



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Office Hours

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

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Closed Saturday and Sunday

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email: religoused@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 2 p.m.

MARRIAGE: An appointment with a priest or
deacon a minimum of six months in advance is
required.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: In the event of a
serious illness, please call the parish office.



First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 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.

Be Prepared

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

Sunday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Monday:	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Marilyn Perrigoue



Women and Men of St. Joseph Parish

Is your heart on fire for Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, or like a candle in the wind, flickering, 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 will be Jan. 19-22 (Men), and Feb. 2-5 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com or OCCursillo.org*

Did You Know? Make sure holiday shopping is

done safely - No matter how you handle Christmas gifts, you're likely to have to go to the mall with your kids during the holiday season. In the midst of the crowds, children can easily become separated from their parents. Be alert in crowds and maintain awareness of what others around you are doing. Institute the buddy system – have your kids hold your hand or one another's. Talk with your children about what to do, and who to go to for help, should you become separated. Also, it is important to give your child your cell phone number so mall security can contact you quickly if needed. For more information, please visit <http://safety.more4kids.info/186/shopping-with-kids/>.

First Sunday of Advent

Here we are, beginning a new church year, and looking ahead to Christmas. We have been through a long period of Ordinary Time, with several secular holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving. We celebrated all of these, and now it is time to prepare for the great feast of Christmas.

As Christians, we are not preparing only to celebrate the secular Christmas that has crept into our year for the last hundred years or more. We are celebrating the coming of Christ, both into our world at the Nativity and again at the end of time. It is time to awaken from our sleepy ordinary time and await the coming of Christ.

No Time for Insomnia - We can get very busy and preoccupied with preparations for Christmas, both secular and sacred. Often, at the bombardment of advertising and "holiday specials" of every kind, from store and Internet sales to Christmas specials on TV and "holiday" parties, we push the peaceful and reflective preparations of Advent to a back burner. Then we get exhausted and sometimes resentful of all that has somehow piled on top of our usual busy lives.

We need to slow down, and perhaps we can eliminate some of the more extraneous parts of this celebration. Do we really need to put lights on our houses, which is time-consuming, and will require taking down again, sometimes too long after the Christmas season has passed? Do we really need all the decorations we put around the house, or would a lovely Christmas tree, a crèche, and some poinsettias do? Do we need hundreds of cookies, or would a few dozen do? Does everyone really need multiple presents, or would one per person do?

Think about how much better this time would be if we could slow down, read, and ponder a scripture reading each day, and not be in such a tizzy that we cannot get a good night's rest. Today's urging to "stay awake" does not mean to toss and turn all night pondering the "to do" list and wondering if and how we will get it all done.

The Light of the Lord - What a relief it would be if we had time to ponder the miracle of God-with-us. In our troubled world, we very much need to pray for peace. "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again" (Isaiah 2:4). If only we could make it so by wishing, but Jesus has said that if we ask for anything in his name, it will be granted. Perhaps we can find time for even a small prayer for our war-torn, weary world.

"O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!" (Isaiah 2:5).



Faith Formation Office - Hours are Monday - Thursday 9am - 1pm, and Sunday 9am - noon. Email religiosed@stjosephlb.org or 598-0519.

Little Saints Toddler Ministry – Little Saints is available at the 9am and 10:30 am Masses in the daycare room for those under the age of 5 when those who are Virtus trained are available to be there. We are reaching out for more helpers for our Little Saints to fill in on the days they are not available. This is a great opportunity for any high school youth who need service hours. This can be on a rotating basis. Call the RE office if interested.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is available to all children from 4 - 11 years old at the 9am Mass. Follow our Catechist out with the rest of our children to hear the Word of God on your level. Please feel free to join your child if you would like. Additional catechists are needed. If you feel called to share the Word with our children during the 9am Mass, please call our office. All material are provided.

No Class on Nov. 27 for Elementary due to Thanksgiving.

High School Youth Ministry - Revelation for all teens on Wednesdays at 7:30. For more information, contact Marc Leon, 598-0519, or marc@stjosephlb.org.

