



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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### PARISH OFFICE

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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.



*May it be done to me  
according to your word*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 24, 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:

Merry Christmas:

Through the Incarnation, the Son of God took on flesh and became one with us, to show us the way to love. He is Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace, and I pray that the blessings of Christ will reign in your homes and be with your families during this joyous Christmas Season!

In Christmas Peace,  
Msgr. Kevin

### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Vigil**, December 24, **4:00, 6:00**, and **9:00 p.m.**

**Starting at 8:00 pm**, our adult choir will be singing Christmas carols for your enjoyment. Please come and listen!

**Christmas Day**, December 25, **9:00**, and **10:30 a.m.**, and **12:30 p.m.**

**New Year's Day is not a holy day of obligation.** There will be one Mass at 8:00 a.m.

**TV Mass for the Homebound** - The Heart of the Nation TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joyful hope in our Savior, who came to share life with us. Christmas Day and Sunday TV Mass: KDOC channel 56 at 9:00 a.m. Christmas & Sunday Mass Online Video [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org) For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday or Christmas Mass obligation.

### 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. **December 24 and 31** Christmas break

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38  
Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]  
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40  
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]



### From Deacon Don's desk:

Taken from "Reflecting on the Gospel" - For the fourth and final Sunday of Advent we are brought back to the Gospel of Luke and its beautiful story of the annunciation. This story is very different from that in Matthew where Joseph learns of

Mary's pregnancy in a dream. In Luke, the angel Gabriel (which means "God is my strength") appears to Mary. Gabriel's greeting is repeated each time we pray the Hail Mary, and so we are reminded of this scene. As anyone might be, Mary is "greatly troubled." How often does an angel bear greetings? Upon hearing the news, Mary wonders how this can be. In fact many people today wonder the same. A virgin birth?

How was Jesus conceived? The response given to us is the same as that given to Mary: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you. And the power of the Most High will overshadow you." Nothing is impossible for God. This is an act of God, so that the child, Jesus will be rightly called "The Son of God." His kingdom will last forever; He will be the Son of the Most High. Many church fathers spoke of how in that moment the entire plan of God hung in the balance, awaiting Mary's Yes. Human salvation, a free gift from God, depends upon human cooperation. In other words, God's gift is not forced but available to be freely accepted. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux wrote, "The angel awaits an answer; it is time for him to return to God who sent him. We too are waiting, O Lady, for your word of compassion." We then hear Mary's "fiat", the Latin rendering of "Let it be done." And according to church fathers; all heaven rejoices. We celebrated the Annunciation on March 25, nine months before Christmas.

As the response in Genesis 3 which led ultimately to human sinfulness and death, Mary's response leads us to grace and new life. Only Luke has the most to say about women. In Luke's story of the birth of Jesus, Mary plays the central role, setting the stage for centuries of theological reflection.

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, let us welcome Your Son as our Redeemer. Help us to go to meet Him with confidence when He comes to be our judge at the end of our earthly life. Amen

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Mary Lou Clark**  
**Isabel Moropoules**



Cursillo

### 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](mailto:sfcuda@yahoo.com) or [OCCursillo.org](http://OCCursillo.org)



### Faith Formation

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

Liturgy of the Word for Children will return on  
Jan. 7 at the 9:00 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.



**St. Joseph Book Club** - Our new book is "The Power of Silence Against the Dictatorship of Noise" by Robert Cardinal Sarah, a bold book about the strength of silence. The discussion will be held on **Feb. 21**, 7pm in the PLC.

**Ministry of Consolation Training** 2018, Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office for Worship. Training at St. Lawrence Martyr, 1940 S. Prospect Ave, Redondo Beach, Tuesdays 7-9PM, 8 Consecutive Sessions January 23, January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, and March 13, \$15 per session (please pay per session weekly online). Please register online at: <http://store.la-archdiocese.org/ministry-of-consolation-training-123> For more information please contact: Eva Hernandez ehernandez@la-archdiocese.org 213-637-7547.

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

### Happy Advent from Catholic Engaged Encounter!

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, take a moment to reflect on your involvement in your faith. Are you ready to help engaged couples **prepare** for marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter is looking for married couples (\*not perfect\*) to minister to engaged couples. **No experience necessary** and free training is provided! If you would like to share what you've learned as a married couple and meet a terrific community of married couples, please consider this ministry. For more information, call Sam and Paula Hopper, 661-272-1124. visit [www.ceeofla.org](http://www.ceeofla.org) or email [spjahop@aol.com](mailto:spjahop@aol.com)

**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](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: CA717. Thank you for support of our parish!

**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](http://DynamicCatholic.com) or call 859-980-7900. Give a gift that can change lives this Christmas! Questions please call Silvana 562 290 2400.

### Bereavement Group

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

**Meditation every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. in the School Library - ALL WELCOME!**

**"Be Still And Know That I Am God"**



### 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, is full.

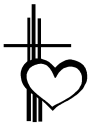
#### **Keeping the Promise Alive**

**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](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 only meeting in December, which was on the 11th, was a wonderful Christmas dinner catered by StoneFire Grill and enjoyed by all. The entertainment by the Alpha K and Kindergarten classes was delightful. Many prizes were won by our members in a drawing. The donations to Precious Life were delivered after the meeting and our members were again very generous. **Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 8, 2018.** Come and bring your friends to have a fun time at the poker table, tables of 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. We have some very nice trips planned and some interesting speakers lined up. We would love to have you join us.

