



# 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.

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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.**

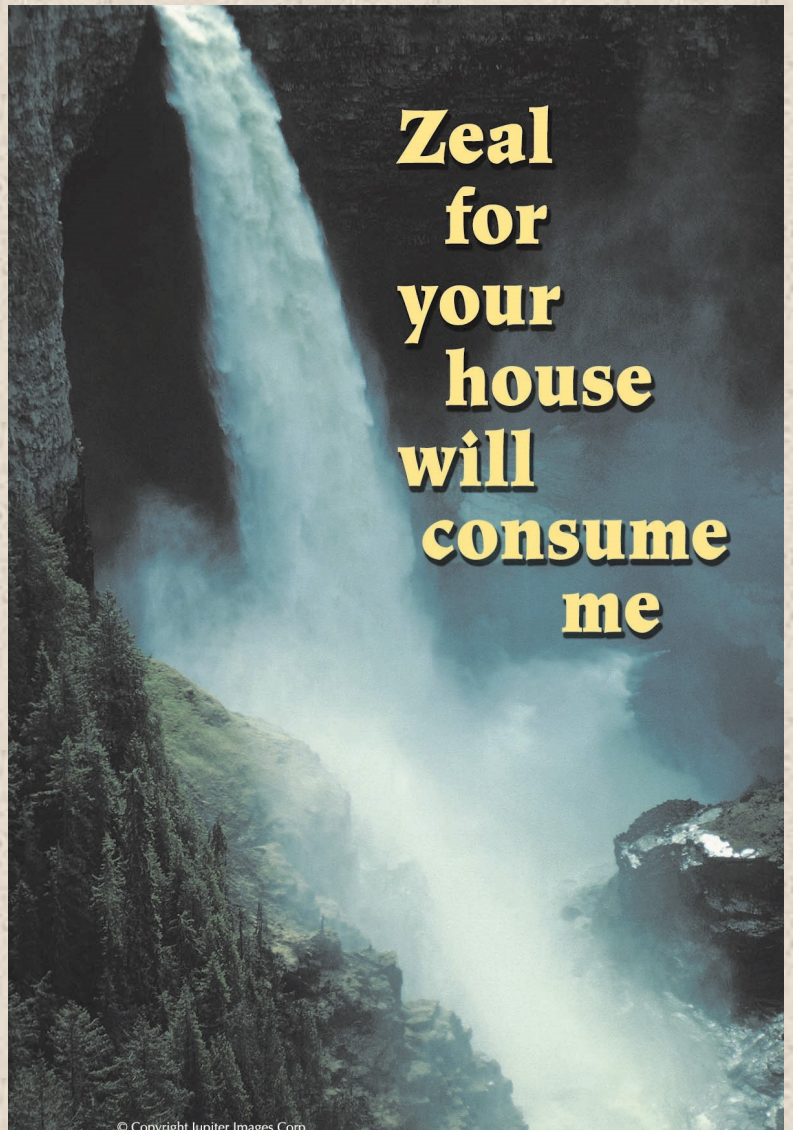
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday before  
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**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.



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Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 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:

As we continue our Lenten journey, please pray for the newly Elect: the unbaptized as they move towards Easter baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation including:

**Krista Hartford, Emma Herzog, Brian Katz, Kristen Katz, Jeremy Merriman, and Jerome Roberts.**

Also pray for those from other Christian faiths who will be received into the church, including:

**Nancy Flagg, Heather Moeck, Christopher Newbauer, and Marianne Schaeffer.**

Those baptized Catholic's completing their initiation include:

**Cynthia Delgado and Kasandra Ortiz-Lopez.**

Next Saturday night, we begin daylight savings time so please remember to move your clocks forward one hour in anticipation of Sunday Mass. Have a blessed third week of Lent!

Lenten Peace,

Msgr. Kevin



### 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.

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



### From Deacon Don's desk:

I would like to give you something that relates to Jesus' "Agony in the Garden". Sometime during Lent, I ask you to take a few minutes, go to the Tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and look up at the picture of Jesus kneeling at the rock. Thanks to Father Jim he placed this painting in its proper place. There's a story behind this painting. A parishioner, Frank Aimone (1920-1985), an artist, wanted to do something special for St Joseph Church. With wood backing, thick plaster, many hours and days of carving out the relief and then painting, all told, over 500 hours of love!! But most important is the Love that is reflected in the painting. Jesus is asking: "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." Mt 26:39.

Fr. Leonard, SJ says, "Believing in evil does not mean we have a convenient excuse for all the world's ill. As Jean Paul Sartre said, "Evil triumphs **when good people do nothing.**" To keep choosing life and a love that drives out fear, we have to see evil, name it, and **do** something about it."

OUR PRAYER: Father God, You conquer the darkness of ignorance by the light of Your Word. Strengthen in our hearts the faith You have given us; let not temptation ever quench the fire Your love has kindled within us. Amen

**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!

Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**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.

## 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.

**Adult Confirmation - This will be the last week to sign up.**

**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.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a Baptized Catholic adult, 18 years or older, who has celebrated First Holy Communion.
- 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. Class size is limited to 25 candidates. Upon completion of your registration a member of our team will be in contact with you.

The Community of St Joseph welcomes you!

### 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"



### **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)**

**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.

**RCIA** - Do you know anyone who would like to hear about the RCIA process of becoming a fully initiated Catholic? Please call Sr. Eva at the parish office, 594-4657.

### 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.

**Filipino Masses to Start at St. Philip Benizi** - St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church will start celebrating Mass in Filipino every first Saturday of the month at 7 p.m. beginning Saturday, March 3. St. Philip is located at 235 S. Pine Dr., Fullerton. This invitation is extended to all, but particularly to all Filipino parishioners. The St. Philip Filipino Ministry hopes to see you all there to be united in Christ and in fellowship with one another.

