



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Office Hours

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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.

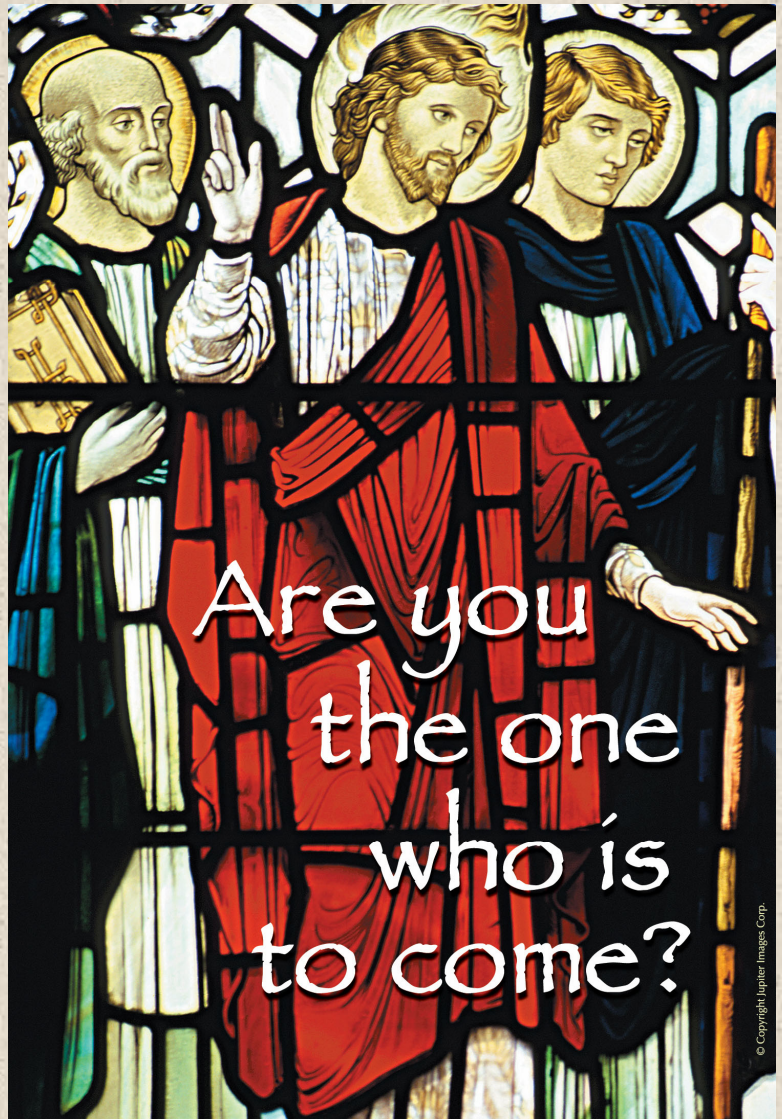
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION
after 8 a.m. Mass every Tuesday

BAPTISM: Fourth Sunday of the month 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.



Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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.



From Msgr. Kevin's desk:

Dear Parish Family of St. Joseph Parish:
Peace and greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ! As my sabbatical winds down, it is with joy that I look forward to commencing my ministry among all of you as your Pastor.

All of us are very grateful to Monsignor Gary Bauler for his pastoral love and ministry during these past few months. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families, and I look forward to meeting you during the New Year's weekend Masses! Have a Blessed Advent Season!
Peace, Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik

