



# 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.

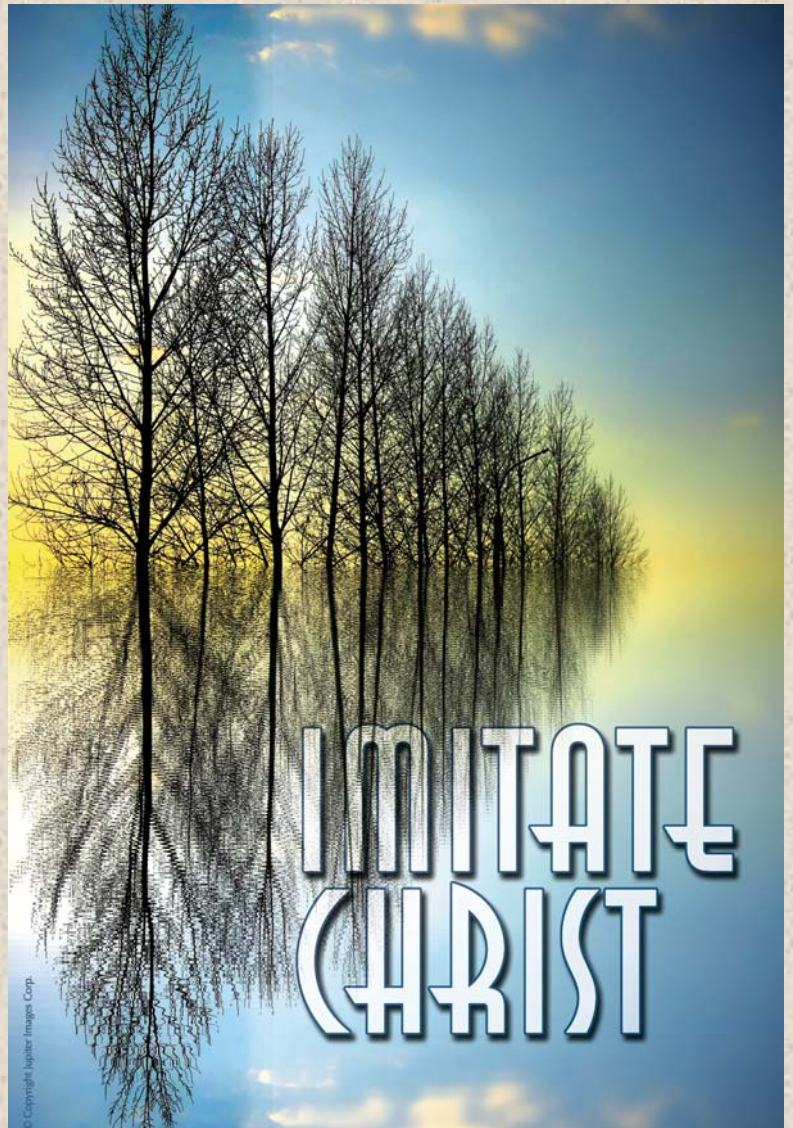
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday before  
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

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:

Thank you very much for your generous contribution in support of the Together in Mission campaign. Your gifts will provide our neediest parishes and schools with important resources for their pastoral work!

This Wednesday we commence the 40 day season of Lent. This campaign to holiness is our annual exercise to conform our lives to Jesus Christ! The Ash Wednesday Mass schedule and regulations regarding fasting are below.

Let's make it a Great Lent!

Peace,  
Msgr. Kevin

### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Mass and distribution of ashes will be held on Wednesday, February 14 at: **8:00 a.m.**, **10:30 a.m.** with the school children, **noon**, and **7:00 p.m.**

**Stations of the Cross / Holy Hour** - This Lent we will be incorporating Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament into our Friday Stations of the Cross. The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed at approximately 6:40 pm, allowing parishioners the opportunity to spend some quiet time in adoration before praying the Stations of the Cross. The Stations, which will still begin at 7:00 pm, will take place in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Following the Stations of the Cross, the liturgy will close with Benediction, a solemn blessing imparted through the Blessed Sacrament. Come and spend some time with Jesus this Lent!



### Abstinence and Fasting

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all persons 14 & older.

The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all persons 18 or older and younger than 59. Fasting means that one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may be taken sufficient to maintain strength, but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice, may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work are affected, fasting does not oblige.

Private, self-imposed observance of fasting on Lenten weekdays is strongly recommended. Pastors and parents should ensure that children who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence are taught an authentic sense of penance, conversion and reconciliation.

### Lenten Observance

We 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 - 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:

Scripture Focus for this Sunday, taken from our Small Church Community:

According to Jewish law, lepers were considered unclean and were outcasts from society. Yet in today's Gospel, Jesus immediately responds to a leper's request for healing. Jesus had great respect for the Law of Moses, so he told the leper to fulfill the cleansing requirements by offering sacrifice and appearing before the priest. Jesus orders him to tell no one who cured him, but the leper ignores Jesus' command and tells everyone what happened. In spite of the growing difficulties of His ministry, Jesus continues healing and preaching. He was able to proceed, because people had faith in Him.

