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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.

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HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!



Palm Sunday

March 20, 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

Misericordiae Vultus: The Face of Mercy is Pope Francis' official decree announcing this Jubilee Year of Mercy. But Francis had already declared that Jesus "has shown the face of God's mercy" back in 2013 on his first Palm Sunday as pope. Francis described Luke's account of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem: "Crowds, celebrating, praise, blessing, peace: joy fills the air. Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter in the eyes of the world. He understands human sufferings . . . has bent down to heal body and soul." Entering Jerusalem, Jesus looks at all of us with love, Francis continued, at our sicknesses and sins. "A beautiful scene, full of light--the light of the love of Jesus" (Pope Francis, Palm Sunday homily, March 24, 2013). May this Jubilee Year's Holy Week and Triduum make us Jesus' own light-bearers and love-givers to all who long to see the Face of Mercy.

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

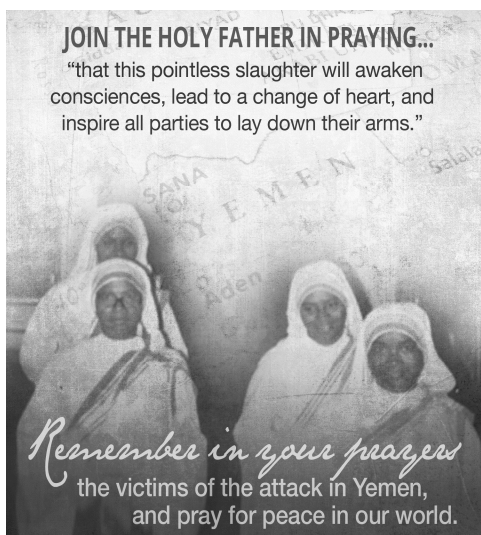


From Deacon Don's desk:


Parts of the following are taken from Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI's message of March 24, 2006: "We aren't given any detail as to how this happened other than that Simon of Cyrene was a passer-by, a victim of circumstance. Being drafted to help carry a cross was humbling and shameful guilt by association. Whatever his feelings, it's certainly a form of bad luck. Simon of Cyrene's name will be remembered hundreds of years from now."

The cross of Jesus appears in many forms: whenever we care for an aging parent because they happen to live nearby; when you are the parent of a handicapped child doing things ordinary parents aren't asked to do; being a person of a gentle nature that makes it hard to say no when people take advantage of you; whenever you are the one who finds herself caught up in duties not of your own choosing when the less-glamorous work needs to be done; when your life is interrupted by unwanted circumstance. **You** are Simon of Cyrene helping Jesus to carry the cross.

The lesson: Henri Nouwen once wrote, "I used to get upset about all the interruptions to my work until one day I realized that the interruptions **were** my real work." Fr. Rolheiser said, "Pure earthly accidents often **do** make us responsible for what is divine and they conscript us to our real work." **OUR PRAYER:** Father God, in every Eucharist let us offer ourselves to You with all our joys and sorrows and in union with Jesus Your Son. Grant that with every Eucharist we participate in we may know, love and live the Mass more fully. Amen



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.



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*

Thoughts for Lent
 Greatest knowledge - God
 The greatest thing in the world - Love

- Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56 [23:1-49]
- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Faith Formation/Religious Education News
Classes in session 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 - 1st - 5th graders Sundays: 10:30

Class on 3/20 - No Class on Easter 3/27

Parent/Adult Session during Lent - Sunday, 10:35-11:30. Chris Dominguez is doing a series on Catholicism by Bishop Robert Barron during Lent. Free! Coffee and snacks! All are welcome! **March 20.**

Sacrament Preparation -

1st Eucharist Parent/Child Retreat, Apr. 24, 2-5

Meet in the church. Childcare \$5, please RSVP.

Middle School - Tuesdays 7-8 pm

On the Edge - 3/22 - Stations of the Cross

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

Parent/Teen session in hall on 3/20

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.

Want to learn more about your faith? Archdiocesan faith formation here at St. Joseph beginning April 7. To Register: http://store.la-archdiocese.org/mfc_stjoseph - or call Nancy Longo for more information.

St. Joseph Book Club: Our next book is *The Name of God is Mercy* by Pope Francis. We are selling the books in March and having our discussion on April 13, at 7 pm.

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 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center - ALL 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 or contact Jason Pillon: coordinator@lbcya.org.

Proposition 47 Sentence Reduction - allows for the reduction of certain non-violent, non-serious crimes from a felony status to a misdemeanor, improving the individual's ability to find employment. The Archdiocesan Office of Life, Justice, and Peace assists to coordinate volunteers to counsel and assist individuals through this process. Help is needed to process applications. For more information, please call the Archdiocese or Tim Clark 431-4385.

