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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.

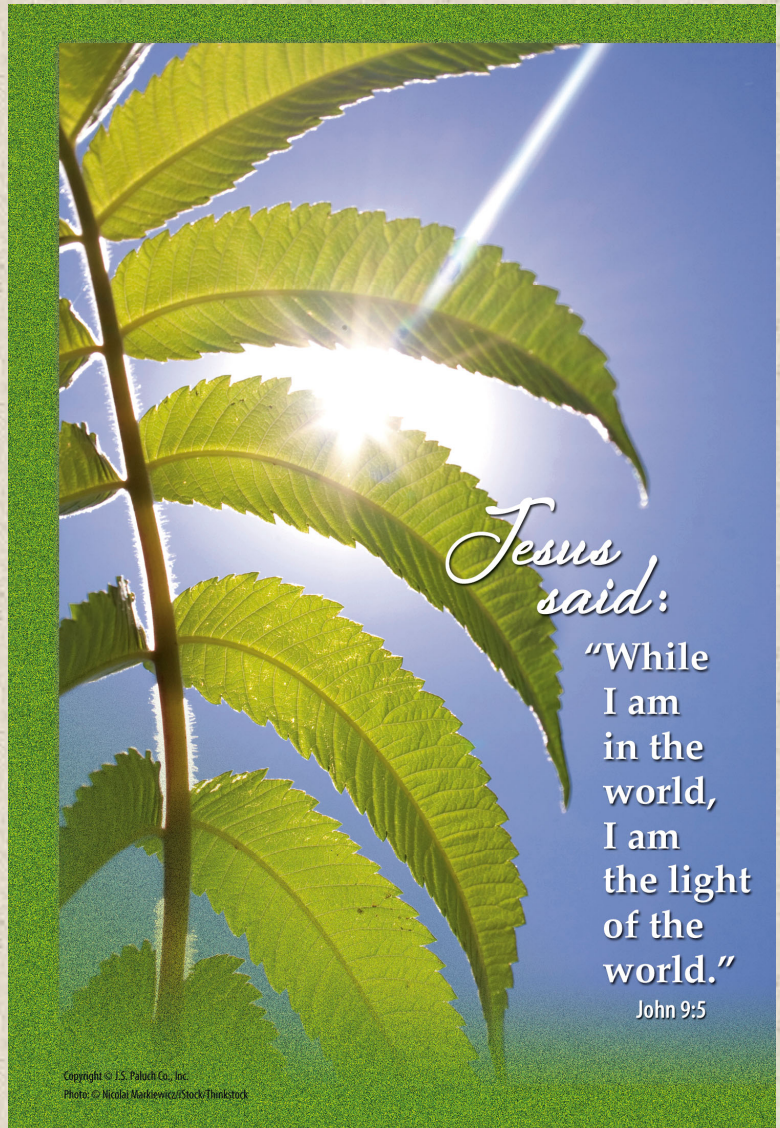
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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.



Jesus
said:

"While
I am
in the
world,
I am
the light
of the
world."

John 9:5

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 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.

ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ RELEASES SECOND PASTORAL LETTER to the family of God in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles entitled, "For Greater Things You Were Born." The letter is a reflection on the meaning of life in God's plan and the challenges that Christians face living their faith in American society. Archbishop Gomez also addresses many of the serious issues facing American society and devotes a long passage to practical advice on Christian living, including advice on prayer, on how to read the Bible, and the importance of charity and service to others. To receive a free copy of the pastoral letter visit: archla.org/planofove.

"It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a Mother's womb."
Pope Francis

Lenten Reconciliation Liturgies

April 3 at St. Bartholomew Church, **7:00 pm**

April 4 here at St. Joseph Church, **7:00 pm**

April 5 at St. Cornelius Church, **7:00 pm**

Stations of the Cross

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

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:

Before we leave Monday's solemnity, that of St Joseph, husband of Mary, foster father of Jesus, St. Bernadine of Siena, priest, has a few words to say about this faithful foster-father and guardian. "There is a rule concerning special graces granted to any human being. Whenever the divine favor chooses one to receive a special grace, God enhances the chosen one with gifts to fulfill the task at hand. This general rule is verified in Saint Joseph, the husband of the Queen of our world and the foster-father of our Lord. He carried out this vocation with fidelity until finally God called him saying, "Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

"Holy Church is indebted to the Virgin Mother because she was judged worthy to receive Christ. But after her we owe special gratitude and reverence to Saint Joseph. Now we can see how the summoning words of the Lord apply to St Joseph, 'Enter into the joy of your Lord.' Although the joy of eternity enters into the soul of man, the Lord prefers to say to Joseph **enter into joy**. He intends words to have a hidden spiritual meaning for us."

OUR PRAYER: Remember us, St. Joseph and intercede for us to your Foster-child. Ask your most holy bride, the Virgin Mary, to look kindly upon us, since she is the mother of Him who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen



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!

