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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.

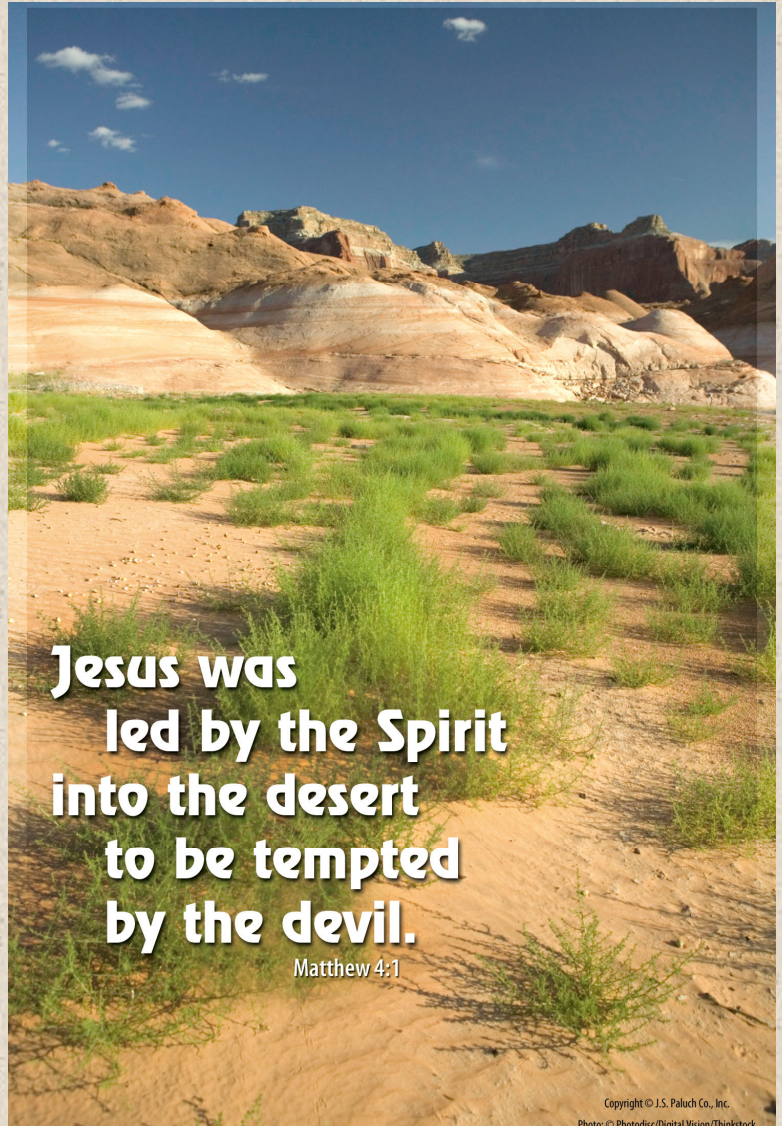
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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.



**Jesus was
led by the Spirit
into the desert
to be tempted
by the devil.**

Matthew 4:1

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First Sunday of Lent
March 5, 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.

Dear Parish family:

It's with great joy that I announce that our appeal for Together in Mission was very successful. Recall that our parish goal was \$66,700. As of this date, the total pledges amount to \$102,261!! Thank you for your family pledge and for being faithful to the monthly pledge payments! Once our pledge has been paid off, the remaining balance is sent to the parish as a rebate. On behalf of the priests and parishioners who are recipients of the Together in Mission funds...**THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU!**

In Peace and Gratitude,
Msgr. Kevin

Daylight Savings Time begins next week, March 12. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour.



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 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.

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
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



From Deacon Don's desk:

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. They walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided we no longer need you. We're at the point we can clone people and do miraculous things, so why don't You just go on." God listened patiently, and after they finished talking to Him He said, "Very well. How about let's have a woman-and-man making contest." They agreed. However, God added, "How about we do this just as I did back in the old days with Adam." They said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed some dirt. God just looked at them and said, "NO, no no. You go make your own dirt!"

This week's Gospel is about knowledge too. Fr. Leonard SJ said, "Satan knows who Jesus is. He tries to get Jesus to betray His humanity and not endure limitations of His daily life. Jesus knows that the only way to be true to His divinity is to allow us to see it shine in and through His human life. The rejection of the temptation to compromise his frail human frame gives us the hope that we too can glimpse the power of God's greatness every time we reject the desire to be directors of our own destiny and see good triumph over evil in the choices we make.

May this Lent see us do what we are created for, to use all our knowledge to praise, reverence and serve the Loving One who willed us into being.

OUR PRAYER: Father, God of wisdom, help us to have recourse to Your words in Scripture. Let us find light, strength, and consolation in the Gospel that was inspired by You. Amen

Stations of the Cross



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



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.

March 5 hosted by **Ministers of Holy Communion**
March 12 hosted by **Cub Scouts**

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

Email religiosed@stjosephlb.org or 598-0519.