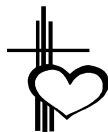
Virtus Classes for those volunteering at our parish: Go to the following website to find a class in our area: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0 At the “**Select Your Organization**” box, click on the down arrow and choose **Los Angeles - San Pedro Region**, then click on **Select**. For those who have never attended a class, look for the *Protecting God’s Children* class. If you need to renew, you want the *Keeping the Promise Alive* class.

Bible Study - will be starting up again after the holidays.

Bereavement Group will meet every first and third Monday evening, 7 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

Meditation and Advent

2000 years ago the stillness and silence of Christmas Eve was broken by the cry of a newborn infant named Jesus. The world was transformed with His coming. Won't you join us this Advent season as we listen for that still, small voice to be born anew in our hearts. The stillness and silence of our time together will renew your spirit and prepare your heart to receive the real gift of Christmas which is the mystery of Christ's living presence within. Meditation meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library. ALL ARE WELCOME! No previous experience in Meditation is necessary.



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.

Women's Prayer, Study and Fellowship Group - We meet once a month. Next meeting will be at 7:00 at Parish Life Center on **December 5**. We will be studying Fr. Michael Gaitley's book, *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*. For more information call Chris Serrano at 562-243-6959, cserrano5@msn.com or just come and join us!

Music Ministry

Children's Choir - Christmas rehearsals have begun. Children will sing Christmas Eve at the 4:00 pm Mass.

Adult Choir - Interested in joining for Christmas? We will be singing at St. Joseph Hospital mid-December. Christmas Eve our concert will be at 8 pm followed by the 9 pm Mass.

A Ministry for Married Couples - Looking for a way to share the many blessings of married life? **Catholic Engaged Encounter** needs couples to help minister to engaged couples. **No experience necessary** and free training is provided. If you would like to share what you've learned as a married couple and meet a terrific community of married couples, please consider this ministry. For more information, call Paciano and Molly Diaz, 310-729-5890 or visit our website at www.CEEofLA.org Email: mollyandpaciano@gmail.com

New Women's Vocation Discernment Group – Are you open to the possibility that God is calling you to religious life? Want to hang out with a group of faithful women searching for answers? If you answered YES to, consider attending our Vocation Discernment Group for women ages 18+ **First Friday of the every month** – Long Beach – 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Please contact Sr. Val Roxburgh, SND at Email: sistervalsnd@gmail.com, Cell: 805-452-9699.

Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose, Matthew Kelly at the Bren Center at UCI, **Dec. 3**. Are you thriving or just surviving? Are you ready for more energy? A deeper sense of purpose? More joy? A clearer understanding of God's plan for your life? Matthew Kelly has dedicated his life to helping people and organizations become the best-version-of-themselves. Come to this life changing event and be inspired to apply the genius of Catholicism to your everyday life! Call 859.980.7900 to reserve your tickets!



St. Joseph Senior Social Group

Join now for a fun 2017
\$10 a year Membership

Next meeting will be on November 28, 11:30-2:30. Theresa Murphy from Precious Life will be our guest speaker. Please remember to bring your gifts of new baby clothing and robes and gowns for the new mothers. Let's be generous to this wonderful place this year.

We will be taking reservations for our Christmas dinner which will be on December 12. Cost is \$15 for paid members and \$20 for guests. This meeting will be the last time you can make reservations, so if you can't be there contact Janet Gallagher at 430-3045 to make your reservation.

Just a reminder, our meetings are now on the 2nd & 4th Mondays.

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

Fallbrook Avocado Festival - April 23, \$38. Once a year the little town of Fallbrook comes alive with their annual festival. With over a 100 vendors you will have plenty of time for browsing & sampling every type of product you can imagine. Big attraction is the "Holy Guaco-Moly Guacamole Contest. A great inexpensive getaway, lunch on your own.

Pageant of the Lord - South Bay's only Living Arts Pageant, April 2, \$65. If you have ever been to Laguna's Pageant of the Masters you will love this trip. A celebration of the promise and life of Jesus Christ portrayed in living reproductions of great works of art! Music by a 60 voice choir accompanied by a full orchestra. Lunch at Hometown Buffet.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development -

thank you for your generous gifts which will help break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor ... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

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. **November 27** break for giving thanks!

December 4 hosted by **Movement for a Better World**

eGiving with Faith Direct - make contributions through direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. 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.

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

Dec. 3-4 Christmas Present Drive:

Trees will be in the church with envelopes to purchase a gift for a child of one of our supported families.

