



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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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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.

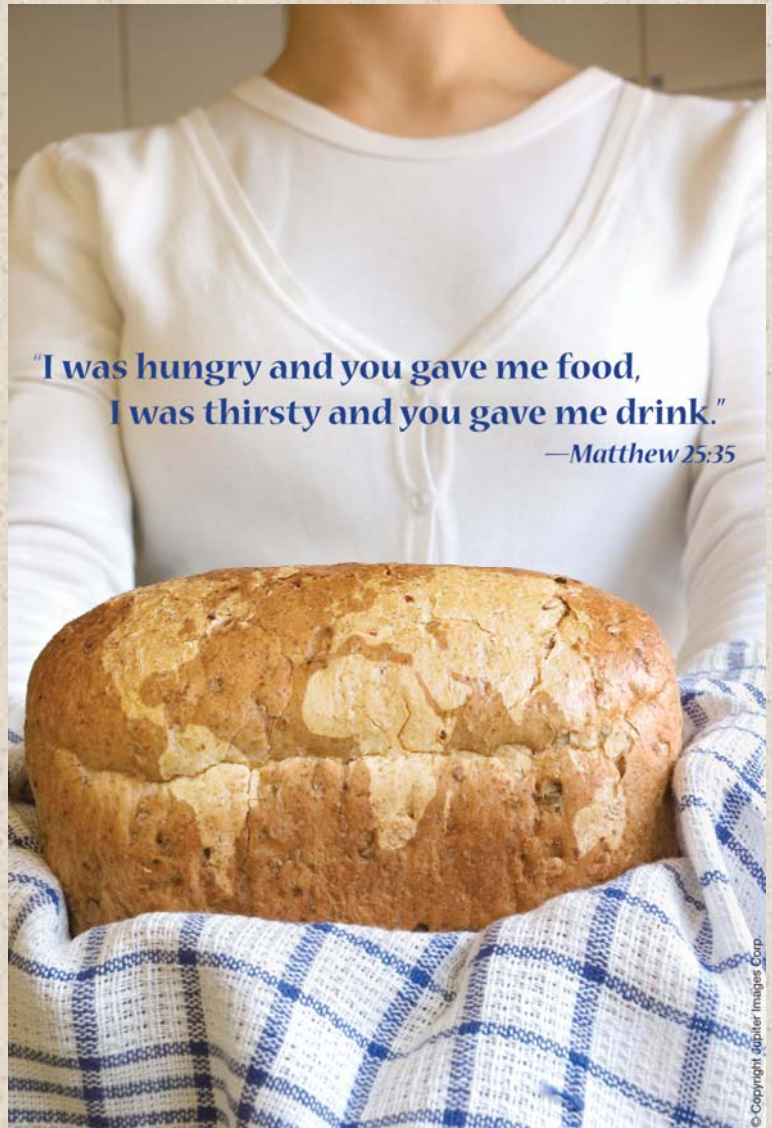
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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.



*"I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink."*

—Matthew 25:35

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**Our Lord, Jesus Christ
King of the Universe**

November 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.



Dear Parish family:

On this last Sunday of the church's liturgical year, I pray that Jesus Christ our King will enable all of us to grow as disciples of the Lord under his kingship!

As servants of our King, I draw your attention to the need we have for volunteers to assist our children during the dismissal rite for the Liturgy of the Word at the 9 o'clock Mass.

Please see Joe Voigt's commentary and request for help on page 3.

Special thanks to all of you who have so faithfully completed your pledge payments for Together in Mission in service of those schools and parishes most in need.

We have four weeks to prepare for the celebration honoring the Nativity of our Lord.

Make it a Great Advent!

Peace, Msgr. Kevin

Advent Penance Services

**Monday, December 18 at 7:00 pm
here at St. Joseph Church**

**Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm
at St. Cornelius Church**

Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support of last week's collection. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/national_collections and click "How to Give" on the left.

