



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE

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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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St. Joseph School: 596-6115

Religious Education: 598-0519
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 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.



The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house they saw the child
with Mary his mother.

Matthew 2:10-11

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2017

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.



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*

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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.

January 8 hosted by the **Cub Scouts**

January 15 hosted by the **Prayer and Life Workshop**

Adult Confirmation

If you have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to, classes will be starting soon. To sign up, please call our religious education office at 598-0519. Classes are as follows:

St. Maria Goretti, Long Beach starts Jan. 26 through May, Thursdays from 6-9 pm

St. Margaret Mary, Lomita starts Jan. 9 through May, Mondays, 7-9 pm.

Together in Mission 2016

Goal: \$65,300
Pledged: \$66,957
Paid: \$64,672

Our goal has been reached in pledges, but we are a little short on the payments. Please be sure to send in your payment as soon as possible. The parishes and schools who benefit thank you for your generosity!

Did You Know? Cell phone apps allow for hiding photos and messages

- Today, some new cell phone text messaging services keep cell phone texting activity increasingly private. In order to protect young people, one must stay current and re-connect with ever changing technology. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Vanishing, Self-Destructing Texting, and Electronic Communication," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call 213-637-7227.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Why does the priest pour water into the wine just prior to the consecration? Greeks added water into wine as it was thick, gritty and too strong. In other words, it was in good taste to add water before drinking. The Romans loved Greek things and adopted manners of Greeks. It was not originally a Jewish custom, but it became so at the Passover meal, hence part of the Mass. Fourth century catechists said water represents humanity, wine divinity. Once water is put into the wine it cannot be taken out again. The symbol is Jesus' humanity which can never again be separated permanently from God.

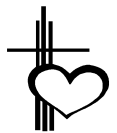
A piece of bread is put into the cup as fermentation--another Roman custom. The priest breaks a piece of the host and places it in the chalice and says, "May the mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." or words similar. The priest says silently, "Lord Jesus Christ with faith in Your love and mercy I eat Your Body and drink Your Blood. Let it not bring me condemnation but health in mind and body."

May we never nullify the significance and importance the **Eucharist** brings through our indifference and selfishness. May the Eucharist never be considered a ho-hum experience but what it truly is: a partaking of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus who we become through this bonding of God's people around the altar of sacrifice, the altar of thanksgiving, the altar of joy in knowing we have the gift of eternal life awaiting us.

OUR PRAYER: Lord Jesus, Son of God, we worship You living among us in the sacrament of Your Body and Blood. May we offer to our Father in heaven a solemn pledge of undivided love through loving service to our sisters and brothers in need. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

Meditation every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. in the school library - ALL WELCOME!

"Be Still And Know That I Am God"



Sr. Eva wishes to thank you all for your lovely cards, kind wishes, gifts and prayers. I wish you all a peace-filled year with good health & God's blessing throughout 2017.

St. Joseph Parish Fair is March 31, April 1 & 2, 2017.

First planning meeting is **January 11** at 7 pm in Fr. Martin Hall. Please come to help plan the Fair.

We are looking for Auto Dealerships to display 1-2 NEW vehicles at the Fair. Do you know someone who owns or works at a car dealership that we can contact? If so please contact Liz Eckel at lizeckel5@gmail.com or sjparishfair@gmail.com

We are in need of volunteers from the Parish. If you're a parishioner and can volunteer please come to Jan. 11 meeting or contact sjparishfair@gmail.com. We have positions for all levels of experience and endurance.

If you're of Filipino heritage and would like to help start a Filipino Food Booth at the Fair let us know at sjparishfair@gmail.com. We supply the people and equipment.

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. Call the RE office if you are 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 - Welcome back!

Classes resume today!

Middle School - Classes resume on Tuesday, Jan. 10!

No class on Sunday, January 29, due to School Open House

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.



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. Books are available for purchase in the

PLC for \$15. Discussion will take place on Wednesday, **February 15**, in the PLC. All are welcome!

St. Joseph Catholic School is accepting applications for both Kindergarten and our Transitional Kindergarten (Alpha-K) for the 2017-2018 school year. Applicants for Kindergarten must turn 5 years old by August 31, 2017. Applicants for Alpha-K must turn 4 years old by August 31, 2017.

Alpha-K:

- * Emphasizes developmental readiness skills with a hands-on approach to curriculum
- * Focuses on Kindergarten readiness
- * Students receive daily instruction in religion and attend Mass weekly
- * Offers a half-day (7:50-11:50 am) or full-day (7:50 am – 3:00 pm), 5-days-per-week program
- * Extended daycare is available until 5:30 pm

Please call our school office at 596-6115 or email jgianesi@sjknights.net to receive an application or set up an appointment to speak with Mrs. Alvarez our school principal.

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.

New RCIA Group Beginning

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, come, meet Sr. Eva and hear what the process entails. Sunday, **Jan. 8**, 10:15-11:30 in the school library.

Come and join Sr. Eva on Tuesdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Parish Life Center as she journeys with Bishop Barron to explore the lasting influence of the following Pivotal Players in church history:

St. Francis of Assisi, the Reformer

St. Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian

St. Catherine of Siena, the Mystic

St. John Henry Newman, the Convert

G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist

Michelangelo, the Artist

Come, pray, reflect, discuss, and enjoy fellowship. First session begins **Jan. 24**. Same presentation on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. starting **Jan. 26**.

