



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Office Hours

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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
7:30 a.m. 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.



Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 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.



What is the Church's official position concerning penance and abstinence from meat during Lent? Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and

Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are not forbidden. So it is permissible to use margarine and lard. Even bacon drippings which contain little bits of meat may be poured over lettuce as seasoning. Moral theologians remind us that some people are excused from fasting and/or abstinence because of sickness or other reasons.

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.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Many years ago, a mother wanted to encourage her young son in learning the piano. She took him to a concert featuring the renowned pianist Paderewski. Once seated, the mother spotted a friend and went over to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the concert hall, the little boy wandered away from his seat, and spotted a door with a sign "No Admittance." He pushed it open. As the house lights dimmed, the mother returned to her seat and discovered her son missing. Suddenly the stage curtains parted and in the spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage, the horrified mother saw the little boy sitting at the keyboard innocently picking note by note "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment Paderewski made his entrance on stage. He quickly moved to the piano and whispered to the boy, "Don't stop, keep playing!" Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. He reached around to the right of the child and added a running obbligato with his right hand. Together, the master and the young boy transformed an unexpected situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was mesmerized.

That is the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly worth noting. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly flowing music. But **with** the hand of the **Master**, our life's work can be beautiful. When we commit ourselves to living the life of the disciples and place our trust in God, we will hear His voice whispering, "Don't stop, keep playing." We will feel God's loving arms around us. **OUR PRAYER:** Father God, teach us to be grateful for every moment of time that You give us. Grant that we may always make the best use of our time in serving those in need. Amen

Stations of the Cross

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



Parish Reconciliation Liturgy

April 4, 7:00 pm
in the church

Catholic Relief Services Collection March 26

Jordan, a country bordering Syria, is home to over 600,000 Syrian refugees; more than half are children. Most refugee children do not have access to formal education. Many have been out of school for years or missed the chance to go to school entirely. For these children, their future is a difficult road full of obstacles. But with your help, these families find hope.

Your donations to the Catholic Relief Services are providing educational opportunities for refugee children including catch-up and remedial classes. Now, over 6,000 students in 21 schools are getting the education they need to protect the future ahead of them.

Your donations are putting these children on a road of hope.



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!

Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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: Retreat today from **2-3:30** for parents and children in the Parish Life Center.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The religious education students in our 2nd year program will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, **March 25**, at **10:00 a.m.**

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.

Bereavement Group will meet every first and third Monday from **2:00-3:30pm** 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 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.



St. Joseph Book Club - “A Life of Jesus” a simple and powerful retelling of the life of Christ as seen through the eyes of a Japanese novelist, Susaku Endo. Books are available for purchase in the PLC

for \$15. Discussion will take place Wednesday, **May 10**, at 7:00 pm in the PLC. All welcome!

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.

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



ESTHER MINISTRY - End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

Our ministry is dedicated to bringing awareness of the facts surrounding the crime of human trafficking. This crime, both sex and labor, is the fastest growing crime in the world. It is happening where we live, go to school and work. Here are some clues to look for: 1. person shows signs of physical abuse, fear, depression. 2. Evidence of being controlled or not able to leave job. 3. No identification and restricted communication.

These are just a few ways to identify a victim. If you have any suspicions, you can call 911 for immediate help. The number for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center is 1-888-373-7888. If you would like to be on our email list to receive more information and up-to-date projects, 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? Tips to keep kids safer at home, online and outside - The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has created a tip sheet for parents and caring adults on how to keep children safer while they are at home, online or outside. Tips include and much more:

- Instruct children to keep doors locked and not to open doors to talk to anyone when they are home alone.
- Teach children to never approach a vehicle, occupied or not, unless they are accompanied by a parent or other trusted adult.
- Use privacy settings on social networking sites to limit contact with unknown users.

For the full safety tip sheet, visit:
http://www.missingkids.com/en_US/documents/BeHereForKids_SAFETIP.pdf.

"True power is service. We must serve all people, especially the poor, the weak and the vulnerable."

Pope Francis



Next Week - Children's Book Drive:

collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our supported families at 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.

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 12 hosted by **Cub Scouts**

March 19 hosted by **Parish Fair Committee**

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 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

MONDAY, March 13

8:00 a.m. - † Robert and Julianne Uehlin

TUESDAY, March 14

8:00 a.m. - † Matthew Hall

WEDNESDAY, March 15

8:00 a.m. - † Noel Devine

THURSDAY, March 16

8:00 a.m. - † Christina Salcedo

FRIDAY, March 17

8:00 a.m. - † Margaret McKenna

SATURDAY, March 18

5:00 p.m. - † Bob Maney

SUNDAY, March 19

7:30 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault

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

10:30 a.m. - † Robert Gogo

12:30 p.m. - † Rosalina Blando

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
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

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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
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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
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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