



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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.

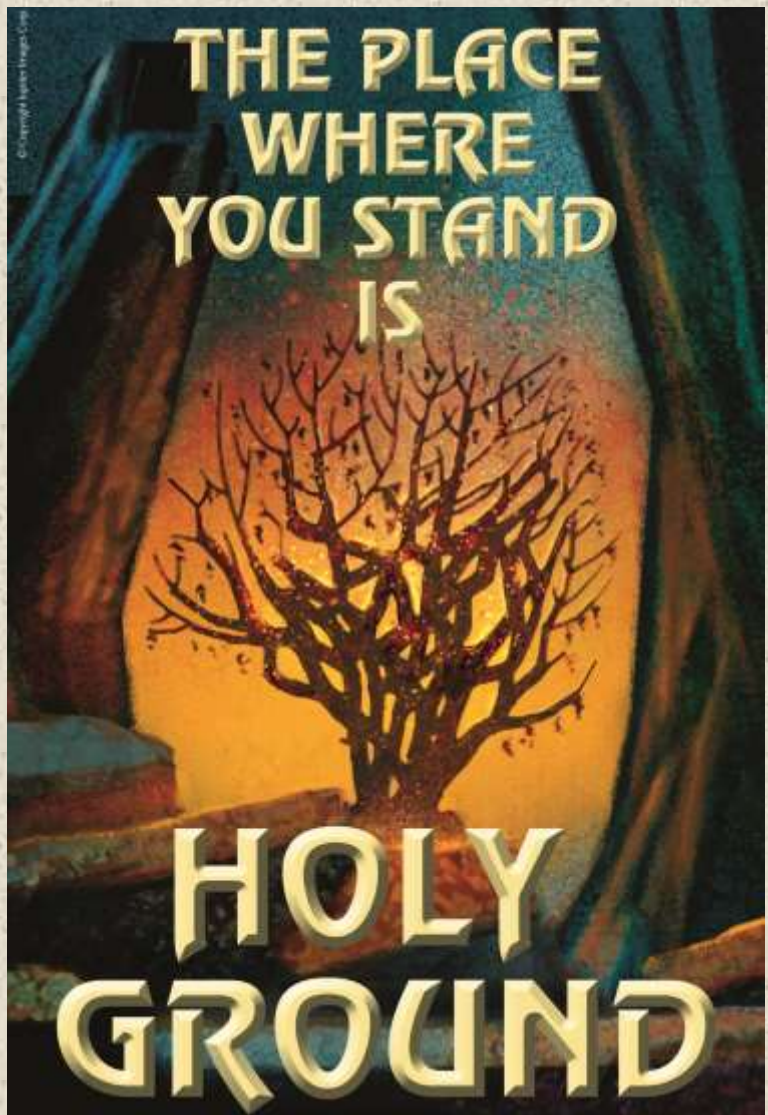
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 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

On Laetare Sunday, we rejoice as Luke's Jesus proclaims that God is boundlessly merciful. The parable's prodigal son returns home, not authentically repentant but desperate, having squandered on prostitutes (or so his older brother claims) the inheritance wrongly demanded while his father still lived. This selfish son is only spared ritual "shaming" when the father "shames" himself, running to embrace him, interrupting his prepared "act of contrition." By doing so he challenges confessors, and all of us, to be signs, says Pope Francis, "of the primacy of mercy always, everywhere, and in every situation, no matter what." Avoid the harshness of the elder son, Francis warns, "who stands outside, incapable of rejoicing," his judgment "severe, unjust, and meaningless in light of the father's boundless mercy" (Misericordiae Vultus, 17). If John's Gospel is proclaimed, the "religiously observant" people there likewise serve to warn against harshly judging others, for the physical blindness of the man they expel from the synagogue is healed, while their own blindness of heart remains.



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

Lenten Reconciliation Liturgies - 7:00 p.m.

