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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.

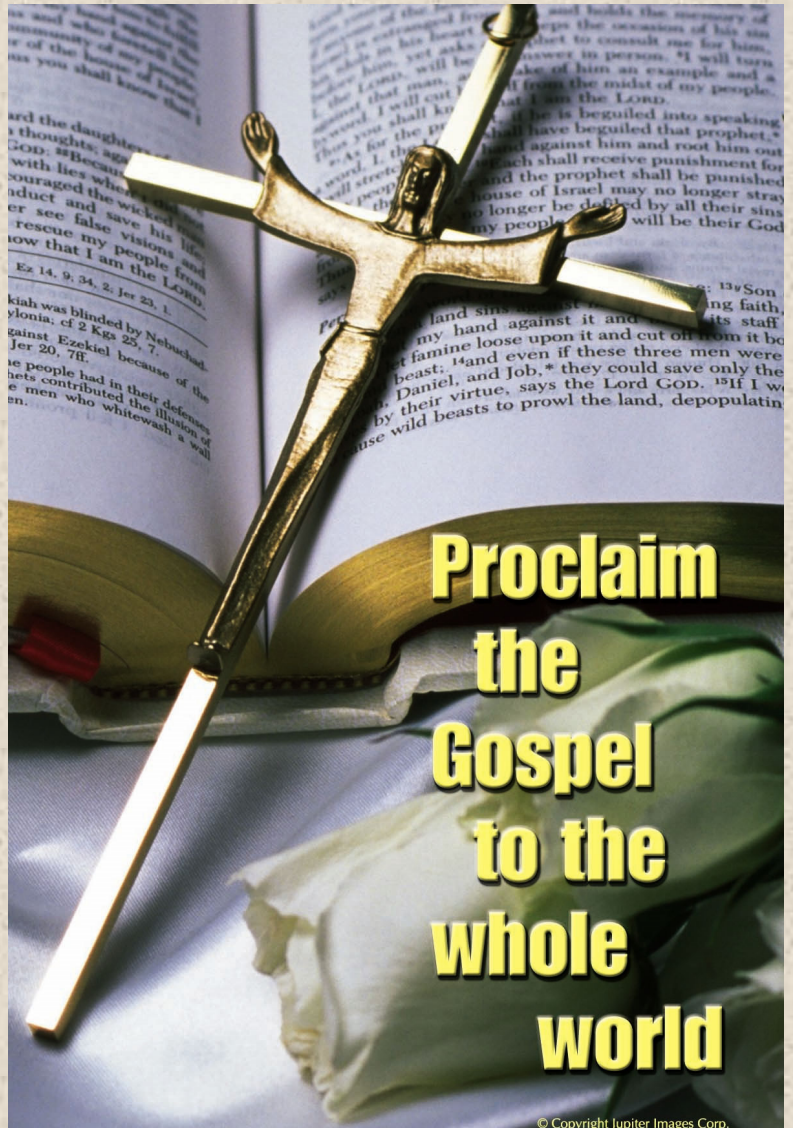
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday before
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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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The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 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:

Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms of St. Joseph's Community. The observance of Mother's Day has an important place in our nation's life.

Today is set aside to give thanks to all of our mothers who brought us to life and nourished and sustained life. Since Mother's Day falls during the Easter season, let us pray for our mothers who have given us life and love. Let's pray for mothers who have lost a child to death. Let us also remember our mothers and grandmothers who have died and now share in the joy of the eternal kingdom.

God Bless all of you and Happy Mother's Day!!

Msgr. Kevin

Mother's Day

Memorial Mother's Day Card - Please stop by out front to sign our memorial Mother's Day card and join our Bereavement Team celebrate moms we miss.

Mother's Day Novena - Novena cards are at the exits. Please fill out the envelope and return it to include your mother in our novena which will start today, Mother's Day, and continue for nine days. There are envelopes for mothers still living which includes a card to give to them and envelopes for those mothers who are deceased.