Monsignor Kevin Kostelnik

Monsignor Kevin Kostelnik was born in Lorain, Ohio on June 20, 1955 and is the eldest child of Beverly and Joseph Kostelnik. Monsignor has one sister, Kathy and two brothers, Keith and Ken. Msgr. Kevin attended St. John's Seminary College and St. John's Seminary in Camarillo and was ordained to the Priesthood in 1982. In 1992, he received his Master's Degree in Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame. Monsignor Kostelnik's first assignment was Associate Pastor at Saint John Fisher Church in Palos Verdes, California from 1982 to 1987. For two years he served as Associate Pastor of Saint Andrew Church in Pasadena. In 1989, Cardinal Roger Mahony appointed Monsignor Kostelnik as his Priest Secretary. In 1996, Monsignor Kostelnik was appointed first Pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Msgr. Kevin enjoys working out at the Downtown Athletic Club, cooking Italian Pasta with friends in a Gourmet Group, barbecuing on the grill for the clergy in the Residence, and enjoying a glass, or two, of Chardonnay wine. For the past twelve years the Cathedral family got to know Msgr. Kevin's black Labrador, Joaquin, who went home to pet heaven last winter. One weekend every fall, you'll find Msgr. Kevin in the stands at the Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, cheering on his favorite team, The Fighting Irish. On July 1, 2016 Monsignor Kostelnik will conclude his term as First Pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Whether talking about the Cathedral, the renaissance of the downtown community or the goodness of people's lives, Msgr Kevin always tries to find something beautiful and transform it into something more beautiful!!

Written in 2015 when Msgr Kevin received the Seminary Alumni Award.

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:

Nancy Jeffreys
Roland Fraga



Advent Reconciliation Liturgies

- Dec. 19 7:00 p.m. St. Bartholomew**
- Dec. 20 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph**
- Dec. 21 7:00 p.m. St. Cornelius**



From Deacon Don's desk:

Boy Scout Motto: Be Prepared! It's Advent season. The Lord summons us to stand ready for His coming. We buy gifts, decorate our homes, we prepare foods that we only eat during the holidays. Christmas cards are mailed, maybe a holiday concert, and welcome family from out of town who visit us. We need to slow down and think about His coming as we prepare to celebrate the presence of the Lord. He sometimes comes in wonderful and surprising ways. Let us not disappoint Him.

In our SCC "Scripture Focus" we reflect on prophets such as Isaiah who brought a message of hope that things could be different. John the Baptist too proclaims the coming of a new age. But now John is in prison and his followers wonder of Jesus is the promised one. They may have been expecting a "fire and brimstone" preacher who would lead the people out of their oppression. Instead, Jesus gives them a different image, an image of healing, forgiveness and tender concern for **all** people. Can you remember an experience when it was easy for you to recognize God in a person, situation or event?

As Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen has said, "If we learn to see that, next to His Presence in the **Blessed Sacrament**, our neighbor is the most **Christ-like** object we will ever know. And if we learn to admit the dirt in the 'stable' of our lives we will have found the first sign of His Presence in us. Then we will understand that if He relieved us of every disappointment, if He gave us only nice new things, we might forget **Him** and that would rob us of the joy of wishing one another a **Merry Christmas.**"
OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, You filled Mary with grace and made her a Co-Redeemer with Your Son Jesus. Grant that we may have constant recourse to her and attain the salvation she helped bring to our world. Amen

Together in Mission 2016

Goal:	\$65,300
Pledged:	\$66,907
Paid:	\$64,511

Our goal has been reached in pledges, but we are a little short on the payments. A mailing has recently been sent to those who have not completed their pledge. Please watch for that, and be sure to send in your payment as soon as possible. The parishes and schools who benefit from Together in Mission thank you for your generosity!

Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Monday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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 children 5 - 11 years 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 materials are provided.

Early Childhood and Elementary - Advent celebration on Sunday, **December 18**, at 11:00 in the hall. Parents please join us for this celebration!

Middle School - Christmas caroling at the convalescent home and pizza on Tuesday, **December 13**. Families are invited to attend!

No class on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 for Early Childhood, Elementary and Confirmation.

No class on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 for Middle School.

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.

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.

Music Ministry

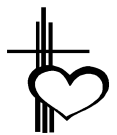
Children's Choir - Christmas rehearsals have begun. Children will sing Christmas Eve at the 4:00 pm Mass.

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.

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.



St. Joseph Book Club - The next book for our book club is "**The Abbe**" by Fr. James Martin. This is a novel with inspiration and spirituality woven into the characters. We will be selling the books this week-

end and next after the Masses. Discussion will take place on Wednesday, February 15, in the PLC. All are welcome!

