



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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RECTORY

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Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 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.

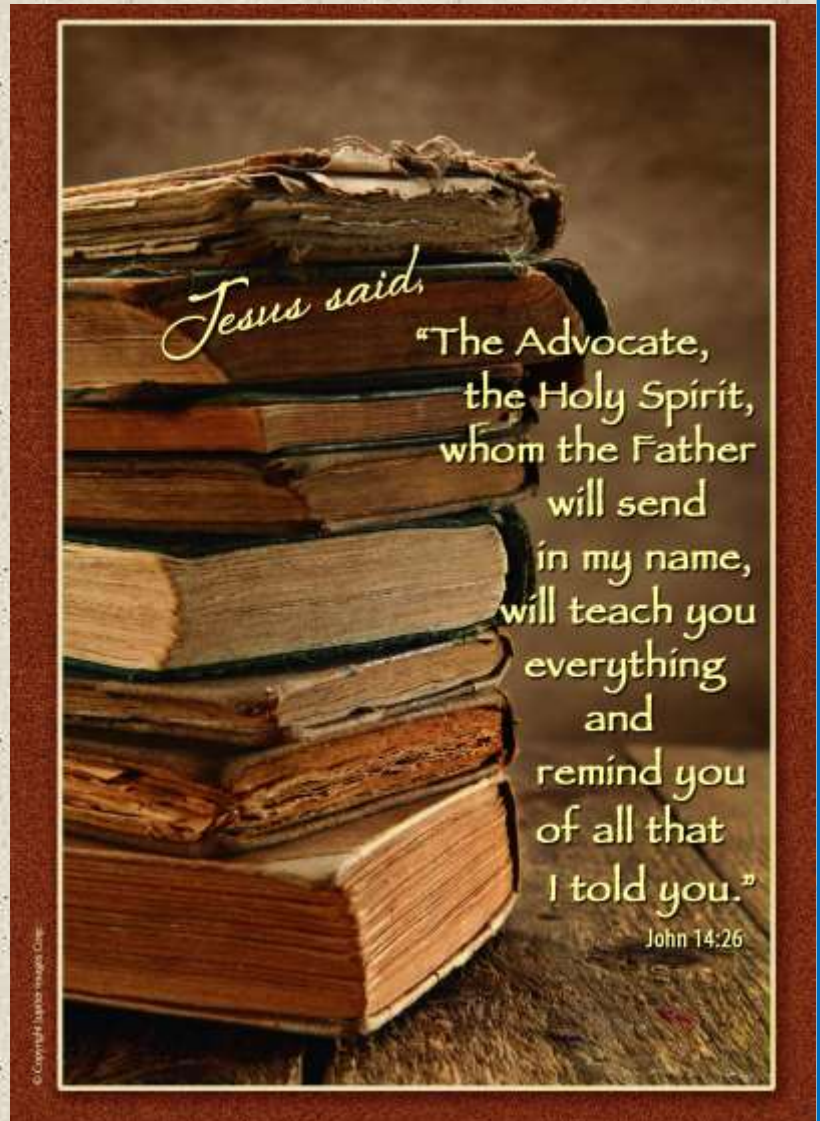
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 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

In formal documents, presentations, and homilies outlining the purpose of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis explains that compassion and understanding for those in difficult situations is not only our individual responsibility, but something the whole Church officially needs to manifest. Today's Acts of the Apostles reading presents a moving example of the early church doing precisely that. Prayerful openness to the Holy Spirit assures the assembly that they have not acted alone in discerning the correct resolution: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us." And they have chosen the compassionate response: "not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities" (Acts 15:28). Yet how daringly creative - the Jewish majority sets aside lifelong rituals that establish spiritual identity and express covenant fidelity. How radically trustful - the church affirms universally valid principles while respecting uniquely local and personal situations. Exactly the grace Pope Francis prays this Jubilee Year will renew in today's Church!



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

"CHANGING THE WORLD, CHANGING YOURSELF CONTEMPLATION TODAY"

An evening with Fr. Laurence Freeman, OSB
 St. Joseph Church -- Parish Hall
Tuesday May 24 -- 7:00 p.m.
 Everyone welcome--please join us!

