:coordinator@lbcya.org).

**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.



**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!!!*

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

**Immaculate Heart Radio**, 930 on the am dial, a 24 hour Catholic radio station. 888-887-7120 or [www.ihradio.com](http://www.ihradio.com)

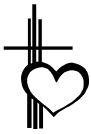
**ESTHER MINISTRY** - **End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue** -



To continue our awareness and education on Human Trafficking, here are the #2 and #3 truths:

"Children are trafficked everywhere. Globally, UNICEF estimates that 5.5 million children are victims of trafficking. Human Trafficking is not just sex trafficking. Sixty-eight percent of trafficking victims globally are in forced labor and exploited in agriculture, construction, domestic work and more."

Esther ministry continues to help agencies through our humanitarian bags. These bags go to victims who have been rescued. Thank you to those who volunteered their help in putting these bags together and to those who donated items needed. For more information about our ministry or to be added to our contact list, please email Marianna Wescott at [wescottfam@yahoo.com](mailto:wescottfam@yahoo.com).



**St. Joseph Social Club**  
 Hosted by the **St. Joseph Senior Group**  
 Join now for a fun 2016  
 \$10 a year Membership

**Mar. 7 - Social gathering with games & fun 11:30-2:30.**  
 Come to meet old friends and make new friends.

**New Members Welcome!**

**Be sure to pay your 2016 dues if you haven't already.**

**Mar. 21 - Meeting and Social gathering with games and 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 and much more. For information call: Marilyn North 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.

**Save the Date – March 12, St. Anthony High's SAINTS RUN 5K.** Register online at [www.LongBeachSaints.org](http://www.LongBeachSaints.org) before March 8 to save \$10. For more information contact Juan Ovalle at [pep@LongBeachSaints.org](mailto:pep@LongBeachSaints.org)

**eGiving with Faith Direct** make contributions through 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 other payments. Please visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA717.

**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 strangers, and parents should be aware of the sites they use. 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](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org).

"The bread of charity is life itself for the needy." Sir 35:21

**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.



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](mailto:Powells724@hotmail.com).

### Parish Fair News

**Rummage Sale:** We are in need of items to sell during the Fair, so clean out that closet and garage. We'll be collecting your donated goods every Saturday beginning March 5 from 8-10 am in front of the hall. Furniture/Clothes/Games/etc. We can't accept any items that plug in/NO electronics.

**Craft Boutique:** We need vendors for the Craft Boutique which takes place Sat & Sun during the Fair in the inner courtyard. If you know anyone interested in selling their goods/wares please contact Sheila Vail for details at [Sheilavail@verizon.net](mailto:Sheilavail@verizon.net)

**Volunteer sign up** released March 13. We are asking every Parishioner to volunteer one 3 hour shift **PLEASE**.

**Sponsorship opportunities** will be available very soon. All information can be found on the Fair website: <http://www.stjosephlb.org/fair/> Any questions please email Kraig & Kim Jondle or Conny Frost at: [sjparishfair@gmail.com](mailto:sjparishfair@gmail.com) or [connyf@internationalaero.com](mailto:connyf@internationalaero.com)

**Parish Fair is April 15-17**

**Catholic Co-ed Softball Players Wanted!** Greater South Bay Catholic co-ed adult (Ages 18+) softball league games are Sunday afternoons 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](mailto:fredlawler@hotmail.com).

**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](http://www.ilovemyspouse.net) or contact Sarah and Jacob Flores at 562-923-7335.

## Mass Intentions



### SATURDAY, February 20

5:00 p.m. - † Ralph Chadwick

### SUNDAY, February 21

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

9:00 a.m. - † Paul Fink

10:30 a.m. - † Eufemia Castillo

12:30 p.m. - † Josephine Keller

### MONDAY, February 22

8:00 a.m. - † Robert Corlett

### TUESDAY, February 23

8:00 a.m. - Chris Kvarnlov

### WEDNESDAY, February 24

8:00 a.m. - † Samuel Banaga

### THURSDAY, February 25

8:00 a.m. - † Paolo Real

### FRIDAY, February 26

8:00 a.m. - † Fr. Harold Ford

### SATURDAY, February 27

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

### SUNDAY, February 28

7:30 a.m. - † Craig Kvarnlov

9:00 a.m. - † Maria and Dominico Dang

10:30 a.m. - † Gene Ensich

12:30 p.m. - † Frank Aimone

### Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Francis Ilano

St. Athanasius Church, Long Beach, 562-423-7986. Vocation information may be found at: [www.lavocations.org](http://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. 21** hosted by Movement for a Better World Sunday **Feb. 28** hosted by Altar Servers

**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 & Ellie Jacob.

## 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

## 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](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org)