**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.

**Did You Know? Helping children problem solve through communication** - Often the easiest response to complicated conversations about sensitive issues is a generic one, but these moments can be opportunities to help children grow. For example, if a child comes to you and tells you that a friend is being left out of social activities, you might respond with a question: "Do you think there is anything you can do to help him/her feel more included?" Or if your child comes to you for money for social activities, instead of just giving them the cash or suggesting how they might get the money, you might prompt them to consider ways that they could earn money or fund-raise on their own. In this way, you are not only helping a child find a solution to an immediate situation, but also helping them to grow in wisdom and prudence. For more communication tips, 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, March 12.**

*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.*

**Just a reminder that our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. Remember to pay your dues of \$10 for 2018.**

All regular meetings: **11:30 to 2:30.** Bring your brown bag lunch. Drinks & dessert provided. Free bakery items. Join us for fun and games and fellowship.

For information please call: Marilyn North 562-429-8891.

**St. Anthony High School** invites you to our 9th Annual **Saints Run 5k** on Saturday, **March 10** at 8:00 a.m. (registration starts at 7:00 a.m.). You won't want to miss this scenic race. All proceeds go towards SAHS Financial Aid Program, providing over \$1 million in tuition assistance annually. Register online at [www.longbeachsaints.org](http://www.longbeachsaints.org) before March 5 or register day of the race. Go Saints!

## 2018 Parish Fair News:

Parish Fair is April 20 - 22.

**\*\*Bingo Saturday April 21, Noon-4:30pm:** \$5 per card unlimited play, \$10 for 3 cards, 18 and older

**\*\*Gift Cards: if you have random \$10-\$20 gift cards** you would like to donate to the fair please drop them off at the Parish life Center.

**\*\*Donations:** please check the website for food/Smart&Final donations.

**\*\*Volunteers Needed** - Parishioners, can you help with just one three hour shift at the Fair? Just one three hour shift? On-line volunteer sign ups to be released March 17. Please volunteer.

**\*\*Tickets** - SAVE MONEY; purchase food/drink and ride tickets before the fair starts. Tickets will be full price if purchased at the fair. Tickets go on sale April 7/8 after Masses or order through office and pick up at Will Call.

**\*\*Auto Show** - we're looking for car dealerships to display new cars at the Fair. Do you have any contacts at dealerships? If so, please contact Kerry Weiss at [kerrybweiss@gmail.com](mailto:kerrybweiss@gmail.com)

**\*\*Pancake Breakfast- Sunday April 22, 8am-11:30am:** bring family/friends, get pre-sale tickets

**\*\*Opportunity Tickets** will be mailed March 12; look for them in the mail and please return to the Parish Life Center.

**Grand Prize \$5,000 this Year!!**

Fair questions or comments please email:

[sjparishfair@gmail.com](mailto:sjparishfair@gmail.com)

## Movement for a Better World

"Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples feet."

Jn 13:5.



**Mar. 3 - Mar. 11 Book Drive:** Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our supported families for Easter. Donation boxes will be at the church doors.

**Mar. 24 8:30 AM- Easter Food and Book Distribution:** We will distribute to 69 parish community supported families. Can you help us deliver? Please call Amy McKenna 562-427-5917.

**Skip-a-Meal Donations:** Lent is a wonderful opportunity to achieve a practice of skipping one meal each week and supporting our marginalized brothers and sisters by way of a Skip-a-Meal donation. There are *many* opportunities to help, big and small. Please call Tim Clark 562-431-4385.

The St. Joseph **Knights of Columbus** would like to thank all those who donated to the Blood Drive on February 18. We had 37 projected units and **collected 43 units!** This will **save up to 129 lives!** Our **next Blood Drive will be on May 6** in the Parish Hall. You are all such a blessing.

## YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry

**March 4** Movement for a Better World

**March 11** Cub Scouts

## ESTHER MINISTRY -

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

According to the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking,

"Human Trafficking is one of the great human rights challenges of this century. Millions of men, women, and children are enslaved and treated as commodities—bought, sold, shared, abused and discarded. Ending SLAVERY is EVERYONE'S WORK."

We can play a part in combating this crime, especially in our neighborhoods, through awareness and education on the signs to look for in possible victims. If you would like more information and/or be a part of the ESTHER Ministry, just send us an email at [estherministry1@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: CA717. Thank you for your support of our parish!

## Mass Intentions



### SATURDAY, March 3

5:00 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

### SUNDAY, March 4

7:30 a.m. - † John Risko

9:00 a.m. - † Dr. Patrick Mitchell

10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 p.m. - † Carl Werntz

### MONDAY, March 5

8:00 a.m. - † Jack Moore

### TUESDAY, March 6

8:00 a.m. - † Matthew Hall

### WEDNESDAY, March 7

8:00 a.m. - † Jean Studer

### THURSDAY, March 8

8:00 a.m. - † Jan Doyle

### FRIDAY, March 9

8:00 a.m. - † John Ruef

### SATURDAY, March 10

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

### SUNDAY, March 11

7:30 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault

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

10:30 a.m. - † Hugo Jorda

12:30 p.m. - † Louis A. Ulibarri

**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, 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 Cerda, Andy Mardesich, Carol Magarino, Ronnie Galvan, Richard Dana Jack Paluska, Patty Freund, Pat Murach, Teresa Smith & Iva Vasjl.

In order to keep our prayer list up to date, names will remain on the list for four weeks. If you would like to resubmit a name after the four weeks, please contact Katie at [bulletin@stjosephlb.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org) or Olga at the parish office 562-594-4657.

## 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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### 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)