Bereavement Prayer Support Group - For those who are suffering the loss of a loved one, come be prayerfully supported every other Monday, **May 2, 16 and 30, June 13 and 27** in the PLC from 7-8:30 pm. Call Sr. Eva, 594-4657, if you know anyone who could benefit from being part of this group.

Together in Mission

Goal: \$65,300
 Amount Pledged: \$65,137



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 July 14 (Men), and July 28 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or OCCursillo.org*



From Deacon Don's desk:

While browsing through "Private Prayers of St John Paul II" (Words of Inspiration) I thought this part was worthy of sharing: "Being with Jesus." He begins: "How is it possible for a consecrated person, fully taken up with apostolic activity, to grow in his inner life without equal periods of prayer and worship? Silence is vital when devoted to the Lord. To remain fervent and zealous in one's ministry, one must be able to receive divine inspiration from within. That's only possible by being with the divine Teacher. Being with Jesus should be your greatest desire. Speak to Him in an intimate way, listen to Him, following Him docilely."

"He is an empty preacher of the **Word** who does not first listen to it with himself." St. Augustine.

"Forever be united with Christ. The Church never tires of recommending to the faithful so that they may be disposed to supernatural grace--frequent practice of the Sacrament of Repentance, devout participation in the Holy Mass, celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, the Lectio Divina. Eucharistic worship, the Spiritual Exercises, reciting the Rosary--should be sought and cherished by you, dear brothers and sisters, with more reason for you to be more closely united with the mission of the Redeemer. Before being organizers of your community be models of prayer. By constant recourse to prayer you will be able to draw on the inner strength needed to overcome difficulties, conquer temptation and grow in charity and fidelity to your vocation."

Written in Sorrento, March 19, 1992

OUR PRAYER: Lord Jesus help us to take refuge in Your Holy Mother if we are unfortunate as to lose Your grace. Help us to flee to our city of refuge for she will lead us to You. Amen

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Theresa Stewart

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 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 - 16:4a
Tuesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

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 5/15

Parent/Adult Sessions Sundays 10:30-11:30. Chris

Dominguez is doing a series on Catholicism by Bishop Robert Barron 5/15. Free! Enjoy coffee and snacks! All are welcome.

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

Class on May 1

High School Youth Ministry –

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

Want to learn more about your faith? Archdiocesan faith formation here at St. Joseph **beginning May 5.** To Register: http://store.la-archdiocese.org/mfc_stjoseph - or call Nancy Longo for more information.

Vacation Bible Camp - July 11-15, 4years through 8th grade! Deep Sea Discovery! Kids dive into God's Word to see how He has been with His people every step of the way. If you want to volunteer, contact Nancy, 562-598-0519.

**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!!!*

Mother's Day Brunch - Sunday, **May 8,** 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center. Come together for a delicious brunch with that special woman in your life - Mom! Give your Mom what she wants the most, time with her family and a delicious meal she didn't have to cook! Cost per person, adults \$29, children 4-12 \$15, children under 4 free. **Reservations required by Tuesday, May 3.** Call Marlene 310.377.4867 x234 for reservations.

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.

Bible Study - St. John's Gospel is the topic. Sr. Eva will be facilitating Tuesday mornings, 9-10:30, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, and 14. The class is offered also Thursday evening 7-8:30 p.m. May 5, 12, 19, 26, and June 9. Please bring your Bible with you.

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



One of the goals of the Esther Ministry is to provide education relating to human trafficking. Human trafficking is the second largest criminal enterprise in the world, after drug smuggling and arms dealing. Unfortunately, many of the victims are children. The average age of a young woman being trafficked is 12 to 14 years.

As parents, there are things that we can do to keep our children safe. Here are a couple of tips to protect your children from predators: 1) Be proactive and help teach your children coping skills relating to bullying, peer pressure or other types of social issues so they are not vulnerable to being lured by a predator. 2) Be aware of what your children are seeing and hearing in the media. Help them to distinguish between entertainment, advertising, and reality. If you would like to hear more about the issues surrounding this criminal activity and ways we can bring this information to our community, please feel free to join us at our next meeting on **May 22 at 11:30** in the Parish Life Center. For further information, you may email Marianna Wescott at wescottfam@yahoo.com.