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.

Faith Formation Office - Hours are Monday - Thursday 9am to 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.

Parish Fair: No class on Sunday, **April 2!** Enjoy the fair with your family and sign up to volunteer to help.

Sacrament Program Year 2: The retreat for First Eucharist will take place on Sunday, **April 9**, from **2-4 pm**. This retreat is for school and religious education parents and first communicant.

Middle School: No class on **April 4**. The Penance Service will be taking place at 7 pm and we encourage everyone to attend.

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.

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 26 hosted by **Movement for a Better World**
April 2 hosted by **Meditation Group**

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.

St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, is offering the *Protecting God’s Children* class on **March 29** at 6:30 pm .

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. Come, pray, reflect, discuss, & enjoy fellowship. Also Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

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

ESTHER MINISTRY -

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

Awareness is one of the keys in fighting the crime of human trafficking. We can help law enforcement and those who are assisting

survivors by keeping our eyes open to identify possible victims. Here are some questions you might ask if you are suspicious of someone being trafficked: 1. Can you come and go as you please? 2. Where do you sleep and eat? 3. Have you or your family been threatened?

Call 911 for immediate help if you suspect that someone is a victim of trafficking. The number for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center is 1-888-373-7888. Esther Ministry continues to help survivors in collaboration with the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force, Salvation Army, Homeland Security and many non-profit agencies. If you are interested in being involved in our 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 ON MONDAY, MARCH 27. JOIN US FOR CARDS, BINGO AND OTHER GAMES FOLLOWING A SHORT MEETING.

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.

Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

2017 Parish Fair Notices:

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

****DISCOUNTED** Tickets Sales after Mass today. Buy today get a discount, buy at the fair - pay full price.

****Fish Fry at the Fair** - March 31, 5 pm - 9 pm Please purchase tickets ahead of time so we can have an idea of how much fish to purchase.

****Opportunity Tickets** were mailed out, be sure to return them for your chance to win a prize.

****Volunteers Needed** - Fair representatives are outside Mass today and can sign you up. Can you do just one three hour shift?

****Sponsorship available** - as we are at the deadline, call Kraig Jondle, 562-760-5458.

****Parish Shopping List** - We are accepting Smart & Final donations. You can drop in front of Fr. Martin hall anytime during the week. See bulletin insert for the list.

Fair questions or comments please email:

sjparishfair@gmail.com

Movement for a Better World

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

Pope Francis

April 8 - Easter Food and Book Distribution: *Drivers needed.* 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 as we prepare for our Easter food and book distribution. There are *many* opportunities to serve, big & small. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

St. John's Seminary's Annual Open House for the public and "Beacon" event for young adults - April 1

Open House from 1-4 p.m. and Beacon will begin at 5 p.m.

During the Open House, guests will have the opportunity to tour the beautiful grounds nestled in the hills of Camarillo, see the recently rededicated altar in its historic chapel, spend some time in our Lady of Lourdes grotto, and – most importantly - get to meet seminarians who are studying to be priests for our parishes.

The Beacon event gives young adults an evening with their peers in a faith-filled environment. The event offers a Mass, dinner, praise and worship, reconciliation and Adoration.

Both events are free. Guests are welcome to come to the Open House anytime from 1 to 4 p.m. For Beacon, there is registration at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sjs-beacon-2017-tickets-32236939554>.

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? Keep kids aware of the dangers online - Just about everyone in your community has access to the internet, and it can be a valuable tool for learning, communicating and educating. In the classroom, kids can go online to do research and assignments. Adults should also be educating kids about the dangers that lurk online – predators and strangers who are trolling for information can pose as anyone, and it is important that kids use caution on any site, no matter what they are doing. For more information on internet safety, email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227 to request a copy of the VIRTUS© article "Safety and Technology."

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 25

5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro

SUNDAY, March 26

7:30 a.m. - † Craig Wilson

9:00 a.m. - † Frances Luyben

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

12:30 p.m. - Tom & Pat Halliwell, 40th Anniversary

MONDAY, March 27

8:00 a.m. - † Craig Wilson

TUESDAY, March 28

8:00 a.m. - † Joe Palicte

WEDNESDAY, March 29

8:00 a.m. - † Sally Lewis Horner

THURSDAY, March 30

8:00 a.m. - † Bernie Hodowski

FRIDAY, March 31

8:00 a.m. - † Mary Susan Lefebvre

SATURDAY, April 1

5:00 p.m. - † Roland Fraga

SUNDAY, April 2

7:30 a.m. - † Luis Hidalgo, Jr.

9:00 a.m. - † Olivia Santos

10:30 a.m. - † Roy Townshend

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 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 & Kathleen O'Connell/Dostolik.

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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LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY		

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RCIA	Sister Eva	594-4657
BIBLE STUDY	Sister Eva	594-4657
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Sister Eva	594-4657
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BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM

Please submit notices, with your name & phone, to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org