



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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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.

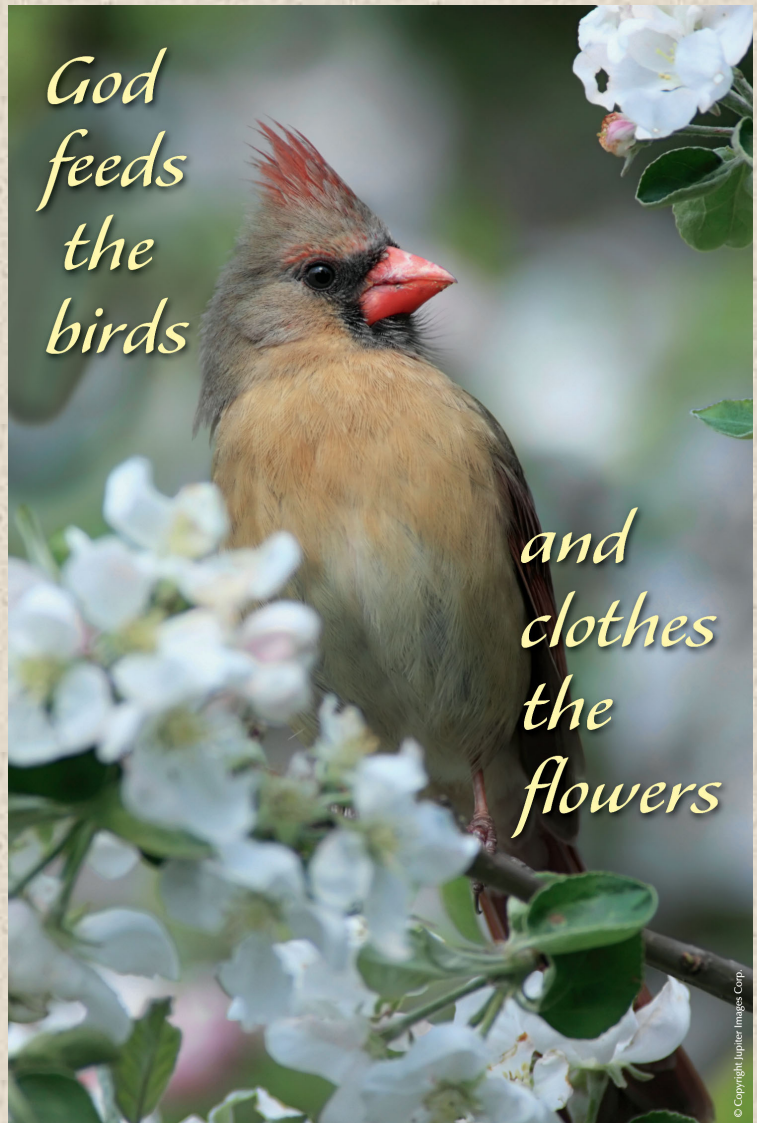
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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.



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26, 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.

Ash Wednesday

Mass schedule: **8:00 am**
12:00 noon
7:00 pm

Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses.



Abstinence and Fasting

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all persons 14 and older. The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all persons 18 or older and younger than 59.

Fasting means that one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may be taken sufficient to maintain strength, but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice, may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work are affected, fasting does not oblige.

Private, self-imposed observance of fasting on Lenten weekdays is strongly recommended. Pastors and parents should ensure that children who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence are taught an authentic sense of penance, conversion and reconciliation.

Lenten Observance

Catholics are encouraged to participate in the Eucharistic liturgy and in the sacrament of reconciliation during Lent. Likewise encouraged are devotions such as Stations of the Cross, vigils and prayer services. Traditional practices - including increased prayer, Scripture and spiritual reading, alms, personal self-denial in food and drink, increased care and service to the sick and needy - are also suggested.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent we will have the stations of the cross in the church at 7:00 pm.



Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34
Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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 26 hosted by **Ushers**

March 5 hosted by **Ministers of Holy Communion**



From Deacon Don's desk:

We keep saying all we want is to smell the flowers and live the simple life. If we are serious about it, we better start working on the pride and greed that can corrupt us personally, corporately, and as a nation. In Fortune magazine, Feb. 19, 2001

Bethany McLean could not reconcile Enron's overpriced performance. She wrote, "Is Enron overpriced?" Within 10 months Enron filed for bankruptcy. Several executives were sentenced for fraud and conspiracy. It was the largest corporate collapse in history.

In the First Reading: With great tenderness God assures us that we will never be forsaken in what really matters: having an abiding and intimate relationship with God.

The Gospel is full of questions just as our everyday living is. We have concerns for providing for our needs, having enough for retirement, worrying about paying bills that seem to increase. Everyday living requires that we both engage with providing ourselves with what we need as well as turning ourselves to God who provides all. Jesus puts forth a proper perspective: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Relationship is a key word. In all we do we must keep God and right relationship before us as our guiding perspective. Who or what "master" controls our decisions and their outcomes? We start with the conviction that God cares and provides for us. Our only worry ought to be "how strong we seek God and divine righteousness." In everything we do we must serve one Master, God who cares for us now and into Life eternal.

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help us to fast for the right reasons. Teach us to fast to curb illicit desires and to obtain closer union with You. Let us never despair about our weaknesses but entrust ourselves to Your goodness and mercy. Amen.

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!

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

Email religious@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 today due to Religious Education 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.

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.

Small Church Community invites you to join us. Each Wednesday morning we read the upcoming Sunday readings plus what is called the "Scripture Focus" as we "break open the word for the coming Sunday Mass" and discuss prepared questions. There are two homes that offer this. One is at 6:30 a.m. at the Gaths' home. More will be in next week's bulletin.

"Seek His Face" Lenten Retreat for Adults at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center, Tuesday, **March 7**, 5:30pm – 9pm, **OR March 8**, Wednesday, 9:30am-12. Please call or email for more details. Space is limited, RSVP by February 27, 714-557-4538 or retreatcenter@sacredheartsisters.com 2927 S Greenville St. Santa Ana.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Roy Townsend



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

"Be Still And Know That I Am God"



Did You Know? Stress can affect the children around you - 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 difficult to parent effectively. After a while, your children may show signs of being stressed, too. For a fact sheet on managing stress, please email vienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.

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

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.



St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

The next meeting will be on Feb. 27, 11:30-2:30.
Our Lenten Retreat - Monday, March 13 at 9 with Mass at 11:00. If you have not made your reservation for the retreat you must do it at this meeting. 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.

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

Skip-a-Meal Donations: We regret the recent short supply of Skip-a-Meal envelopes! Our donations have suffered. The pews are now restocked. Please be especially mindful of these as we prepare for our Easter food and book distribution.



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

April 8 - Easter Food and Book Distribution: Can you help us deliver? This is VERY meaningful for your whole family! Please call or reconfirm with Amy McKenna, 427-5917.

As we prepare for Easter, there are *many* opportunities to serve, 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.

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.



Please continue to pray for the members of our Armed Services that they may feel God's love, peace and joy at all times.

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 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

MONDAY, February 27

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

TUESDAY, February 28

8:00 a.m. - † Frank Aimone

WEDNESDAY, March 1

8:00 a.m. - Tonet Risko

12:00 p.m. -

7:00 p.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

THURSDAY, March 2

8:00 a.m. - † Alec (Bunk) Wurth

FRIDAY, March 3

8:00 a.m. - Marie Mitchell, Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, March 4

5:00 p.m. - † John Risko

SUNDAY, March 5

7:30 a.m. - † Noel Devine

9:00 a.m. - † Margaret Parry

10:30 a.m. - † Edith Daley

12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

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, Martha Lopez & Jesus Serrano Sr.

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:	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