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.



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St. Joseph Social Club

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

Next meeting will be May 2, 11:30-2:30.

Come for a fun time with friends. Bring a friend along to meet our Senior Group.

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, Poker, Mexican Train, Sequence, Bridge and much more.
For information call: Marilyn North 562-429-8891.

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.

Murder Mystery ABOARD the Fillmore + Western Railway - **Sept. 13** Bus ride to Fillmore where you will enjoy lunch aboard the train, solve a murder mystery, or just sit back and enjoy the ride and entertainment. After the mystery is solved we will stop at the Loose Caboose Garden Center for shopping treasures, produce, local honey + more. Depart at 9AM Return 6PM, \$98. Date to be determined.
Please contact Mary Lou 431-4385 or Gerry 420-3220.

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 **May 1** hosted by **Pastoral Council**
Sunday **May 8** hosted by **Bereavement Ministry**

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

Did You Know? Stress can affect your child - Everyone has stress, whether it's a bad day at work, car trouble, or simply too many things to do. It is important to learn how to manage your stress - for your own sake and for the children around you. Too much stress can make it hard to parent effectively. After a while, your children may show signs of being stressed out, too. For a fact sheet on managing stress please email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.

"When we live out a spirituality of drawing nearer to others and seeking their welfare, our hearts are opened wide to the Lord's greatest and most beautiful gifts." Pope Francis



Feed-A-Baby - Thank you for supporting last weekend's drive! We donated 10 thirteen gallon bags of baby food and products and collected over \$865. Cash donations were used to buy additional provisions for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings.

May 28-29 - Homeless Kit Drive: provide daily necessities to a homeless person. Shopping lists will be available in the church May 28.

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.

The St. Joseph **Parish Blood Drive**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place on Sunday, **May 1** from 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM in the Bloodmobile outside the Parish Hall. You can sign up online at redcrossblood.org. Sponsor Code: JosephLB. For more information contact Tony Diaz at bstdad2@msn.com.

Save the Date – June 20, for the **33rd Annual St. Anthony High School Monsignor Gualderon Golf Classic**. The tournament will once again take place at El Dorado Park Golf Course in Long Beach and all proceeds will benefit SAHS Athletics. Online registration is available at www.LongBeachSaints.org and space is limited. For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities or donations, please contact Renee Salvador at www.Renee.Salvador@LongBeachSaints.org or (562)435-4496 ext.1241. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the course!

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

Come and See and Hear what we are about as Catholics. All welcome, **May 9**, 7-8 p.m. in the Parish Life Center, St. Joseph room.

Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, April 30**
 5:00 p.m. - † Susan Schmitt
- SUNDAY, May 1**
 7:30 a.m. - † Jean Libby
 9:00 a.m. - Msgr. Douglas Saunders
 10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 12:30 p.m. - John & Donna Halligan, Anniversary
- MONDAY, May 2**
 8:00 a.m. - † Walter Plegel
- TUESDAY, May 3**
 8:00 a.m. - † Benita Young
- WEDNESDAY, May 4**
 8:00 a.m. - † Evelyn Priddy
- THURSDAY, May 5**
 8:00 a.m. - † Katie Brown Desmond
- FRIDAY, May 6**
 8:00 a.m. - † Danny Lim
- SATURDAY, May 7**
 5:00 p.m. - † Donna Halligan
- SUNDAY, May 8**
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. - † Marie Haddad
 10:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena
 12:30 p.m. - Karina Salas

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

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.

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, 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, Zita Roehrig, Bella Dassanayake, Mike & Colette DiHarce, Ellie Jacob, Helen Solis, Josh Goulant, Jovie Diaz & David Dresnick.

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	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	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
	ktrm@sbcglobal.net	
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Tony Burgos	276-3108
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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