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



From Deacon Don's desk:

Webster defines **mercy** as "kind and compassionate treatment; thankful for something; clemency, a sympathetic concern for the suffering of another." Today's Psalm tells us why God always gives us one more chance: "God is infinitely merciful, compassionate, kind, and forgiving. God is not vindictive, but "slow to anger" and quick to "pardon." The way to repentance is to reach out and receive the gracious **mercy** God offers us. The Gospel parable says "three years" the owner of the fig tree had been waiting for good fruit. God waits more than three years for us to bear fruit. God waits every day of our lives for us to bear fruit. The Good News: God **never** gives up on us. God continually fertilizes and cultivates especially by the proclamation of God's Word and the invitation to be at His Eucharistic table.

Question: What are the five verbs beginning with "re" that capture the Gospel's challenge to us?

Answer: REpent, REtry, REconcile, REnew and REstore. The work of Lent is to choose the eternal Life God continually cultivates in us. We are encouraged by the fact that God is ever patient and full of **mercy** and never gives up on us. He wants no one to be lost not even a fruitless tree.

OUR PRAYER: Father, You have taught us to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting and works of **mercy**. When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in Your love. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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

**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.



Thoughts for Lent

Most disagreeable person - The complainer
Worst bankruptcy - Loss of enthusiasm

Together in Mission

Our Goal: \$65,300
Pledged: \$44,198

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.



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, or OCCursillo.org*

- 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]
- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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 Closed February 28
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! **March 6, 13 and 20.**

Middle School - Tuesdays 7-8 pm

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

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

High School Youth Ministry –

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

New Music Ministry on Thursdays, 7:15-8:30pm.

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.

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.

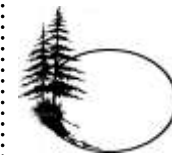
RCIA - If you know anyone or are interested yourself in learning more about being a Catholic, please call Sr. Eva at the parish office, 594-4657.

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.

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.

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

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

Here are two more hard truths about human trafficking: #4

"Trafficking people doesn't require movement across borders. People can be trafficked within their own state and even on the street they grew up on. #5 Human Trafficking is a business. Human trafficking operates on principles of supply and demand. The demand for commercial sex and cheap labor puts children throughout the world at risk of becoming the supply. An extremely profitable industry, it generates \$150 billion dollars in yearly profits."

We would like to thank those who volunteered to help and participate at the Youth Safety Symposium on February 20. It was a great success and many youth and adults received valuable information to help in the fight against human trafficking.





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 before March 8 to save \$10. For more information contact Juan Ovalle at pep@LongBeachSaints.org

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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.

"He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Lk 4:18

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

Mar. 19 - Easter Food and Gift Distribution - If you are NOT able to help us deliver again, please call Amy McKenna, 427-5917. We will gather in the parish hall at 8:30 a.m.

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.

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

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

Sponsorship opportunities are available now. Please go to our website for a form. 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 or 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.

HUNGERING FOR A HEALTHY START - Join our parish community in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives. What actions can we take this Lent to change lives - at home and around the world? One stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Mass Intentions



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
MONDAY, February 22
 8:00 a.m. - † Hugo and Cass Jorda
TUESDAY, February 23
 8:00 a.m. - † Marlene Sergeant
WEDNESDAY, February 24
 8:00 a.m. - Jimmy McCullough
THURSDAY, February 25
 8:00 a.m. - † John Parkin
FRIDAY, February 26
 8:00 a.m. - † John Risko
SATURDAY, February 27
 5:00 p.m. - † Charles Branch
SUNDAY, February 28
 7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Craig Kvarnlov
 12:30 p.m. - John Randolph Davies

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. 28** hosted by Altar Servers
 Sunday **Mar. 6** hosted by Knights of Columbus

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, 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 & Helen Solis.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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 LECTORS Bill Smith **431-2495**
 USHERS Marty Vezzetti **425-0621**
 ALTAR SERVERS Stan Lawrence **430-0913**
 DIRECTOR of MUSIC Vivian Doughty **422-5430**
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 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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 BIBLE STUDY Sisterr Eva **594-4657**
 Rita Smith
 BAPTISM PREPARATION Olga Cuda **594-4657**
 BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY Sister Eva **594-4657**
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BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM

Please submit notices, with your name & phone, to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org