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:
Gayle Buol



Women and Men of St. Joseph Parish

Is your heart on fire for Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit? 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 January 18-21 (Men), and February 1-4 (Women). Contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com or OCCursillo.org



From Deacon Don's desk:

"A Priest's Confession"

Where are all these families now? Some are or will be in Church this weekend. Some are away on vacation, hopefully attending Mass elsewhere. But many, perhaps over half, simply do not put enough value on the **Eucharist** to attend Mass regularly. They will respond, "We are good people. We believe in God and that is all that matters." But the problem with their argument is that there is no place for God's greatest gift, the **Eucharist** in their lives. The awe, the respect, the reverence for the Eucharist is missing from their lives.

But I do not have to look to others. There are times that the reverence for the Eucharist is not all it should be in my life, as perhaps also in yours. Too often I prepare for Mass focusing on the homily while not remembering that far more important than the homily is the reception of the Word Made Flesh in Communion. Perhaps, too often you join the line to receive communion **without** taking the time to consider what you are doing or whom you are receiving. Too often people receive communion and then head for the doors to beat the parking lot traffic.

The solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord was established in the thirteenth century to promote respect and reverence for the Eucharist. The celebration has retained its purpose. We need to stop today and consider our reception of communion. We need to ask God to rekindle in us and in our people awe, the respect and the reverence that is fundamental to understanding the reality of the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

To which kingdom do we choose to belong? A king who wears a gold crown or a king who wears a crown of thorns. A king that carries not a scepter but a cross and not born in a palace but in a stable?

OUR PRAYER: Almighty Father, help us to show gratitude to You for all the good things You have done for us. Let us be always grateful to all who help us on our earthly journey to Your heavenly Kingdom. Amen

Holy Day of Obligation

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, December 8**

Vigil, December 7, Thursday, 7:00 pm
Feast day, December 8, 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

Bereavement Group

meets every Monday, 2:00-3:30 in the PLC

Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Faith Formation

**Office will be open Monday - Thursday this week
9am-1pm.**

No Liturgy of the Word for Children today.

Help Wanted - Children's Liturgy of the Word has been an important ministry at the 9am Mass for many years at St. Joseph Church. Giving children the experience of the Liturgy of the Word in their own environment, we are allowing them to hear the same readings the rest of the community hears but on their own level, and to engage in a dialogue about those readings to make connections to their own life.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers. The wonderful thing about volunteering for this ministry is that it is an easy commitment. Our leaders are young adults, grandparents, moms and dads.

We are all busy, but this is one ministry that is so important for our children. Once the schedule is made, you and a team of two other adults will lead a session every 4 weeks or so. The materials will be provided for you: video of the gospel reading, script for what to say with reflective questions, and a gospel activity. You can sign up to partner with a friend. If you can carry on a conversation with your own children, and you love the Lord, He will give you the courage and the faith to help the children of St. Joseph grow in theirs.

Contact Joe Voigt for more information at joe@stjosephlb.org. A hands on demonstration of the program will be held on Sunday, December 10, at the 9am Mass.

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.

Advent Retreat for Adults *Look for the Lord; He is near!* Sunday, **December 10**, 10am - 3pm at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center, 2927 S. Greenville St., Santa Ana. Mass and lunch included, freewill offering appreciated. *Space is limited.* Please **RSVP by Dec. 4**, 714-557-4538 or retreatcenter@sacredheartsisters.com

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites all women to a day of prayer and fellowship. **Every Catholic woman is a member and there are no dues.** The next gathering will be **Nov. 30**, at St. Pancratius Church, 3519 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood, beginning at 9:30 am with speaker Rev. George Reynolds speaking on "Advent", lunch and Mass. For reservation, please mail \$12 check payable to Verna Engfer-Hammer, 3202 Wolfe St, Lakewood, 90712 **before Nov. 27**. For information please contact Verna, 562-633-2503 or vernaengfere@sbcglobal.net.

Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 3, hosted by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Theme of the 86th annual celebration: "Our Lady of Guadalupe: Encounter with Jesus." Begins at 10:30 at the corner of Cesar Chavez Ave. and Ford Blvd. Procession features floats and Aztec and Matachines dance groups. Concludes at East Los Angeles College Stadium with Mass at 1:00 presided by Archbishop Gomez. All are welcome!

YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry

Please join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship in front of the church after the 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 Masses. Donations go towards the purchase of the donuts and supplies. **November 26** off for the Thanksgiving holiday **December 3** hosted by Movement for a Better World

Virtus Training

For **all** volunteers at our parish: catechists, ushers, lectors, ministers of Holy Communion, etc., you must be Virtus certified. We have classes coming up, scheduled here at our parish. Please be sure to take advantage of these.

For those who have never attended a class, or if it has been over a year since you took a class, you will need to sign up for the **Protecting God's Children** class. If you need to renew, you can attend the **Keeping the Promise Alive** class.

Protecting God's Children

St. Joseph, Long Beach, Jan. 8, 6:30-9, in the parish hall, please call 598-0519 to sign up.

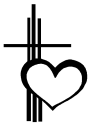
Keeping the Promise Alive

St. Joseph, Long Beach, Jan. 7, 7-8:30 in the PLC, please call 598-0519 to sign up.

You may also find a class in our area at: 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**.

Did You Know? Neglect is a common form of abuse -

Neglect is the most common form of child abuse. It is the failure to meet a child's basic needs, including housing, food, clothing, education, safety, and access to health care. Neglect is most often characterized by acts of omission that aren't easy to see. The signs of neglect are wide and varied, and may include: failure to develop and grow appropriately, or malnourishment, among infants; wearing inadequate clothing for the weather; and children who seem to be wholly responsible for the welfare of their siblings. If you know that any type of abuse is occurring, or if a child discloses to you, it is important to communicate these concerns to the appropriate authorities. Call your local law enforcement or child protective services department to report suspected abuse of any kind. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "The Oft-Forgotten Type of Abuse: Neglect," visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx> or call (213) 637-7508.



St. Joseph Senior Social Group

Join now for a fun 2018
\$10 a year Membership

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 27. Theresa Murphy from Precious Life will be here to give us an update on what is going on at their home. **Be sure to bring your donation of new baby clothes which will be delivered to Precious Life in early December. Also, be sure to make your reservation for our Christmas tri-tip dinner from StoneFire Grill which will be on Monday, Dec. 11. Cost: \$15 for members and \$20 for guests.** Come bring your friends to have fun at the tables of poker, Mexican Train, Bridge, Sequence, other fun games, and of course Bingo. It is a great time to get to know your fellow parishioners and friends from other churches. **Meetings are on the 2nd & 4th Mondays.** All regular meetings: **11:30 to 2:30.** Bring your lunch. Drinks & dessert provided. Free bakery items. Join us for fun and games and fellowship. For information please call: Marilyn North 562-429-8891.

Trips! - All gratuities are included unless otherwise noted. For information please call: Mary Lou 431-4385.

Mission Inn Dec 12, \$81, guided tour of historic Mission Inn, view beautiful Christmas lights, shopping (of course), dinner at Black Angus with several entrees to choose from.

Havasu Balloon Fest Jan 20-23, D\$308, S\$385, T\$300, 1 night in Havasu & 2 nights in Laughlin, Morning Balloon "Mass Ascension" at festival in Havasu, evening witness the "Balloon Glow." All breakfasts & 1 dinner included, shopping by London Bridge, docent tour of Mohave Museum, visit to "Route 66 Museum in Kingman. **Anyone interested in a balloon ride, please contact Mary Lou for details.**

Prayer and Fellowship Meeting for Women - We gather to pray, discuss a spiritual book, and to fellowship together. **November 27** at 7:00 pm at Parish Life Center. Please come join us.

Passion & Purpose for Marriage featuring author and speaker Dr. Allen Hunt, **Feb. 10**, 9:00-1:30, at Our Lady of Refuge Church. Buy your tickets now, before the event sells out. It's easy to purchase tickets, order online at DynamicCatholic.com or call 859-980-7900. Give a gift that can change lives this Christmas! Questions please call Silvana 562 290 2400.

Faith Direct - As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news. Our parish's many ministries are examples of an answer to that call and they require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider electronic donations through Faith Direct. Sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: CA717. Thank you for support of our parish!

