



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

6180 E. Willow Street
Long Beach, CA 90815

Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik, Pastor

Sr. Eva Bryan, R.S.C., Pastoral Associate
sreva@stjosephlb.org

Deacon Shane Cuda
sfcuda@yahoo.com

Deacon Don Gath

Deacon Tom Halliwell
dhalliwell1@verizon.net

PARISH OFFICE

Phone: 594-4657 • Fax: 431-7424

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
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.



Whoever
believes
in me

shall
never
die

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 2, 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:

Mercy is just a request away! This Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 PM we will host our annual Penance Service in the church. Please avail yourselves of the opportunity to go to confession and celebrate reconciliation with God and the church! If you haven't been to confession in a long time – Jesus says "Do not be afraid"! It's your time! The communal penance service will be brief, to be followed by individual confession and absolution. Several neighboring priests will be here to serve you - so please keep the five priests busy! May your experience of the Lord's reconciliation be a beautiful element of your Lenten journey. Mercy is just a request away!

Peace, Msgr. Kevin

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

Palm Sunday

All of next week's Palm Sunday liturgies will begin outside in the front of the church where we will have the proclamation of the Gospel, the blessing of palms, and the procession into church.

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:

Today in the first reading we have what must be the first example of artificial respiration ever recorded! Note the difference: Elisha's struggling efforts to restore life with those of Jesus who simply commands, "Lazarus, come out!" and death gives way to life. In no other New Testament incident does Jesus show Himself to be simultaneously more human and more divine. He weeps, He groans, and He is troubled in spirit, He grieves, He prays....and then He exerts His divine power. Both miracles point to even greater ones - Christ's own resurrection which we will soon celebrate, and the miraculous change He works in us in our baptism and its renewal at Easter. No one has ever given better advice for Holy Week participation than Thomas who said, "Let us go along to die with Him!"

Lent is winding down, **but** there is still time for us to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It's that "spring cleaning time." It's time to make time for us to be at peace with ourselves and with the Lord. We ask God today for courage to walk away from that which tempts us and to walk toward the Light. Ask the Lord to help us walk toward the Voice that says, "Lazarus Come Out!"
OUR PRAYER: Merciful Father, let us at each Mass thank You for the supreme sacrifice You offered to us. Help us to be sorry for our sins and resolve to follow You more closely. Amen.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

PALM SUNDAY, April 9 (Regular Sunday schedule)

Monday - Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

(Only Mass on Holy Thursday) Adoration until 11 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

(No Mass on Good Friday)

EASTER LITURGIES

HOLY SATURDAY, April 15, 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

(No confessions or 5 pm Mass on Holy Saturday)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES, April 16

7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.



Cursillo

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

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 today! Enjoy the fair with your family.

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 this weekend. 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 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.

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.

St. Dominc Savio's 7th Annual Divine Mercy Celebration begins Good Friday with the Divine Mercy Novena, the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday from 3:30-5:30, and the Divine Mercy Sunday Mass April 23 at 3 p.m. Information: 562-922-9535 or email-galicia17@hotmail.com.



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!

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



Stations of the Cross

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



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.

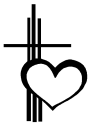
ESTHER MINISTRY -

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, APRIL 10. JOIN US FOR CARDS, BINGO AND OTHER GAMES FOLLOWING A SHORT MEETING. WE WELCOME ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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.

Call Mary Lou 562-431-4385 or Gerry 562-420-32205.

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

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.

April 2 hosted by **Meditation Group**
April 9 hosted by **Cub Scouts**

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.

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 Dis-

tribution: 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.

Foster or Adopt a Child - Resource Parent (foster & foster-adoptive) information meetings **April 8** and **May 6**, 10 am - noon, Children's Bureau, 460 E. Carson Plaza Dr., Suite 102, Carson, 800-730-3933 or 213-342-0162. Every child deserves to laugh, play, dream, learn & grow!

Calling All Married Couples - If you are married and enjoy being Catholic, how would you and your spouse like to help engaged couples preparing for marriage? No experience necessary and free training is provided based on your busy lifestyle. Call Sam & Paula Hopper, 661-272-1124 for information. You can also visit our website www.CEEofLA.org or email spjahop@aol.com

Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon - Sponsored by St. Bartholomew Women's Council, Saturday, **April 22**, 11:30am to 2:30pm, at the Long Beach Yacht Club, 6201 Appian Way, Long Beach. Price: \$45. Proceeds help support Harbour Area Halfway House for Women. Fashions courtesy of Bungalow Bay. Please call Judy Huston (562) 434 5011 for reservations. Reservation deadline is April 17.

"A Night Under the Stars" 4th Annual Gala benefitting the students of Holy Innocents School, Long Beach, **April 28**, 6:00pm. This spectacular event will be held at **The Grand**, Long Beach. Come enjoy an evening of entertainment, dinner, dancing, silent and live auction. You don't want to miss the fun! Contact Vanessa Tamayo at Holy Innocents School, (562) 424-1018, a TK-8th school serving the community of Long Beach, administered by the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart.

Did You Know? Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families - As we begin April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Archdiocese wants to reiterate that it remains committed to helping survivors and their families heal and find peace. If you believe that you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual abuse by a Church employee or volunteer, please contact the Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 for help and support.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, April 3

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

TUESDAY, April 4

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

WEDNESDAY, April 5

8:00 a.m. - † Mary Jansen

THURSDAY, April 6

8:00 a.m. - † Anthony Willis

FRIDAY, April 7

8:00 a.m. - † Hugo Jorda

SATURDAY, April 8

5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro

SUNDAY, April 9

7:30 a.m. - † Jean Libby

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

10:30 a.m. - † Pat Mitchell

12:30 p.m. - † Diane Radov

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, 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/Dostalek.

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 | Moses Bass | 420-1877 |
| WEBSITE COORDINATOR | Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org | 370-0769 |
| 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@sbcglobl.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