**Meetings are on the 2nd & 4th Mondays. Dues for 2018 will be collected at the January meetings. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy 2018.**

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: **Gerry 420-3220.**

**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 Gerry for details.**

**St. Joseph School** is accepting applications for Kindergarten and our Transitional Kindergarten (Alpha-K) for the 2018-2019 school year. Applicants for Kindergarten must turn 5 years old by August 31, 2018. Applicants for Alpha-K must turn 4 years old by August 31, 2018.

Alpha-K:

- \*\*Emphasizes developmental readiness skills with a hands-on approach to curriculum
- \*\*Focuses on Kindergarten readiness
- \*\*Students receive daily instruction in religion and attend Mass weekly
- \*\*Offers a half-day (7:50-11:50 am) or full-day (7:50 am – 3:00 pm), 5-days-per-week program
- \*\*Extended daycare is available until 5:30 pm

Please call our school office, 562-596-6115 or email [jgianessi@sjknights.net](mailto:jgianessi@sjknights.net) to receive an application or set up an appointment to speak with Mrs. Alvarez our principal.

## Movement for a Better World

"He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Lk 4:18

Christmas Present Drive: Thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Present Drive, those of you who brought presents, helped with loading boxes and sorting packages, those who adopted a family, those who made donations through the Skip a Meal envelopes, and those who delivered the food and presents to the families. You were all a part of making Christmas special for families who have so very little. What a fabulous way to bring Christ into those families' holiday! May God bless each of you for your generosity. **Skip-a-Meal Donations:** For *many* opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark 562-431-4385.



## St. Francis Center, Long Beach is temporarily closed

- After 40+ years of service St. Francis Center is in dire need of restructuring, remodeling and then reopening. We thank you for your support and look forward to reconnecting in spring, 2018. Volunteer opportunities available. For more information call Pat Walker 562-972-7329 or Tina Gath 562-481-2301.

## LA's Walk for Life! Saturday, January 20, 12 noon.

The walk will begin at La Placita/Olvera St. ending at LA Historic Park. Celebrate the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Afterwards, join us for a family friendly day of inspiring speakers, live music, food trucks and much more! Visit [onelifela.org](http://onelifela.org) for the most up to date information.

## ESTHER MINISTRY -

**End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -**

The crime of human trafficking affects 20 to 30 million people in the world today. It is happening in our own neighborhoods. We can be a part of the fight against this tragic crime through awareness of the various signs of this crime.

On January 27, you can attend a free symposium from 10am to 2pm with information and workshops relating to human trafficking. There will be a workshop offered on this topic plus one on Internet safety. This symposium is for parents, teachers, middle school and older students and all those interested in learning more. This event is sponsored by the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force in collaboration with the Salvation Army and Long Beach GRIP Project. It will be held at the Salvation Army facility at 3000 Long Beach Blvd. For more information, just email our ministry at [esther1@gmail.com](mailto:esther1@gmail.com).



## Mass Intentions



- SATURDAY, December 23**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Mort Kier
- SUNDAY, December 24**  
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m. - † Primitivo & Milagros Chingcuangco  
 10:30 a.m. - † Mary Jane and Ed Merk  
 12:30 p.m. - † John DeRuyter  
 4:00 p.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero  
 6:00 p.m. - † John Risko  
 9:00 p.m. - † Russell Patrick Putnam
- MONDAY, December 25**  
 9:00 a.m. - Tonet Risko  
 10:30 a.m. - † Katheryn Johnson  
 12:30 p.m. - † Mary Lou Clark
- TUESDAY, December 26**  
 8:00 a.m. - Blaise Heuke
- WEDNESDAY, December 27**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Christopher Arriola
- THURSDAY, December 28**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Dominico and Maria Dang
- FRIDAY, December 29**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Ronald Palmer
- SATURDAY, December 30**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Domingo Dizon
- SUNDAY, December 31**  
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m. - † Derce Randolph  
 10:30 a.m. - † Louis Laphorne  
 12:30 p.m. - † Margaret Quintana

**Regional Vocation Director:** Rev. Francis Ilano  
 St. Athanasius Church, Long Beach, 562-423-7986. Vocation information may be found at: [www.lavocations.org](http://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, 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, Jovie Diaz, David Dresnick, Pam Williams, baby Gabriel Mafi, Thelma Gouchenour, Josephine Ryan, Gene Cooper, John Hogan, Nancy Mulry, Jack Lopez, Frank Stassi, Christopher Aguirre, Alfredo Flores, Cameron Yip, Finn Krueger, Martha Lopez, Jesus Serrano Sr., Mary Gay Cappelletti, Julita Sinco, Agop Gocoglu, Bob Teran, Paul Campbell, Rigoberto Gonzalez, Tanner Lopez, Valerie Lugo, Alexander Diaz, Ramona Sal dumbide, Patrick Steinhauer, Jean Studer, Marie Mitchell, Barry Geisert, Gene Adams, Gary Hillebrecht, Celeste Kohnen & Teresa Mayo.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>		
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

### FAITH FORMATION 562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of FAITH FORMATION	Joe Voigt	
ELEMENTARY,		
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Joe Voigt	598-0519
YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Joe Voigt	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Joe Voigt	598-0519

### 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	252-5123
FINANCE COUNCIL	Moses Bass	420-1877
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	370-0769
Website address:		
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John/Deborah Rollingner	537-3457
LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS	Tim Clark	431-4385
	Jason Pillon coordinator@lbcya.org	
SENIOR GROUP	Marilyn North	429-8891
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Paciano & Molly Diaz ktrm@sbcglobal.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	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 parish office or to [bulletin@stjosephlb.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org)