



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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.

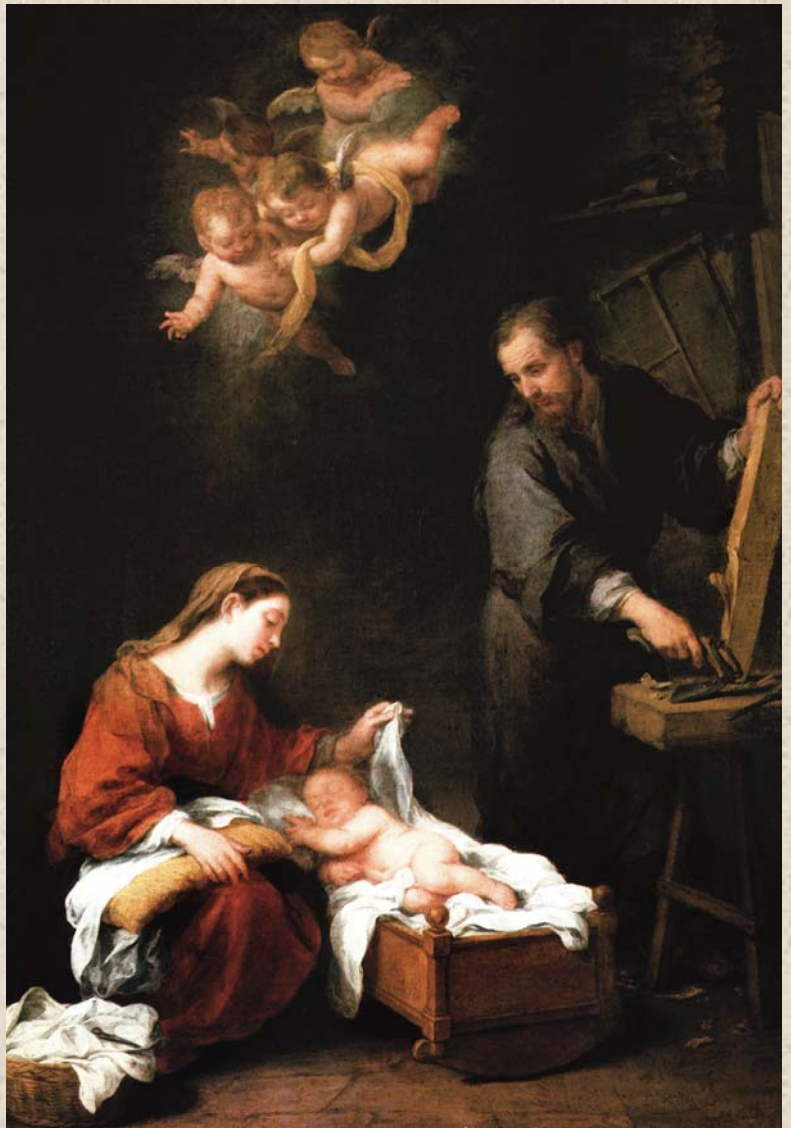
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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.



The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 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:

As we celebrate this eighth day in the Octave of Christmas, the universal Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. It's my prayer that God will bless all of our St. Joseph's families with the embrace of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The following prayer from the book of blessings is a beautiful prayer for the home.

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May you and your families have a Blessed, Joyous and Prosperous New Year!!

New Year's Peace,
Msgr. Kevin

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. Sunday TV Mass: KDOC channel 56 at 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass Online Video www.HeartoftheNation.org For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.



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.



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:

How important it is for all of us to pray for our children and for our families. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration reminds us of our responsibility to be a holy family, as well as our obligation to pray for our families.

You parents remember how you celebrated your children's lives on a very special day when you presented them to the Lord to receive his life. They left the Church the day of their baptism still your children but also the Lord's.

One of the people making a fuss over Jesus in the temple was a man named Simeon. The gospel says he was inspired by the Holy Spirit to come to the Temple that day. He was certain that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah, the anointed of the Lord. He prophesied that this child is the glory of Israel and a revealing light to the gentiles. It would have been a marvelous day if it weren't for something that Simeon said to Mary. He told her, "This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed - and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare."

The Gospels present Mary and Joseph as calmly meeting each challenge the baby's life brought. In Matthew this included Joseph's considering whether or not he should send Mary away when he found she was pregnant, the journey with his pregnant wife to Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi and the flight to Egypt. In Luke's Gospel the challenges included the poverty of the stable, the prophecy of Simeon, and the loss of the boy Jesus in the Temple.

We need to pray for our families. Our families are little churches. Pray for your children every day. Pray for them when they are still under your roof. Pray for them when they move out and begin their own families.

We wish you and your families a blessed, holy New Year!

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 31 Christmas break

January 7 ESTHER Ministry

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:	<u>Vigil</u> : Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>During the Night</u> : Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn</u> : Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day</u> : 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]

Faith Formation

Office will be closed until January 2.

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.

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

"Be Still And Know That I Am God"

Parishioners of St. Joseph,

I want to take this opportunity to thank Msgr. Kevin for letting me speak at the Masses, and also say THANK YOU to all my supporters - financial, spiritual, or otherwise - for your loving compassion in walking with me on this journey so far. The response I received after speaking at the Masses was amazing, and I am so grateful. For those that signed up to follow along with my journey, I will be releasing a new blog post soon. For those that didn't get an opportunity to pass on their email and would like to, or would just like to say hello, my email is gcuda@mklm.org. I would like to leave you all with a prayer that has helped me tremendously through my journey the past few months, and hopefully may bring peace to any soul that is searching.



From Thomas Merton's "Thoughts in Solitude"... *"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."*

If you would like to sponsor my cause, or donate to me directly, please don't hesitate to reach out through email, or log on to <http://mklm.org/gcuda>. For more regular updates I will be photo blogging through Instagram @fortheluvofafrica. Please know I will continue to keep the congregation of St. Joseph in my prayers. Blessings for a joyous Christmas holiday!

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.

Bereavement Group

meets every Monday, 2:00-3:30 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.

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 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? Human trafficking and technology -

Teenagers spend a lot of time online, making them prime targets for human traffickers. Using online ads that promise money and adventure in exciting, glamorous cities, traffickers attract young women and girls. Parents should be aware of the serious dangers online, and monitor what their children's online activity - sites they visit, social networks they may belong to, and who they are connecting with online. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Human Trafficking and Sex Tourism with Children and Technology," visit https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/free_article.cfm?free_articles_id=887, 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, January 8.

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. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU. Have 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 jgia-nessi@sjknights.net to receive an application or set up an appointment to speak with Mrs. Alvarez our principal.

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

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

Thank you 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 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.



Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, January 1
 8:00 a.m. - Tonet Risko

TUESDAY, January 2
 8:00 a.m. - Rachel Mason

WEDNESDAY, January 3
 8:00 a.m. - † Marie Haddad

THURSDAY, January 4
 8:00 a.m. - Liz Luna

FRIDAY, January 5
 8:00 a.m. - Khoi Nguyen

SATURDAY, January 6
 5:00 p.m. - Dizon family

SUNDAY, January 7
 7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison-Bennett
 12:30 p.m. - † Mary Lou Clark

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, 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 & Pat Hillebrecht.

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