



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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 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

Thoughts for Lent

Great need - Common sense
Meanest feeling - Regret of another's success

Together in Mission

Our Goal: \$65,300

Pledged: \$45,748

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.

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



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*



From Deacon Don's desk:

The 4th Sunday of Lent is "Laetare Sunday" taken from the Latin meaning "to rejoice" or "to be joyful." But I want to go back to the 9am Mass of last Sunday: 9 candidates have taken the next step in their journey of faith. The Gospel was taken from the "Samaritan woman at the well." Saint Augustine (450AD) wrote, "We must recognize ourselves in her words and her person and with her give our own thanks to God. She foreshadowed the reality, and the reality came to be. She found faith in Christ who was using her as a symbol to teach us what was to come. We now understand the woman is the Church, you and me. She speaks on one level and Jesus speaks on one level. Jesus teaches us to "come to the water." He asks for a drink, and He promises a drink. He uses veiled language in speaking to the woman (us) and gradually enters into her heart. What could be more gentle and kind than the encouragement He gives? "If you knew the **gift** of God."

Jesus' goal, like that of the season of Lent, is to awaken His listeners to the elusive truth: there's not as much time as we think! If we want to be right with God, today is the day and now is the hour to take the first step. Twice Jesus sets the condition, "If you do not repent." Yes, God never tires of forgiving, **but**, as Pope Francis reminds us, we tire of **asking** forgiveness; we fail to repent, and then the consequences of our free choices fall upon us!

Even that final causation is an expression of Divine love that wants no one lost and nothing, not even a fruitless tree, cast in the fire.

OUR PRAYER: May the **mercy** we have hoped for, O Lord, come to us and make its home in us.

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.

- 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]
- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;
Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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. 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.

Half-Day MEN'S RETREAT - All men are encouraged to attend on Saturday, March 19, 7:30am to 12:00pm at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church in Hawaiian Gardens. Join us for Holy Mass, Rosary, and inspiring talks by Fr. Larry Darnell, OMV & Fr. Ed Broom, OMV. Please RSVP to Shane Gomes at: shanegomes70

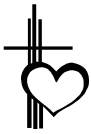
HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE - If you have been considering joining Fr Luis Estrada and Msgr Gary Bauler for the Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome and Italy, **May 25 - June 5**, this is your last chance to sign up. We have only 6 places left. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate the Holy Year in Rome and attend Mass with Pope Francis. Please call Deacon Don and Tina Gath at 481 2301 or Beth at Chaplet Pilgrimages 842 6910 for information.

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

To continue information regarding human trafficking, the next two hard truths are: #6 "We're all connected to human trafficking. The coffee, wine and tea we drink, the food we eat, the cotton we wear and the bricks in our buildings may all be products that are harvested or produced by victims of trafficking. #7 Anyone can be trafficked. Regardless of class, education, gender or age, anyone can be vulnerable when forcefully coerced or lured by false promises. Boys and men make up 45 percent of victims, globally."

In the Sacred Space at the Religious Education Congress the Stations of the Cross were depicted using art work, symbols and real life stories relating to the human trafficking issue. It was quite powerful and was viewed by many. We are grateful to those who were able to volunteer time to be a part of making this such a memorable opportunity for many to be touched and become more knowledgeable about this issue.





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? Teach children touching safety and boundaries - Predators are a very real danger to children today, and parents should take every precaution to teach children about safe and appropriate touching, and what to do if these boundaries are violated. Teaching touching safety is critical for kids, because it focuses on empowering kids to resist predators. If a child learns about touching safety, they will be able to respond to boundary violations in the best way possible and to talk about these situations with a trusted adult. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Teaching Touching Safety" email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Jn 13:35

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. 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



COME TO THE QUIET

Mondays, 2:30-3:00 p.m., in the Church, except for school holidays. "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, 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.

HUNGERING TO LEARN - We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, March 5

5:00 p.m. - † Charles Branch

SUNDAY, March 6

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

MONDAY, March 7

8:00 a.m. - Betty Bick

TUESDAY, March 8

8:00 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart

WEDNESDAY, March 9

8:00 a.m. - † Bernie Hodowski

THURSDAY, March 10

8:00 a.m. - † Craig Kvarnlov

FRIDAY, March 11

8:00 a.m. - † Danny Lim

SATURDAY, March 12

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

SUNDAY, March 13

7:30 a.m. - † Carmela Felicetti

9:00 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart

10:30 a.m. - † Hugo and Cass Jorda

12:30 p.m. - † Dean Maurry

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 **Mar. 6** hosted by **Knights of Columbus**
Sunday **Mar. 13** 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, 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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

| | | |
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| 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

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| PRINCIPAL | Margaret Alvarez |
| ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL | Sonia Yurak |
| ADMISTRATIVE COUNSEL | Katie Boller, Erin Wright & Sonia Yurak |
| OFFICE MANAGER | Julie Gianessi |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

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| 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

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| 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

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| PASTORAL COUNCIL | Anne Weaver | 498-7008 |
| FINANCE COUNCIL | Mike Roide | |
| WEBSITE COORDINATOR | Mike Santy | 799-0660 |
| | msanty@verizon.net | |
| | www.stjosephlb.org | |
| Website address: HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD | John/Deborah Rollinger | 537-3457 |
| LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS | Tim Clark | 431-4385 |
| | 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