



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

Website: www.stjosephlb.org
email: stjoseph@stjosephlb.org

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.



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 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.

Answer the Call to Shine Brightly for Others

Today God calls upon each one of us to share our gifts with our brothers and sisters in Christ that are in need. Through **Together in Mission** we can share our mighty deeds and give healing and faith to the communities that simply would not be here without your support. Though our Church is large, our strength lies not in our numbers but in our compassion and ability to respond to the call for help.

Every gift, regardless of the size, matters so long as we give what we can and answer the calling of our faith. For those of you that have already committed to a gift, I heartfully thank you. For those of you that have yet to make a gift this year, there is still time to participate in this vital appeal.

Together we can make sure God's love and presence are felt by all, especially those in need. God bless you for your generosity.

Parish Office will be closed Feb. 20 for Presidents' Day and Feb. 24 for the Religious Ed Congress.

Ministry to the Homebound - If one of your loved ones is not able to make it to church on Sundays, please call Olga at the parish office, 562-594-4657, so she can arrange to have someone come to visit and bring the Eucharist to them.

Sacrament of the Sick - This sacrament is meant for anyone who is gravely ill. Please call and make an appointment to have a priest anoint a person who is very sick.



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 evening.

The next Cursillo weekends will be Apr. 20-23 (Men), and May 4-7 (Women). Contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com or OCCursillo.org

Please pray for the women who are making their Cursillo this weekend that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit!

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. Donations to hospitality go towards the purchase of the donuts and other supplies.

February 19 hosted by **Lectors**

February 26 hosted by **Ushers**



From Deacon Don's desk:

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside and had a dog he doted on. The dog finally died and Muldoon went to the parish priest saying, "Father, the dog is dead, could you possibly be saying a Mass for the poor creature?" I'm sorry Muldoon, we can't have services for an animal in the church. There's a new church down the road. No telling what they believe in, maybe they can do something for the animal. Muldoon said, "I'll go right now, by the way do you think 25,000 pounds is enough for the service?" Fr. Patrick said, "Why didn't you tell me the dog was **Catholic!**"

Father Pellegrino writes: "When Pope Francis took the church's highest office, he urged bishops, priests and deacons to step away from the same two moral issues, abortion and gay marriage, that became the focus of so many homilies in America. The Pope's first major writing to the Church was the **Evangelii Gaudium**, the Joy of the Gospel. It is trying to have us turn away from the "Church of No to the Church of Joy." There is much more to the Gospel than confronting these two issues. We pray about this **Joy** at every Mass, especially during the **Eucharistic Prayer**.

We thank God for sending us His Savior and His accepting His sacrifice for us that we may share in His life. The New Law of the Kingdom of God is the "Law of Joy."

OUR PRAYER: Lord Jesus, You are the Word of God.

When we read the Scriptures, let us see You on every page and learn to become more like You. Amen

Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
Monday:	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

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 through **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, or call George or Susy Zuluaga at (714) 313-8322.

Faith Formation Office - Hours are Monday - Thursday 9am - 1pm, and Sunday 9am - noon.

Email religiosed@stjosephlb.org or 598-0519.

Little Saints Toddler Ministry – Due to a lack of volunteers for our Sunday morning Little Saints ministry, we have been unable to provide child care for our toddlers at the 9 am and 10:30 am Masses. We are looking for adults who are Virtus trained or willing to take the training as well as teens to be helpers. This is a great help to parents who would like to attend Mass and have a positive environment for their youngest children. Please call the RE office if you would like to help in this ministry.

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.

No Class on February 26 due to Religious Ed Congress.

Middle School: Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, **February 28!** Ash Wednesday is **March 1.**

Confirmation: It is that time of year for our **Confirmation Retreat!** The Year 1 Retreat will take place on **March 31-Apr. 2.** We are in need of snacks and cases of water. If you would like to donate water or snacks for the retreats that would be great! You can drop off any donations to the Parish life Center.

We would also like to ask the parishioners of St. Joseph to keep these wonderful teens in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith and learning through the Confirmation process.

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.

ACCW invites all women to a day of prayer and fellowship **Feb. 23**, St. Cyprian Parish, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. \$12/person. Please make check payable and mail to Alice Avery, 19126 Pricetown Ave., Carson 90746 by Feb. 20. Info: Alice 310-637-1364 or Verna 562-633-2503.

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

Meditation every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. in the school library - ALL WELCOME!
"Be Still And Know That I Am God"



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.

Religious Education Congress - Feb. 23-26
Embrace Trust is the theme. Many workshops and liturgies. Be enriched in your faith. To see the workshops offered, go to www.recongress.org. Register and plan to spend a weekend of renewal. If you have questions, please call our Religious Education office at 598-0519, or our parish office at 594-4657. Congress is open to all.

Natural Family Planning - Attend a short course and learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. Starts Feb. 25. For more information/registration contact Beth & Greg Gath, 562-377-5877 or bethgath@gmail.com, or visit the Couple to Couple League website www.ccli.org.

Come and join Sr. Eva 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 Pivotal Players in church history: St. Catherine of Siena, the Mystic; St. John Henry Newman, the Convert; G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist; Michelangelo, the Artist. Come, pray, reflect, discuss, & enjoy fellowship. Also Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Call Sr. Eva to order your study guide, 594-4657.

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.

Our Lady of Refuge, Long Beach, is offering the *Keeping the Promise Alive* class on **March 23** at 6:30 pm and again on **March 26** at 3:00 pm Please call 562-597-3102 to sign up.

