



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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.

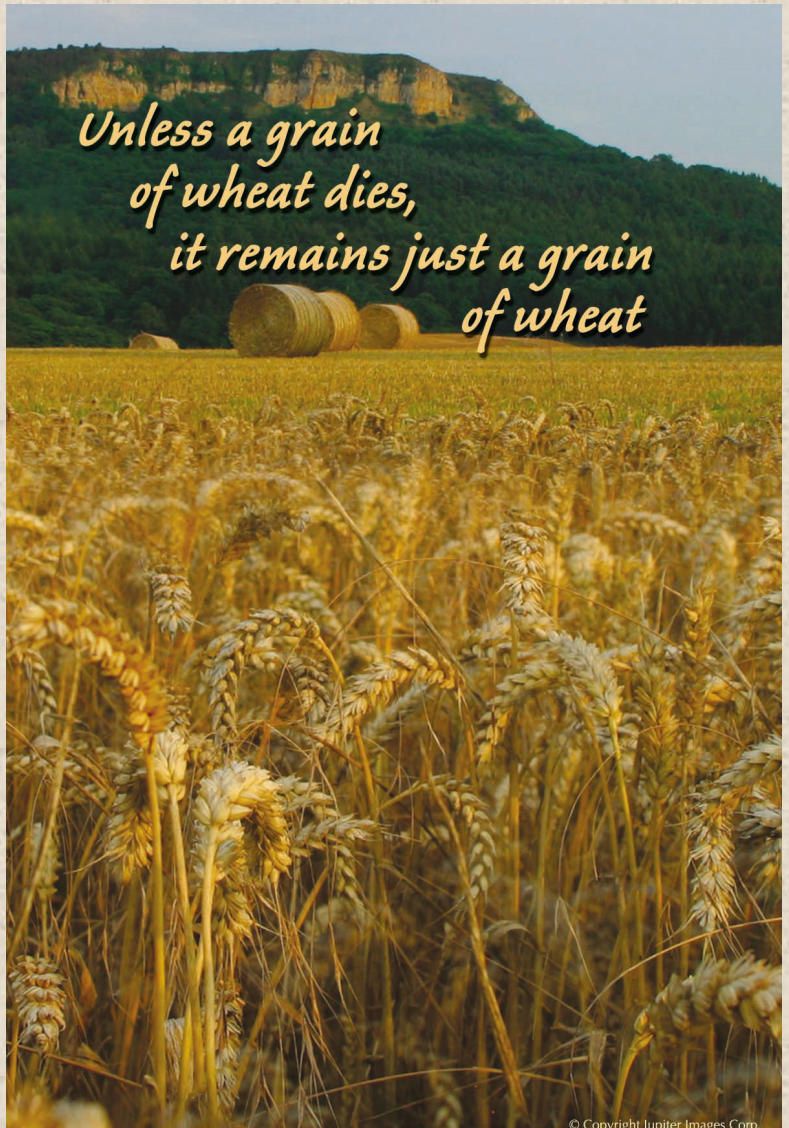
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION

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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 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.



Dear Parish Family:

As we enter into this Fifth week of Lent, I would like to invite you to one of our most important celebrations of our Lenten journey. This Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 PM we will gather for our annual communal Penance Service. There will be six priests available to hear confessions. If it has been a lengthy period of time since you last went to confession, it is now your time and mercy is just a request away!

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the entrance rites of the Palm Sunday Mass will commence on the plaza outside the front doors of the church. We will bless the palms and commemorate the procession of Jesus into Jerusalem. Please join us for the beautiful liturgies of Holy Week!

May God bless you during this last full week of our Lenten journey!

Peace, Msgr. Kevin



**Tuesday
March 20
7:00 pm**

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:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]
Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 - 15:47 [15:1-39]



From Deacon Don's desk:

Mercy is defined by Webster as "kind and compassionate treatment; thankful for something; clemency, a sympathetic concern for the suffering of another." God always gives us another chance: "God is infinitely merciful, slow to anger. God is not vindictive, but quick to pardon. The way to repentance is to reach out and receive the gracious **mercy** God gives us. In one of the Gospels, the owner of the fig tree had been waiting for three years for good fruit. God waits more than three years for us to bear fruit. God waits every day of our lives for us to bear fruit. The Good News: God **never** gives up on us. God continually fertilizes and cultivates especially by the proclamation of God's Word and the invitation to be at His Eucharistic table.

Question: What are the five verbs beginning with "re" that capture the Gospel's challenge to us?
 Answer: REpent, REtry, REconcile, REnew and REstore. The work of Lent is to choose the eternal Life God continually cultivates in us. We are encouraged by the fact that God is ever patient and full of mercy and never gives up on us. He wants no one to be lost not even a fruitless tree. OUR PRAYER: God our Father, You have taught us to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting and works of mercy. When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in Your love. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



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.

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.

Faith Formation

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word: There will be no Liturgy of the Word for Children this week.

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.

