



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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email: religioused@stjosephlb.org

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.

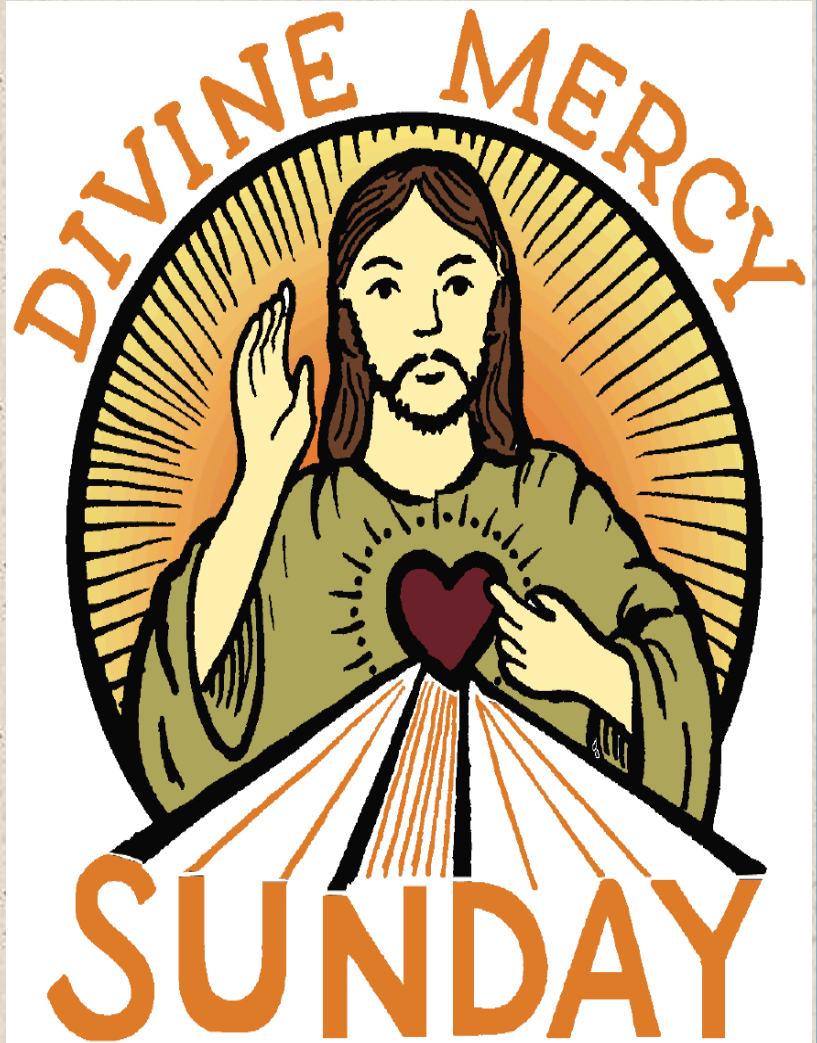
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 3, 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

Last year on this Sunday, Pope Francis declared this year a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter "Sunday of Divine Mercy" in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska's Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Francis challenges us to make that comfort we receive a gift we gladly share: "We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us." The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. "At times how hard it seems to forgive!" he acknowledges. "And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart" (Misericordiae Vultus, 9). The necessary condition for living joyfully? "To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge." May Divine Mercy Sunday in this Jubilee Year of Mercy remind us that Jesus made mercy our life's ideal and a criterion for our faith's credibility: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

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



From Deacon Don's desk:

Divine Mercy Sunday. Here it is: we are in the Easter Season. We know in our hearts that Jesus rose from the dead. This Gospel tells us why the resurrection makes all the difference in the world. Jesus appears to the fearful disciples locked away behind closed doors. "Peace be with you," He says. His presence calms their fears. Again He says, "Peace be with you," then adds, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Now here is the "catch" what Webster calls the snare (to take by surprise). "Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, whose sins you retain are retained." What an awesome task for those hiding for fear of the Jews. He institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This day, **Divine Mercy Sunday**, is steeped in Jesus demonstrating over and over again the parables of the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the Lost Sheep, the Good Shepherd. Our Lord's message of Mercy goes on: "Father forgive them they know not what they do." The promise to the thief on His right: "This day you will be with me in Paradise."

A priest once said, "One of Christ's beatitudes is "Blest are they who show MERCY; Mercy shall be theirs." He adds, "Blest are they who accept God's mercy and who SHOW God's mercy, blest are they who pray for mercy for those who so far refuse God's mercy and certainly do not show it." OUR PRAYER: Father You 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

Together in Mission

Our Goal: \$65,300

Pledged: \$60,723

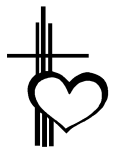
We are getting there. Thank you to all who have made a pledge. There are envelopes in the church as well as in the rectory for those of you who would like to donate.

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



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!!!*



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.

- Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]



Cursillo

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*

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
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
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.

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.

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 **Apr. 3** hosted by **Lectors**
 Sunday **Apr. 10** hosted by **Cub Scouts**

Did You Know? Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families - As we start April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles wants to reiterate that it remains committed to helping survivors and their families heal and find peace. If you believe you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse by a Church employee or volunteer, please contact the Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 for help and support.

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.