In Fr Leonard, SJ's reflection on this Gospel he says, "Lepers were treated shamefully, they had to live outside the villages and towns; they could never enter the Temple. There are two details in this Gospel that are important. The man with leprosy feels comfortable enough to go straight to Jesus and ask for healing. Jesus touched him. Religious laws were broken in this encounter. Jesus tells him to fulfill his religious obligations so that he can attend the Temple again and rejoin the community. Jesus was only interested in the higher laws of love and compassion.

We are challenged this Sunday to trust holy anger. This is not only about fighting for our rights when we have been wronged, but it's fighting for the dignity and rights of others. This can take many forms: taking the lot of those yet to be born or who are near natural death, fighting for future generations by calling for a just care of the earth. It's about standing up for those who are in our neighborhood, parish, workplace, country and world who are treated shamefully, excluded, derided or declared unclean. Why should we bother? Because this Sunday Christ comes to us again and declares that despite what we might think about ourselves, or what we have been told, there is nothing in us that cannot be healed or is beyond hope.

May the Eucharist give us the love and compassion of Christ to fight for others' dignity because of the dignity we've received from Him. May Jesus turn us into 'agents of change' for a more just Church and world. Amen  
OUR PRAYER: St Augustine says, Entrust the past to God's mercy, the present to His love, and the future to His providence. We pray that the all-provident God entrusts our whole life to His loving care. Amen

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Belia Reveles**  
**Ramona Saldumbide**



**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 gifts of time and talent, as well as 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 your support of our parish!

## Faith Formation

**Office will be open Monday to Thursday this week from (9am-1pm).**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** The program is available to all children from 3 – 10 years old 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 provided.

**Are you a Catholic adult who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation?**

**Are you seeking to complete your initiation in the Catholic Church?**

If you said yes to these questions, we are happy to announce that we will be offering an 8 week Confirmation program for adults on Monday nights starting **Feb. 26**.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a Baptized Catholic adult, 18 years or older, who has celebrated First Holy Communion but lack the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Must be a registered member of St. Joseph Parish or parent of a current St. Joseph School or Faith Formation student.

For more information or to register we invite you to go to: <https://stjosephlb.org/religious-education/2018-adult-confirmation/>. Completed registrations must be turned into the Parish Life Center (PLC) office on or before Tuesday, **February 20**. Please don't delay since class size is limited to 25 candidates who have turned in completed registrations on a first come, first serve basis. Upon completion of your registration a member of our team will be in contact with you.

The Community of St Joseph welcomes you!

The **St. Joseph Church Senior Group** will be having a **Lenten Retreat** on Monday, **February 26**. The retreat will be from 9:00 to 12:30 in the Hall with Mass at 11:00. Msgr. Jim Halley will conduct the retreat. The cost of the retreat is \$10 which includes a box lunch. Please call Marilyn North 429-8891 or Judy Pedneault 421-6863 for more information and to make a reservation. Reservations must be made by **February 18**. **All are welcome!**

## LA Religious Education Congress - March 15-18

**Not just for Religious Educators** - All are welcome to an opportunity for personal faith enrichment. Over 300 workshops with topics on spirituality, personal development, biblical studies, theology, catechesis and more. Register now at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org). Youth day is March 15 for high school age.

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



**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.

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



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

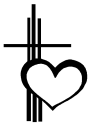


**Women and Men of St. Joseph Parish**  
*Is your heart on fire for Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit? If you want to experience what the disciples felt on the day of Pentecost, then give yourself the gift of a Cursillo, and light your heart on fire! A Cursillo weekend is unlike anything you've ever experienced. Cursillos run from*

*Thursday evening thru Sunday evening.*

**The next Cursillo weekends will be April 19-22 (Men), and May 3-6 (Women).** Contact Dcn. Shane at [sfcuda@yahoo.com](mailto:sfcuda@yahoo.com) or [OCCursillo.org](http://OCCursillo.org)

**Did You Know? Commit to building family values and protecting vulnerable children** - Children are exposed to many expressions, actions, and beliefs through their experiences. This is how they learn to how to live in the world around them. Children turn to parents for guidance. Strong family values modeled at home help children sustain their faith and teach them to live as children of God. Recommit to your families - listen to your children, model good behavior and virtue, and instruct them in faith. Pray to Mary for help, and ask her for guidance in raising your children as she did her Son. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Mother of Good Counsel Protect the Vulnerable" visit [www.archla.org/protecting](http://www.archla.org/protecting).



## St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

**Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 12.**  
**We will have a sign-up for our Lenten Retreat which will be on February 26. Msgr. Jim Halley will conduct the retreat and it will be from 9:00 to 12:30 with Mass at 11:00. Cost is \$10 which includes a box lunch. You must have a reservation.**

*For our regular meetings, come and bring your friends to have a fun time at the game tables 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.**

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.