God has blessed several parishioners with the opportunity for a **mission trip to Masaka, Uganda** in June. We will be assisting two parishes to establish Youth Ministry programs. We will share the Gospel in schools, and work with young people in the streets and slums. We hope to have enough funding to bring with us much needed supplies such as liturgical and medical supplies, soccer balls and rosaries.

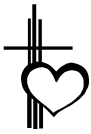
We are reaching out to our St. Joseph community. The cost is \$3,500/person. We intend to pay for some of this expense on our own, and we ask for your financial support as well towards this amazing mission. Gifts are tax-deductible, and checks can be made out to St. Joseph Church. Donations are needed by Good Friday, **March 25**. We also ask for your prayers as we walk through this incredible journey. With love, blessings & many thanks, The St. Joseph Project YM Team: Cindy Rodriguez, Garret Rodriguez, Shelley Padilla, Gabriel Cuda

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



The #10 hard truth about human trafficking is, "You can help end trafficking. Learn the signs to recognize potential victims in your community. Write to your representatives about legislation to protect children in the United States. Be a conscious consumer and choose products that were made without slave child labor." These 10 hard truths which we have listed the past few weeks were published by the L.A. Times on January 30, 2016 and were written by Emily Pasnak-Lapchick, U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

We will be giving more information on specific things to look for in recognizing trafficked victims. If you have noticed on the news and in the newspaper, there has been a lot of activity in rescuing trafficked victims and arresting those committing this crime. Human trafficking is happening in our local areas.



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

Mar. 21 - Meeting and Social gathering with games and fun 11:30-2:30 Come to meet old friends and make new.
New Members Welcome!

Apr. 4 - Meeting and Social gathering with games and fun 11:30-2:30 Come to meet old friends and make new friends, and bring a friend with you.

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

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.

Mama Mia - at the Segerstrom Hall on **Nov 25**, (the day after Thanksgiving) with lunch at Marie Callender's where you will have three entrees to choose from and of course pie for dessert. Relax and enjoy (no cooking) the great songs including "Dancing Queen", "The Winner Takes All" and more. \$95 due Oct 17.

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. "Come to me and I will give you rest." Take time for yourself and rest in the Lord. Come to the Quiet to pray, be still, let Him love you! *Everyone Welcome!!!*

HUNGERING TO BUILD COMMUNITY - We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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 to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA717.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, ... naked and you clothed me." Mt 25:35-36



Thank you! For your generous support of

73 community supported and 23 family adoptions this year for Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter!
Mar 23-24 - Feed-A-Baby - Collecting non perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities of Long Beach.
Sandwich Ministry - Help to prepare sandwiches for Catholic Charities and St. Francis Center each Wednesday morning. Buyers needed.

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.

RANCHO SAN ANTONIO raffle - St. Joseph Knights of Columbus, in support of the boys at "Boys Home of the West." **FIRST PRIZE \$5,000.** Donation \$2. (Winner need not be present). Drawing **May 1**, chances of winning are good. Information for membership in the Knights available. All Catholic men over 18 are invited & encouraged to join.

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 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. 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

Did You Know? Not all predators fit a mold - Many people mistakenly believe that predators fit into a mold, and that by teaching children to avoid those kinds of people, they will be safe. Another common belief is that an abuser or predator would most likely be a stranger, or a mean and scary person. Not all situations follow this pattern. Parents should focus on teaching their children how to handle uncomfortable situations, by getting away immediately and going to a trusted adult. Parents should also keep watch for signs of abuse or distress in their children. For more information on protection from abuser stereotypes and a copy of the VIRTUS® article "A Step to Healing" email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, March 19

5:00 p.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

SUNDAY, March 20

7:30 a.m. - Tonet Risko

9:00 a.m. - Bill Mais

10:30 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart

12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

MONDAY, March 21

8:00 a.m. - † Isidro Ramirez

TUESDAY, March 22

8:00 a.m. - † Cecilia "Fritz" Carlson

WEDNESDAY, March 23

8:00 a.m. - † Duane Studer

THURSDAY, March 24

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

FRIDAY, March 25

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

1:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 26

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, March 27

7:30 a.m. - † John Risko

9:00 a.m. - Mike and Colette DiHarce

10:30 a.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

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. 20** hosted by **Meditation/Lectors**

Sunday **Mar. 27** hosted by **Parish Fair**

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

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, 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 & Josh Goulant.

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 Rita Smith	594-4657
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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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
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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Muñoz & Julie Gray	598-0519
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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