Calling all Married Couples - If you are married and enjoy being Catholic, how would you and your spouse like to help engaged couples preparing for marriage? No experience necessary and free training is provided based on your busy lifestyle. Call Paciano & Molly Diaz, 310-729-5890 for additional information. You can also visit our website at www.CEEofLA.org or email us at MollyandPaciano@gmail.com

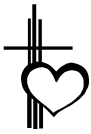
Learn Natural Family Planning - Discover a safe, healthy and effective way to plan your family. Encouraged by the Church, Natural Family Planning is based on modern scientific research and can help married couples to avoid, postpone or achieve pregnancy. It can be used by all women throughout their fertile years, regardless of cycle regularity. Among couples who use NFP, many find that it brings a new dimension to their relationship, making an already good marriage even better. A course will be offered at Our Lady of Grace starting April 7. For more information call (818) 994-2110 or to register for a class go to www.ccli.org

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



As stated in previous information and from various news reports, human trafficking is happening in our city. There are a few tips and clues that may help identify a victim. Although it is not suggested that we go looking for people that may be trafficked, there may be times that a certain situation seems strange.

Here are a few clues to help you identify a possible victim:
 1. The person may be accompanied by a controlling person or boss and not speaking for his/her self. 2. May not have control over their personal schedule, money, ID, or travel documents. 3. Transported to or from work and/or lives and works in the same place.



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

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.

New Members Welcome!

NOTICE: THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON APRIL 18.

Next meeting will be May 2, 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

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.

Holy Innocents Parish School is having its 3rd Annual Silent/Live Auction & Fundraising Gala event "A Night Under the Stars" Friday, **April 22**, 6 p.m. at the GRAND Long Beach Event Center Reserve your spot now to take advantage of our pre-sale tickets before April 1, \$60/pp, \$100/for two or \$500/per table of 10. All tickets sold at the door will be \$75 per person. Please contact Mrs. Tamayo school secretary @ (562) 424-1018 for more details.

THANK YOU - Our community changed lives this Lent, and **CRS Rice Bowl** wants to say **THANK YOU!!** Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl. You may put them in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Life Center.

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!

April 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 support our ministry including sandwiches for St. Francis Center and Catholic Charities of Long Beach. For many opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters in need, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.



Precious Life Shelter Annual Gala "BUILD IN HOPE"

Dinner & Auction, **April 23**, 6-11pm, Waterfront Hilton, 21100 Pacific Coast Hwy, Huntington Beach, Business Dressy Attire. Call Shelter 431-5025 to RSVP by April 8, or visit website for more details: www.preciouslifeshelter.org click on Events and Register Event.

Your support helps support women and children for the development of newly acquired property for permanent supportive housing to assist PLS graduate mothers and children so they can continue to work, parent and live in our local safe community.

Parish Fair April 15,16,17

*This weekend AND next weekend after all Sunday Masses purchase DISCOUNTED food & ride tickets. Purchase before the Fair starts and you SAVE money while the Parish gets a higher % from ride company for tickets sold before the Fair starts.

*Be sure to turn in your opportunity tickets and check for \$50, if you choose, made out to St. Joseph Parish Fair.

*Rummage Sale in the Parish Hall April 16 & 17 during the Fair. We're still looking for items to sell so clean out the garage, bring them to the SJ parking lot Sat, April 9 between 8-10 am. If after April 9 arrange thru: sjparishfair@gmail.com.

*Craft Vendor Boutique is April 16 & 17 during the Fair. If you or someone you know wishes to sell their wares/home made items during the Fair, contact Sheila Vail at: sheilavail@verizon.net

*Sponsorship is available with professionally made signs and advertisement. Company, family or individual sponsors available. See bulletin insert.

*We are asking each parish family with no school children to volunteer for ONE 3 hour shift. Can you do ONE 3 hour shift? Please sign up:

Friday, April 15 www.volunteersignup.org/Q49LX

Saturday, April 16 www.volunteersignup.org/JRAJ3

Sunday, April 17 www.volunteersignup.org/CTY93

Questions on the Fair? Email: sjparishfair@gmail.com

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, April 2

5:00 p.m. - † Susan Schmitt

SUNDAY, April 3

7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano

9:00 a.m. - † Valeria Barbara Johnson

10:30 a.m. - † Louis Ryan

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

MONDAY, April 4

8:00 a.m. - † Carmela Felicetti

TUESDAY, April 5

8:00 a.m. - † Robert Neisiwander

WEDNESDAY, April 6

8:00 a.m. - † Duane Studer

THURSDAY, April 7

8:00 a.m. - † Norman Haddad

FRIDAY, April 8

8:00 a.m. - † Danny Lim

SATURDAY, April 9

5:00 p.m. - † Charles Branch

SUNDAY, April 10

7:30 a.m. - † Al Soldin

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison Bennett

12:30 p.m. - † Thomas Rocke

Please continue to pray for the men and women in our Armed Services that they may feel God's love, peace and joy at all times.

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

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, 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, Anthony Frigo & Jovie Diaz.

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		

ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Sister Eva	594-4657
BIBLE STUDY	Sister 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

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Anne Weaver	498-7008
FINANCE COUNCIL	Mike Roide	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net	799-0660
Website address:	www.stjosephlb.org	
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 ktmr@sbcglobal.net	310-729-5890
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Tony Burgos	276-3108
PARISH FAIR	sparishfair@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