Presents must be returned to the parish office or to church by 12:30 Dec. 11.

Dec 16 6:00 PM- Food Box Loading: We will load the school food drive and Skip-a-Meal-purchased food into the boxes for our 69 supported families for Christmas.

Dec 17 8:30 AM- Christmas Food and Present Distribution: We will support 69 families through three holidays. Can you help us deliver? Please call Amy McKenna 427-5917.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holidays. There are *many* opportunities to help, big and small. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.



Volunteer to Tutor a Homeless Child - Just one hour a week can make a difference in the life of a child. School on Wheels is a volunteer organization with the mission of providing educational support for school aged children who live in shelters, motels, in foster group homes and on the street. Would you help a student succeed in school? Or is there another way you could be of help? It is an opportunity for you to encourage a child to learn and for your own life to be enriched. No experience necessary! We provide training! Apply online today - www.schoolonwheels.org

App for LIFE - Will you pray to save lives? Download App for LIFE from App store, appforlife.org, or Google Play. Search "Options United App for LIFE." Register your info. Affiliate with your parish, pregnancy center, school or pro-life org. Alerts will be sent daily for women who need help and resources. Commit yourself to prayer for each alert - you could save a life every time! Promote Life in your family by praying daily for women making pregnancy decisions and by inviting others to use the App for LIFE.

ESTHER MINISTRY -

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

Esther Ministry would like to once again thank all those who helped and supported our "Become a Shepherd" event on

November 4. We would also like to thank those who provided resource tables with valuable information on human trafficking including an opportunity to make survivor bags to be delivered to agencies for the survivors: Cindy Rodriguez, Susan Patterson, Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force, Gems Uncovered, Long Beach City College Foster Program, Catholic Relief Services, and CAST (Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking).

If you would like to contribute to our cause, you may send a check to St. Joseph Church with a memo to Esther Ministry. All contributions are used to help in the education and awareness of this crime, as well as provide help to the survivors through Homeland Security, the police department, and various shelters who assist in housing and rehabilitation.



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, November 26

5:00 p.m. - † Romeo Tupas

SUNDAY, November 27

7:30 a.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

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

10:30 a.m. - Cole family

12:30 p.m. - † Anthony Ursano

MONDAY, November 28

8:00 a.m. - † Danny Lim

TUESDAY, November 29

8:00 a.m. - Edward Broom

WEDNESDAY, November 30

8:00 a.m. - Edward Broom

THURSDAY, December 1

8:00 a.m. - Edward Broom

FRIDAY, December 2

8:00 a.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

SATURDAY, December 3

5:00 p.m. - Salvate and Botelho families

SUNDAY, December 4

7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano

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

10:30 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart

12:30 p.m. - † Patrick Corry

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. A group to discern a vocation to the priesthood meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30, St. Gertrude Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Kim Agee, Mary Jane McCormick, Gary Hillebrecht, Eileen Bentley, Delia Nix, Mike Brio, Noel Devine, Janeen Higbee, Jay Kefalas, Stacey Marcus, Shirley Morasse, Magali & Wendy Sapien, 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, Marie Mitchell, Dennis Cuda, Barbara Baine, Mark Ham, Odete Salvate, Joan Aimerito, June Kukahiko, Scott Reinard, Valerie Karner, Graciella Griffin, Cynthia Hogan, Bella Dassanayake, Mike & Colette DiHarce, Ellie Jacob, Josh Goulant, Jovie Diaz, David Dresnick, Christine Cooper, Pam Williams, Thelma Gouchenour, baby Gabriel Mafi, Josephine Ryan, Kim Rotondo, Gene Cooper, John Hogan, Nancy Mulry, Roland Fraga, Debbie Leveque, Jack Lopez, Nancy Jeffreys, Jesse Perez, Brice Gomes, Pat Murach & Frank Stassi.

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	594-4657
ALTAR CARE	Parish Office	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	Natalie Alvarez, Erin Wright & Sonia Yurak
OFFICE MANAGER	Julie Gianessi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

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ELEMENTARY,		
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	598-0519
YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Gina Mascaro	598-0519
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	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	Olga Cuda	594-4657

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Website address:		
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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 ktrm@sbcglobal.net	310-729-5890
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