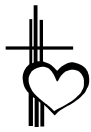
Women's Vocation Discernment Group – Are you open to the possibility that God is calling you to religious life? Want to hang out with a group of faithful women searching for answers? If YES, consider attending our Vocation Discernment Group for women 18+ **First Friday of the month**, Long Beach 7- 9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



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? Pokémon Go stops could lead kids to dangerous places - With the popular game Pokémon Go, kids can interact with virtual game components in real-life locations. Some features of the game can present serious dangers for children using the app and interacting with other gamers. "PokéStops" – locations in which players can collect Pokémon – can be anywhere, and recently, one was reported to be at the entrance of a rehabilitation center that housed sex offenders. Parents should be aware of the game's features and monitor children's use to ensure that any Pokémon collecting is done safely. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Pokémon Go and Social Networking," email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call 213-637-7227.



St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

Next meeting will be on December 12, 11:30-2:30.
This will be our Christmas Lunch which will be catered by Stonefire Grill. You must have made reservations to attend this lunch.

The St. Joseph Band will play Christmas music for us and the Alpha K and Kindergarteners will be singing Christmas songs.

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.

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 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.

Call Mary Lou 562-431-4385 or Gerry 562-420-32205.

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

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.

December 11 hosted by **Cub Scouts**

December 18 hosted by **Marriage Encounter**

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**. For those who have never attended, *Protecting God's Children* class. If you need to renew, *Keeping the Promise Alive*.

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11.

This Weekend- Christmas Present

Drive: Trees are 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 PM Dec. 11.

Dec 16 6:00 PM- Food Box Loading: We will distribute the School food drive, and Skip-a-Meal-purchased food for our 70 community supported families for Christmas.

Dec 17 8:30 AM- Christmas Food and Present Distribution: We will support 70 families through three holidays.

Can you help us deliver? Please call Amy 427-5917.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holiday food and gift distributions. 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

Retirement Fund for Religious Dec. 11 - Aging sisters, brothers, & religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift helps furnish medications, nursing care, & other necessities. Please give generously. Please make your check to St. Joseph Church.

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

Please visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online.

Our parish code is CA717.

ESTHER MINISTRY -

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

Human trafficking is the second largest international crime industry, along with illegal drugs and firearms trafficking. It is modern day slavery and victims are forced to work in prostitution as well as other work places such as salons, massage parlors, and as nannies, maids, or janitors.

This crime is taking place in our own community. Stay alert, raise awareness with friends and neighbors, and support organizations that take care of those most likely to become victims (runaways, foster children, immigrants). If you would like to be a part of our Esther Ministry, please email us at estherministry1@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, December 10
 5:00 p.m. - † Charles Branch
SUNDAY, December 11
 7:30 a.m. - Tran brothers & Sylvia Dang
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart
 12:30 p.m. - † Anthony & Madalyn Ursano
MONDAY, December 12
 8:00 a.m. - † Sister Helene Therese
TUESDAY, December 13
 8:00 a.m. - † Armando Grijalvo
WEDNESDAY, December 14
 8:00 a.m. - † Eugene Dryer
THURSDAY, December 15
 8:00 a.m. - † Lois Cote
FRIDAY, December 16
 8:00 a.m. - † Tom Sirotnak
SATURDAY, December 17
 5:00 p.m. - † Gerry Kohnen
SUNDAY, December 18
 7:30 a.m. - † Don Pedneault
 9:00 a.m. - † Bob Maney
 10:30 a.m. - † Anna Sudakow
 12:30 p.m. - † Cruz Aragon

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 Golan, Jovie Diaz, David Dresnick, Christine Cooper, Pam Williams, Thelma Gouchenour, baby Gabriel Mafi, Josephine Ryan, Kim Rotondo, Gene Cooper, John Hogan, Nancy Mulry, Debbie Leveque, Jack Lopez, Jesse Perez, Brice Gomes, Pat Murach, Frank Stassi, Patrick Mandich, Bernie Rollinger, Christopher Aguirre & Alfredo Flores.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
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 USHERS Marty Vezzetti 425-0621
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 (sister & brother)

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Please submit notices, with your name & phone, to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org