Did You Know? Denial as a defense mechanism - It may be difficult to understand why an abuse victim does not come forward immediately to report an assault. For those who have suffered sexual assault or abuse, denial can be a powerful defense mechanism, one that allows them to cope with the trauma and its aftermath. Often, an abuser is someone the victim knows and trusts, which makes it even harder to understand why the abuse is happening, and harder to come forward and ask for help and protection. For a copy of the VIRTUS© article "The Many Faces of Denial, Part 2" 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

The next meeting will be on Feb. 13, 11:30-2:30.
Our Lenten Retreat - Monday, Mar. 13 at 9 with Mass at 11:00. Reservations for the retreat taken at the Feb. 13 & 27 meetings. Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik, our pastor, will conduct the retreat. The cost will be \$10 which will include a box lunch. Be sure to get your reservation in! Please remember to pay your dues of \$10 for 2017. Let's get some new members! Encourage your friends to join us. Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Mondays.
All regular meetings: **11:30 to 2:30**. Bring your lunch. Drinks & dessert provided. Free bakery items to members. Join us for fun and games.
For information please call: Marilyn North 562-429-8891.

Trips - Trips - Trips

Fallbrook Avocado Festival - April 23, \$38. 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. 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.

Baseball registration open to St. Joseph students & parish families, 1st through 8th grade, \$110/player. Checks to St. Joseph Baseball. Forms: turn into school office, or mail to SJ Knight Baseball, 4752 Snowden Ave, Lakewood 90713. Questions- Tim Kiedrowski. (562) 743-3102 or timkiedrowski@yahoo.com. Deadline for applicants is **Feb. 22**, as we have to order uniforms for our March 11 start date.

ESTHER MINISTRY -

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

One of the goals of the Esther Ministry is to take part in efforts that promote education and awareness of human trafficking. As a member of the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force, we receive information on the most recent cases and are in contact with agencies who support the victims in recovery. The LBHTTF has recently partnered with the Salvation Army in the fight on the tragedy of this crime. Also, the Archdiocese of LA has just recently partnered with law enforcement to raise awareness about the evil of Human Trafficking. This crime is being fought by many and together we can make a difference.

If you would like to be on our contact list, please email us at estherministry1@gmail.com.



"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." JN 13:35

Feb. 15 7 PM Committee Meeting: Share your ideas, help us to aid & bring hope to our under privileged brothers and sisters in the Long Beach area.

Mar. 18-26 Children's Book Drive: collecting new and gently used reading books as gifts for the children of our food distribution families for Easter.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holiday distributions. Many opportunities to help, big & small. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.



Calling all card players... St. Joseph 7th grade class will be hosting a **Texas Hold'em Tournament**, Saturday **March 18** starting at 5pm in Father Martin Hall. Pre-registration via the school office or by calling Amy Weaver at 562-631-7772. Pre-registration cost \$30, day-of registration is \$40.

2017 Parish Fair Notices:

Parish Fair is **March 31, April 1 & 2**

****Lenten Fish Fry at the Fair** - Join us March 31 from 5 pm - 9 pm at the Fair for a fish fry. We ask you to please purchase tickets ahead of time so we can have an idea of how much fish to purchase. \$10 cost increases when you purchase at the door. Fish Fry tickets go on sale the weekend of March 18/19 after all masses.

****Rummage Sale** - Please donate gently used toys, chairs, bedroom furniture and general housewares. Drop off donated goods every Saturday until **March 25** from 8 am - 10 am in the parking lot. Rummage sale will take place during the Fair in the hall.

****Volunteers Needed** - can you help with just one 3 hour shift? On-line sign ups to be released **March 4**. Please help!

****Tickets** - purchase food/drink and ride tickets and SAVE MONEY before the Fair starts or pay full price at the Fair. Tickets go on sale **March 18/19** after Masses.

****Auto Show** - we're looking for car dealerships to display new cars. Do you have any contacts at dealerships? If so, please contact Liz Eckel at lizeckel5@gmail.com

Carpet Needs - Are you installing new carpet? If so, we would like some of your old carpet to place on the ground in the food booths. Please contact Kraig and he will pick it up.

Fair questions or comments please email:

sjparishfair@gmail.com

Tax Letters: If you would like a letter stating your contributions to St. Joseph Church for 2016, please call the office and leave your name, phone and email address. Those who have contributed through Faith Direct can request that information from them.

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.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, February 18

5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro

SUNDAY, February 19

7:30 a.m. - † Jean Libby

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

10:30 a.m. - † Gene Ensich

12:30 p.m. - † Sally Kay

MONDAY, February 20

8:00 a.m. - Carlos & Sandy Delgado Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, February 21

8:00 a.m. - † Maria Cuc Vu & Dominico Ho Dang

WEDNESDAY, February 22

8:00 a.m. - Joseph Dang and family

THURSDAY, February 23

8:00 a.m. - † Fr. Maurus Jaeb

FRIDAY, February 24

8:00 a.m. - † Noel Devine

SATURDAY, February 25

5:00 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

SUNDAY, February 26

7:30 a.m. - Pat Wolfe

9:00 a.m. - † Anita Yambao Rivers

10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 p.m. - † Sgt. Michael Tetreault

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, 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, 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, Tom Nolan & Colombia Villagomez.

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
FINANCE COUNCIL	Mike Roide	
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Website address:	John/Deborah Rollinger	537-3457
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY 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
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