Movement for a Better World

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

Pope Francis



Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: Many thanks to all who helped to bless the lives and Thanksgivings of 104 families in need this weekend! **Drivers, please return your family information sheets to the Parish Office right away so that we can begin preparations for our Christmas Present Drive.**

Dec. 2-3 Christmas Present Drive: Trees will be in the church with envelopes to purchase a gift for a child of one of our supported families. **Presents must be returned to the parish office or to church by 12:30 PM, Dec. 10.**

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holiday support of Long Beach families in need. For many opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark 562-431-4385.

St. Francis Center of Long Beach is temporarily closed - After 40+ years of service to the poor of Long Beach, St. Francis Center itself is in dire need of restructuring, remodeling and then reopening. A new board of directors is working hard to accomplish these goals. Follow our progress on our website that is coming soon at sflb.org. We thank you for your past support and we look forward to reconnecting with you in the spring of 2018. Volunteer opportunities available. For more information call Pat Walker 562-972-7329 or Tina Gath 562-481-2301.

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 -

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. It is a \$150 billion criminal industry that

affects the world including the United States and our very own communities. Pope Francis says "Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity."

You can be a part of the solution. Be informed on the facts about human trafficking and bring awareness to your friends and neighbors. You can get more information by visiting sistersagainsthumantrafficking.org/help. Add your name to our email list at esther1@gmail.com to keep informed about what our parish community is doing to help with this cause.



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, November 25

5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro

SUNDAY, November 26

7:30 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault

9:00 a.m. - † Romeo Tupaz

10:30 a.m. - † Cesar Oseguera

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

MONDAY, November 27

8:00 a.m. - Nalzira Neder - Happy Birthday!

TUESDAY, November 28

8:00 a.m. - † Joe Lozano

WEDNESDAY, November 29

8:00 a.m. - † Brice Gomes

THURSDAY, November 30

8:00 a.m. - † Bernard Rollinger

FRIDAY, December 1

8:00 a.m. - † Mary Dondero

SATURDAY, December 2

5:00 p.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

SUNDAY, December 3

7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano

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

10:30 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

12:30 p.m. - Christine Lin

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

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, Eileen Bentley, Delia Nix, Mike Brio, Janeen Higbee, Jay Kefalas, Stacey Marcus, Shirley Morasse, Magali & Wendy Sapien, Jordynn Seckington, Robert & Frances Stickney, Bryan Nielson, Joel Stephesen, Georgiana (Peggy) Schad, Eloisa Mariano, Angela Gibbons, Luis Arroyo, Michael Dresnick, Ramona Pedroza, Albert Rodriguez, Tony Olivar, Lisa Dang, Nina Escandon, Chris Belcher, Janet Bernardo, Regina Jurado, Dennis Cuda, Mark Ham, Odete Salvate, Joan Aimerito, June Kukahiko, Scott Reinard, Valerie Karner, Cynthia Hogan, Bella Dassanayake, Mike & Colette DiHarce, Ellie Jacob, Josh Golan, Jovie Diaz, David Dresnick, Pam Williams, baby Gabriel Mafi, Thelma Gouchenour, Josephine Ryan, Gene Cooper, John Hogan, Nancy Mulry, Jack Lopez, Brice Gomes, Frank Stassi, Christopher Aguirre, Alfredo Flores, Cameron Yip, Finn Krueger, Martha Lopez, Jesus Serrano Sr., Dr. Francis Thornton, Mary Gay Cappelletti, Bob Lovold, Julita Sinco, Agop Gocoglu, Bob Teran, Paul Campbell, Rigoberto Gonzalez, Tanner Lopez, Valerie Lugo, Alexander Diaz, Ramona Saldumbide, Patrick Steinhauer, Jean Studer, Marie Mitchell & Barry Geisert.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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of HOLY COMMUNION	Tom Shaheen	429-5999
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

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562-598-0519

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LITURGY/CHILDREN	Joe Voigt	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Joe Voigt	598-0519

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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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CUB SCOUTS	Brian Erdman	310-984-4900
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