Catholic Baseball League begins in March and is open to all parish children, grades 1 - 8. Sign up forms are in the school office. Please apply by **Feb. 23**, so we can submit rosters. Questions: please call Tim Kiedrowski, 562-743-3102.

**Tax Letters:** If you would like a letter stating your contributions to St. Joseph Church for 2017, please call the office, 562-594-4657, and leave your name, phone and email address. Those who have contributed through Faith Direct will need to contact them for tax information.

### **2018 Parish Fair April 20 - 22**

**The Parish fair is in need of the following:**  
**Captain for the Rice/Teriyaki Bowl Food Booth - NEW** this year.

If you would like to be part of the fair committee, please contact Conny Frost: 562-673-4610, connyf@internationalaero.com

**Refrigeration Truck-** please contact us if you know someone who owns a truck or can give us a discount.

**\*\*BINGO Saturday April 21 Noon-5pm in Fr. Martin Hall**  
**\*\*Pancake Breakfast returns to the Fair - Sunday, April 22 8am - 11:30am in Fr. Walter Martin Hall.** Discount Pre-sale tickets will be available for sale before and after Masses.  
**\*\*Volunteers Needed - can you help with just one 3 hour shift at the Fair? On-line volunteer sign ups to be released in March. Please help!**  
**\*\*Tickets - purchase Discount Pre-sale food/drink and ride tickets and SAVE MONEY before the Fair starts or pay full price at the Fair. Tickets go on sale April 7/8 after Masses or purchase through school office**  
**\*\*Auto Show - we're looking for dealerships to display new cars at the Fair. Do you have any contacts at dealerships? If so, please contact Kerry Weiss at kerryweiss@gmail.com**  
Fair questions or comments please email: sjparishfair@gmail.com

## Movement for a Better World

"Only in heaven will we see how much we owe to the poor for helping us to love God better because of them." St. Teresa



**Feb. 21 7:00 pm Committee Meeting:**

Help us coordinate our outreach to bring hope to our marginalized brothers and sisters in need in the Long Beach area. Share your ideas to help us fulfill that mission.

**Mar. 3-11:** Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children for our Easter food distribution.

**Skip-a-Meal Donations:** Please be especially mindful during our holiday distributions. There are many opportunities to help. Please call Tim Clark 562-431-4385.

**St. Joseph Parish Blood Drive**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place on **Sunday, Feb. 18, 8:15 AM - 2:15 PM** in the Parish Hall. **Sign up ONLINE** at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org); Sponsor Code: JosephLB or after **9/10:30 Mass** in front of church on 2/11. For information contact Knight Tony Diaz at BstDad2@msn.com.

## ESTHER MINISTRY -

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



Our ESTHER Ministry would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful volunteers who made the YESS (Youth Empowerment Safety Symposium) such a great success. Several hundred people were in attendance on January 27 and were introduced to many community resources as well as fair trade items and workshops on human trafficking and internet safety. ESTHER Ministry provided complimentary fair trade coffee and tea. Thank you everyone and also many thanks to the community groups who provided food, snacks and waters!

## **Bereavement Group**

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

**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 [jgiansi@sjknights.net](mailto:jgiansi@sjknights.net) to receive an application or set up an appointment to speak with Mrs. Alvarez our principal.

## Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, February 10**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Eleanor Connell

**SUNDAY, February 11**  
 7:30 a.m. - † John Risko  
 9:00 a.m. - † Jean Studer  
 10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 12:30 p.m. - † Rene Almazon

**MONDAY, February 12**  
 8:00 a.m. - St. Joseph School Staff & Students

**TUESDAY, February 13**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Robert and Julianne Uehlin

**WEDNESDAY, February 14**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Thomas Steiner  
 12:00 p.m. - Tonet Risko  
 7:00 p.m. - † Margaret Quintana

**THURSDAY, February 15**  
 8:00 a.m. - † David Willett

**FRIDAY, February 16**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Jack Vaughen

**SATURDAY, February 17**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro

**SUNDAY, February 18**  
 7:30 a.m. - † Mark Convey  
 9:00 a.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero  
 10:30 a.m. - † Mary Lou Clark  
 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](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, Marie Mitchell, Barry Geisert, Gene Adams, Gary Hillebrecht, Celeste Kohnen, Pat Hillebrecht, Diana Craig, Mauricio Heilbron, Maria Bessem, Elizabeth Brown, Marian Steins, David Cerea, Andy Mardesich, Carol Magarino, Ronnie Galvan, & Richard Dana.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**  
 of HOLY COMMUNION Tom Shaheen 429-5999  
 LECTORS Bill Smith 355-6194  
 USHERS Marty Vezzetti 425-0621  
 ALTAR SERVERS Stan Lawrence 430-0913  
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 ALTAR CARE Parish Office 594-4657  
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## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Sonia Yurak  
 ADMISTRATIVE COUNSEL Natalie Alvarez, Erin Wright & Sonia Yurak  
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## 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)