



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.

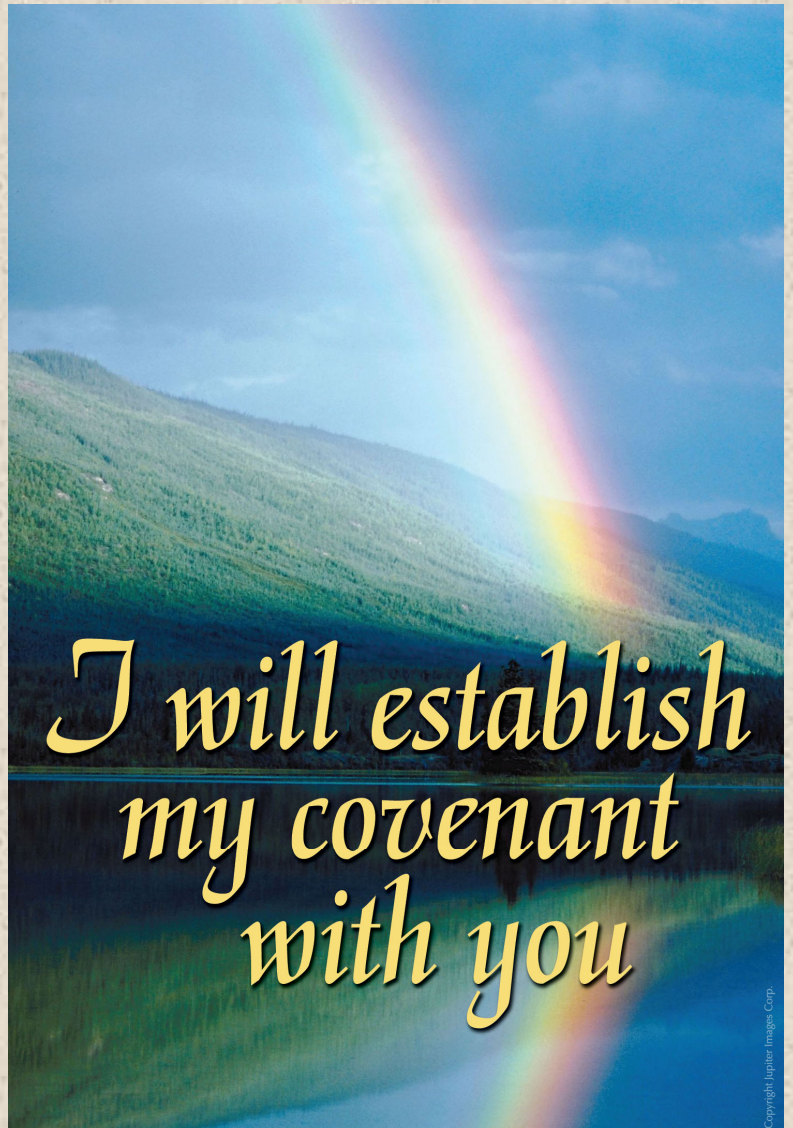
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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.



First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 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.

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!

The parish office will be closed on Monday for the Presidents' Day holiday.

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



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.

YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry

February 18 hosted by Seniors Social Club

February 25 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



From Deacon Don's desk:

Reflecting on the Gospel: Upon making a commitment, how often do we start out with good intentions and a firm will and fortitude? Maybe nothing represents that more in our culture than a New Year's resolution. Many of us are determined to exercise daily, and we manage for a few weeks. Then we face other priorities, and pretty soon exercising is a long gone wish.

Jesus faced something more profound. Upon being baptized and starting His ministry, he faced temptation and was driven into the desert, a place of no rest or relief. As a human being He knew temptation, of that the gospel is clear. Despite these temptations, He overcame them. Mark doesn't tell us much about this period. In Mark we are not told what Satan's temptations in the desert were about. Luke and Matthew give us more details. On the cross however, Mark tells of the crowd tempting Jesus to work a miracle by coming down from the cross and saving Himself.

Father Leonard SJ noted that, "It is important to remember in our own particular deserts that temptation is not a sin. To be tempted by something is not the same as doing it. Temptations are allurements, they make destructive choices look good. From the lives of the saints we know that the closer we get to God, the more temptations increase.

This Lent, as we venture with Christ into our figurative deserts, let's choose activities that may help us emerge from our desert experience making us better for having been there."