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.

Sacrament Preparation for Older Children Year 2:

There will be a retreat on Sunday, **March 12**, from **2-3:30** in the Parish Life Center for all our older children who are receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year. Parents are to attend this retreat with their child/children.

Sacrament Preparation Year 1 & 2: Workshop for **parents only** on Monday, **March 13**, in the hall. Year 1 from 6-7 pm, Year 2 from 7-8 pm.

Reconciliation Retreat: The retreat for school and religious education **Year 2** students and parents will take place on Sunday, **March 19** from 2-4 pm.

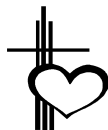
Confirmation: It is that time of year for our **Confirmation Retreat!** The Year 1 Retreat will take place on **March 31-Apr. 2**. We are in need of snacks and cases of water. If you would like to donate water or snacks for the retreats that would be great! You can drop off any donations to the Parish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

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

"Be Still And Know That I Am God"



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 pm Please call 562-597-3102 to sign up.

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 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.

"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.

Bereavement Group will meet every first and third Monday from **2:00-3:30pm** in the Parish Life Center.

Come join Sr. Eva Tuesdays, 9-10:30 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: G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist; Michelangelo, the Artist. Come, pray, reflect, discuss, & enjoy fellowship. Also Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to **Benedictine Oblate Retreat Day, March 11**, 9-2p.m. in the Parish Life Center. The day will consist of Lauds, video presentation of Brother Bede Healy, OSB on *The Capacity To Be Alone: The Need for Silence & Solitude in the Spiritual Life*, small group discussion and meditation. Lunch: soup & salad, snacks. Facilitated by Dr. Michael Millard, OSB and Marie Mitchell, OSB.

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.





St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

Our next meeting will be Our Lenten Retreat on Monday, March 13 from 9 to 11 in the hall, followed by Mass in the church at 11:00. The cost of the retreat is \$10 and you must have made a reservation and indicated your choice of sandwich for the box lunch. We are looking forward to a spiritual journey with Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik, our pastor.

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, including Bingo, Poker, Mexican Train, Sequence, Bridge and much more.
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.

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.

Did You Know? Transportation safety is key - The safety of your children is often entrusted to other drivers – bus drivers, family members, friends' parents, coaches – and parents should be aware of who is in charge of transportation. Although you cannot control everything, you can teach your children how to ride in another person's vehicle. Teach kids to always wear seatbelts, and avoid distracting behavior that will take the driver's attention away from the road. Ask your school about their policies and the requirements for those who may be in charge of transportation. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Child Care Providers Urged to Check Vehicle Safety, Training, and Health of Drivers," contact jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or (213) 637-7227.

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

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.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful of these as we prepare for our Easter food and book distribution. 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.

The St. Joseph **Knights of Columbus** would like to thank all the people who donated to the Blood Drive on Feb. 12. We had **38 blood donors** who saved 114 lives! Our **next Blood Drive** will be on **May 7** in the Parish Hall. You are a blessing.
Tony Diaz, Knights of Columbus

2017 Parish Fair Notices:

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

****Rummage Sale:** Collection every Saturday 8-10 am in the parking lot area. **NO ELECTRONICS PLEASE.** We're looking for donations including gently used toys, chairs, bedroom furniture, sports equipment and general housewares. Rummage sale will take place during the Fair in the hall.

****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. Pre-sale tickets will be cheaper than buying at the door. Fish Fry tickets go on sale the week-end of March 18/19 after all Masses.

****Volunteers Needed** - Parishioners, can you help with just one three hour shift at the fair? Just one three hour shift. On-line sign ups to be released **March 4**. Please volunteer.

****Tickets** - SAVE MONEY; purchase food/drink and ride tickets before the Fair starts. 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

****Used Carpet** - The fair is in need of used carpet to use on the ground in the food booths. We will pick it up.

****Opportunity Tickets** will be mailed out March 5, look for them and please return to the Parish Life Center.

Fair questions or comments please email: sjparishfair@gmail.com

Mass Intentions



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
MONDAY, March 6
 8:00 a.m. - † Noel Devine
TUESDAY, March 7
 8:00 a.m. - † Eddie Munda
WEDNESDAY, March 8
 8:00 a.m. - † Lois Kearney
THURSDAY, March 9
 8:00 a.m. - † Martha Morelli
FRIDAY, March 10
 8:00 a.m. - † Nancy Grgas
SATURDAY, March 11
 5:00 p.m. - † John DeRuyter
SUNDAY, March 12
 7:30 a.m. - † Janet Doyle
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Noel Devine
 12:30 p.m. - † Nancy Grgas

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

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, 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
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OFFICE MANAGER	Julie Gianessi

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562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young	
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LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY		

ADULT MINISTRY

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BIBLE STUDY	Sister Eva	594-4657
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Sister Eva	594-4657
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LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS	Jason Pillon coordinator@lbcya.org	
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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