Call Sr. Eva to order your study guide, 594-4657.

Catholic Schools Week: January 29 - February 4:

"Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service" Join us on Sunday, January 29 for St. Joseph Catholic School's Open House and Junior High Science Fair from 10 am - Noon. Applications for the 2017-2018 school year are currently available on-line at: www.sjknights.net

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

Transform your life through the Prayer and Life Workshop

- Registration for the spring Prayer And Life Workshop (PLW) is now open for all adults 18 and over. The workshop will guide you through a series of practical prayer exercises that will greatly enhance your personal relationship with the Lord. Come and discover God's will for your life as you learn to pray effectively and learn how to live a richer spiritual life. This 15-week Bible-based program will introduce you to a new prayer method each week helping you to make prayer a priority in your life. Come and experience how the Holy Spirit gradually transforms you into a more loving and faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

When: Saturdays February 4 to June 4, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Where: Parish Life Center

Cost: Materials Donation: \$12

Open to adults 18 and over – seating is limited to the first 20. Learn more at www.StJosephLB.org, register at www.PLWStJoseph.com or call George or Susy Zuluaga at (714) 313-8322.



St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

The Next meeting will be on January 9, 11:30-2:30. Please remember to pay your dues of \$10 for 2017. Just a reminder that meetings are 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.

Attention all 8th grade students applying to Catholic High Schools - Sign up to take the HSPT at Cornelia Connelly School on **January 21**, and not only will you be eligible for great scholarships, but you will also be treated to IN-N-OUT Burger for lunch that day with all the other 8th graders taking the test at Connelly. To register for the test, please call or email Mrs. Ali Aceituno in the Admissions office at (714) 776-1717 ext. 221 or aaceituno@connellyhs.org.

For more information about Cornelia Connelly School, please visit connellyschoolanaheim.org.

St. Anthony High School (SAHS) invites you to our Open House on Sunday, **January 8** at 2:30pm. Take a tour of our historic campus, meet the teachers and enjoy refreshments, all while learning about the wonderful opportunities offered at "The Home of the Saints"! SAHS is located at 620 Olive Avenue in Downtown Long Beach. For more information please visit www.LongBeachSaints.org, or contact Renee Salvador at Renee.Salvador@LongBeachSaints.org or 562-435-4496, ext. 1241.

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.

"True charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need."

Pope Francis



Jan. 21- 29 Homeless Kit Drive:

provide daily necessities to a homeless person. Shopping lists available in the church **Jan. 14**. **Feb. 15 7:00 PM Committee Meeting:** Help us coordinate our activities to aid and bring hope to our poor and marginalized brothers and sisters in the Long Beach area. Share your ideas to help us fulfill that mission.

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.

OneLife LA 2017 - Proclaim Life - Defend Life - Embrace Life, January 21 - Join thousands for the third annual event celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life. A walk for life will depart at noon from La Placita/Olvera St., march past Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, and conclude at Grand Park/Los Angeles City Hall. Inspiring speakers include Archbishop José Gomez, Immaculée Ilibagiza, Karyme Lozano, Patricia Heaton, and Chris Stefanick. Live music, food and exhibits from community organizations serving those in need. The Requiem Mass for the Unborn will follow at 5 pm at the Cathedral. For more information and group transportation options, call Tim Clark 431-4385.

Catholic Co-ed Softball Players Wanted! Greater South Bay Catholic Co-ed Adult (ages 18+) Softball League seeks players for their exciting 2017 season! Games are held on Sunday afternoons from February thru June in Torrance. Singles & couples welcome; female players especially needed! If interested, please contact ASAP: Fred @ (310) 504-0271 (Home) or fredlawler@hotmail.com.

ESTHER MINISTRY -

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

Many victims of human trafficking may look like someone you may see every day. Here are some signs to help identify victims:

person seems to be under control of another, cannot move or leave a job, bruises or other signs of injury, no passport or identification, isolation from family members.

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.



Santo Nino Celebration Jan. 21 10 a.m. SS. Peter and Paul Church, 1015 Lagoon, Wilmington. Holy Mass, Grand Procession and Complimentary Luncheon. Contact Mr. Jun Hingco: sppc@sbcglobal.net 310-834-5215 X23.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, January 7

5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro

SUNDAY, January 8

7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison Bennett

10:30 a.m. - † Georgiana Abadjian

12:30 p.m. - † Alfonso Santillan

MONDAY, January 9

8:00 a.m. - † Victoria Peck

TUESDAY, January 10

8:00 a.m. - Tonet Risko

WEDNESDAY, January 11

8:00 a.m. - † Genoveva Pinili

THURSDAY, January 12

8:00 a.m. - † Rose Zilliox

FRIDAY, January 13

8:00 a.m. - † Zenon Popinski

SATURDAY, January 14

5:00 p.m. - † Frank McDermott

SUNDAY, January 15

7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano

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

10:30 a.m. - † Kim Chenowith-Floyd

12:30 p.m. - † Roland Fraga

Please continue to pray for 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, Cameron Yip & Finn Krueger.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION	Bill & Katie Greening	421-3997
LECTORS	Bill Smith	355-6194
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

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young	
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	Frank McKown	310-633-1744
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
MINISTERS TO THE SICK	Olga Cuda	594-4657

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Anne Weaver	498-7008
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Website address:		
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 ktrm@sbcglobl.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