OUR PRAYER: God of Love, help us to imitate Your merciful love for us. Let us strive to manifest a selfless love toward our brothers and sisters because they are Your subjects as well. Amen

Warning

Not all churches that use the words "Catholic" or "Roman Catholic" in their title are in communion with the Holy Father or under the jurisdiction of the local Roman Catholic bishop. Though lawfully calling themselves "Catholic" under secular law, some of these churches have broken away from the Church because of disagreements over the teachings and reforms mandated by both the First and Second Vatican Councils.

It is not lawful for Roman Catholics to receive sacraments in these Churches, and one does not fulfill one's obligations by attending their services. Furthermore, the sacraments received would, in most instances, be invalid.

Holy Trinity on Woodruff Ave. falls within this category and is not a Roman Catholic Church. If you have reason to doubt the authenticity of any other church calling itself "Catholic" please contact the Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 213-637-7000 for verification.

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.

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!

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 or OCCursillo.org

A New Way To Do Church: Parish Renewal a la Pope Francis - Pope Francis, "Pope for the Poor," invites us to rethink the way we understand our purpose and mission. The hope of Pope Francis, echoing the story of St. Francis, is to "rebuild" the church, not with bricks and mortar but with compassion and mercy. Jack Jezreel will share Pope Francis' dream and offer thoughts on how we might move forward. March 15, 7:00 p.m, American Martyrs Church, 624 15th St., Manhattan Beach, St. Katari Room, 310-545-5651 (Church). Questions: Call Tony Fadale, 310-413-7754. All are welcome. No admission fee; only a good-will donation is asked. There will be refreshments available.

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. Youth day is March 15 for high school age.

The **Southeastern District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women** invites all ladies to a day of prayer and fellowship on **Feb. 22**, St. Matthew Parish, 672 Temple St., Long Beach. Continental breakfast and sign-in at 9 A.M. followed by Rev. Al Scott speaking on "Prayer into Action", Mass, lunch and a short meeting. Information and reservations - call Linda Freundlich, 562 452 7444 and forward your \$12 luncheon and breakfast check payable to Linda at 3707 Hackett Ave, Long Beach 90808. Looking forward to seeing you as we enjoy a lovely ladies day.



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"



Did You Know? Build family values and protect vulnerable children - Children are exposed to many expressions, actions, and beliefs through their experiences. This is how they learn how to live in the world. 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.



St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 26.
This is our Lenten Retreat which will be conducted by Msgr. Jim Halley. The retreat will be from 9:00 to 12:30 in the Father Martin Hall. There will be Mass at 11:00 in the church. Cost is \$10 which includes a box lunch.

You must have a reservation in by February 18.

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.

Remember to pay your dues for 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.

Bereavement Group

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

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.

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

"True charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need."

Pope Francis



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 Book Drive: Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our supported families for Easter.

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; Sponsor Code: JosephLB. For information contact Knight Tony Diaz at BstDad2@msn.com.

ESTHER MINISTRY -

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

Human Trafficking is the fastest growing illegal enterprise in the U.S. People are usually shocked to find out how prevalent trafficking is in their own neighborhoods. The desire for cheap products is creating the demand for labor trafficking. These are just a few basic facts related to this crime.

We can help combat this crime by becoming aware of the signs of human trafficking. For more information on how we can help, go to sistersagainsttrafficking.org, website of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Also, if you would like to know more information on what we are doing in our community here at St. Joseph's, add your name to our email list at estherministry1@gmail.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 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 using our church code: CA717. Thank you for your support of our parish!

Catholic Co-ed Softball Players Wanted! Greater South Bay Catholic Co-ed Adult (Ages 18+) Softball League seeks players for their exciting 2018 season! Games are held on Sunday afternoons from February thru June in Torrance. Singles & couples welcome; Female players especially needed! If interested, please contact Fred @ (714) 369-9516 (cell) or fredlawler@hotmail.com.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, February 19

8:00 a.m. - † Gene Ensich

TUESDAY, February 20

8:00 a.m. - St. Joseph School Staff & Students

WEDNESDAY, February 21

8:00 a.m. - † Arturo Aviles

THURSDAY, February 22

8:00 a.m. - † Jean Studer

FRIDAY, February 23

8:00 a.m. - † Isabel Mouroupoles

SATURDAY, February 24

5:00 p.m. - † Botelho & Salvate families

SUNDAY, February 25

7:30 a.m. - Tonet Risko - Thanksgiving

9:00 a.m. - † Jean Studer

10:30 a.m. - † Mary Lou Clark

12:30 p.m. - † Thomas Voigt

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 Steinhauser, 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 & Jack Paluska.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION	Tom Shaheen	429-5999
LECTORS	Steve Koppenheffer	714-299-6644
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

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MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS	Jason Pillon coordinator@lbcya.org	
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
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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