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.

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"



Catholic Relief Services Collection - Thank you for your generous support and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contribution will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Filipino Masses at St. Philip Benizi every first Saturday of the month at 7 p.m. 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.

YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry

March 18 hosted by Eucharistic Ministers

March 25 hosted by Meditation Group

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 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!



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

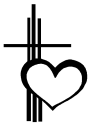
"Beginning Experience" is part of an international ministry for those men or women who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. A "Beginning Experience" weekend will be held **April 13-15**, at Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino. This weekend helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. "Beginning Experience" is recognized by the Office of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. To register for this weekend or obtain more information, contact: Peg at (818) 767-1007 or Brenda at (818) 352-5265 or Maria (Spanish) at (310) 365-0186. Questions can also be sent by email to: beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com



St. Joseph Book Club - Our new book is "Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship" by Fr. Gregory Boyle, a moving example of unconditional love in difficult times. You may purchase this book from Amazon or your favorite book store. The discussion will be held on **May 16** at 7pm in the PLC.

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola - begins week of April 21 - April 26 (Choose: Saturdays 11:00 AM, Sundays 1:30 PM, Wednesdays 7:00PM, or Thursdays 9:15 AM) These 10-Week classes, at St. Peter Chanel, Hawaiian Gardens, will greatly intensify your spiritual life and your desire to go to heaven. This program and all materials provided are FREE. Donations are accepted. Each meeting lasts 2-2.5 hours. Register online at www.spcomv.com, email Mary Martorana at lovegodssavesouls@gmail.com or call Veronica Ayson at (562) 924-7591.

Did You Know? Urge kids not to keep secrets from trusted adults - Abusers often encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other trusted adults, and reinforce secrecy through bribes, threats or by making it seem fun and exciting to keep a secret. Parents should talk to their kids about secrets, and teach them the difference between fun secrets like a birthday surprise and bad secrets like unsafe touches. Kids should know that adults should never ask them to keep secrets from their parents, and if an adult does ask them to keep secrets, to talk to their parents immediately. To view a kid-friendly video on this topic, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWqTzeITGLY>.



St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 26.

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.

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.



Parish Fair Volunteer On-Line Sign Ups

Pre – Sale Ticket Sales:

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/APC4B>

Thursday, April 19:

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/H3JT9>

Friday, April 20:

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/AX9MX>

Saturday, April 21:

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/FW98D>

Sunday, April 22 :

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/3H79C>

Monday, April 23:

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/THB8E>

Parishioners, can you do one 3 hour volunteer shift? Please help by volunteering.

All Fair information and forms can be found at:

<http://www.stjosephlb.org/fair/>

Questions on volunteering: email Heather at

cmgcrew@gmail.com or Sedelia at sedelia9@hotmail.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



Mar. 23 6:00 pm - Food Box Loading: Help distribute food items to the family boxes for the Easter distribution..

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 in support of your Skip-a-Meal donation. There are many opportunities to help, big and small. Please call Tim Clark 562-431-4385.

Holy Innocents School 60th Anniversary Gala benefiting the students of Holy Innocents School, Long Beach, **April 27, 6:00pm.** This spectacular event will be held at The Grand, Long Beach. Come enjoy an evening of entertainment, dinner, silent and live auctions. You don't want to miss the fun! *21 and over event. Pre-sale tickets (until April 8 *cost will increase after) 1 person: \$60.00 / Couple \$100.00 / Save: \$500.00 for a table of 10. Contact Vanessa Tamayo at (562) 424-1018 or Emily Ayo at (424) 219-2028. To register online through EventBrite, Google search: "60th Anniversary Holy Innocents School Gala"

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

2018 Parish Fair News: 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

****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

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, March 17

5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro

SUNDAY, March 18

7:30 a.m. - † Mark Convey

9:00 a.m. - † Eddie Munda

10:30 a.m. - † Bob Maney

12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

MONDAY, March 19

8:00 a.m. - † Deborah Murrish

TUESDAY, March 20

8:00 a.m. - St. Joseph School children

WEDNESDAY, March 21

8:00 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart

THURSDAY, March 22

8:00 a.m. - † Rosario Escudro

FRIDAY, March 23

8:00 a.m. - Bernie Voigt

SATURDAY, March 24

5:00 p.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

SUNDAY, March 25

7:30 a.m. - † Zenaida Tupas

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

10:30 a.m. - † Vincent Nolan

12:30 p.m. - † Nancy Grgas

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, Bernie Voigt, Pat Wolfe, Bill Vaughn, David Mosier & Margarete Wareham.

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 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

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Anne Weaver	594-4657
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Website address:		
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MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS	Jason Pillon coordinator@lbcya.org	
SENIOR GROUP	Marilyn North	429-8891
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Paciano & Molly Diaz ktrm@sbcglobl.net	310-729-5890
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD the CHILDREN	Tony Burgos	276-3108
PARISH FAIR	sjarishfair@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