Prayer for Mothers Through Mary the Mother of Our Lord - Mary, on this day when we honor all our mothers, we turn to **You**. We thank the Lord whom You serve, for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Dear Mother, intercede for all of our mothers, ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with You in giving their own "Fiat". May they find daily strength to say 'yes' to the call to the sacrificial love.... the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us to follow Your Son. On this Mother's day, Mother of the Word incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you. We ask this in Your Son, Jesus' name. Amen

Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity collection will be taken up on **May 19 & 20**. Your contribution goes directly toward one-time emergency needs for children, adults and families in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, providing food, utilities, transportation, as well as medical, housing or funeral expenses. You are their hope! Please make your check to St. Joseph Church.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Fr Rolheiser, two years ago said: "Among the 10 Commandments we begin with the word 'Remember', example: 'Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.' It reminds us to recall something we already know. But there are commandments of mercy written in our very DNA. We know them, but we need to remember them more explicitly. What are these ten Commandments of mercy? Here are the last five, continued from last week:

#6. Remember that mercy is **not** opposed to justice, but is its fulfillment. Mercy, as Walter Kasper aptly puts it, is not 'a kind of fabric softener that undermines the dogmas and commandments and abolishes the central and fundamental meaning of truth.' That is the accusation the Pharisees made against Jesus. Mercy is where justice is meant to terminate.

#7. Remember that only the practice of mercy will make God's Kingdom come. Jesus promised us that someday the meek will inherit the earth, the poor will eat plentiful rich food and all tears will be wiped away. That can only happen when mercy replaces self-interest.

#8. Remember that mercy needs to be practiced collectively. It is not enough for us to be merciful in our own lives. Mercy is marginalized in a society that doesn't sufficiently attend to those who are weak or needy, just as it is marginalized in a Church that is judgmental. We must create a society and a Church that is merciful. Mercy alone enables the survival of the weakest.

#9. Remember that mercy calls us to do works both spiritual and physical. Our faith calls us and challenges us to perform mercy in a double way, corporeally and spiritually. The classic corporal works of mercy are: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead. The classic spiritual works of mercy are: instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the afflicted, admonish the sinner, forgive offenses, bear wrongs patiently, and pray for the living and the dead. Each of us has different gifts but **mercy** is manifest in all of them.

#10. Remember that our lives are a dialogue between God's mercy and our weaknesses. The only thing which we are adequate in is being inadequate. We seem to fall short of something no matter the strength of our sincerity, good intention and will power. Only mercy, receiving it and giving it, can lead us out of the choppy waters of our own anxieties, worry and joylessness. Only in knowing mercy do we know gratitude.

Pope Francis asks us to contemplate the mystery of mercy "as a well spring of joy, serenity and peace".

This is taken from the Tidings of 2016. If you wish a copy of the full text, I will send you a copy of my copy.

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church - Archbishop Jose H. Gomez invites all the faithful to celebrate this new memorial designated by Pope Francis and inscribed into the General Roman calendar. Please join in the celebration of Holy Mass on **May 21** at 12 noon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 W Temple St., Los Angeles.

Faith Formation Office

Hours are Monday – Thursday 9am to 1pm. Phone 562-598-0519 or email: religioused@stjosephlb.org.

No Liturgy of the Word for Children this week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School (VBS) “May the Faith be with you! Our Star Wars based VBS will take place this year here at St. Joseph from **June 18 to 22**. Registration paperwork is available in the parish office or on the website. If you have any questions, please see the parish website at <http://www.stjosephlb.org/religious-education/childrens-ministry/vacation-bible-camp/> or call the religious education office at 598-0519.

2018-19 Faith Formation Registration

Registration packets for new students or families are available for pick up in the parish office or online on the parish website. We invite all families who have children or teens ages 3-high school to consider our Faith Formation program starting late September 2018. For preschool and elementary students, please include a copy of your child’s baptism certificate. For our high school confirmation students, we will need a copy of the youth’s baptism certificate, 1st communion certificate and sponsor information at registration.

Registration forms for our current faith formation families registering will be available this Sunday during class.

Help Wanted

Are you looking to share your faith, time and talents with others? The Faith Formation department needs you!! Volunteers are needed as catechists (teachers), catechist aides, sacramental preparation, office and resource support, and safety monitors in our early childhood through high school confirmation programs. You don’t have to have a child in our program to volunteer. We encourage all adults to prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you! All volunteers must be cleared through our Safe Environment program. We provide training and support. If interested, please contact the Faith Formation office at 562-598-0519.

New Bible Study Session: Tuesdays, 9-10:30 am, and Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm in the PLC, St. Joseph room. We will be using Bishop Barron’s series on **King David!** Come enjoy prayer, fellowship and study.

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



Did You Know? Ongoing child sexual abuse prevention training - Through the VIRTUS child sexual abuse prevention programs, the Archdiocese continues to fulfill this commitment. Since 2002, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has trained 329,000 adults to *proactively* protect children and young people from child sexual abuse, and has empowered more than 1.4 million children and young people to protect themselves from child sexual abuse. For more information, visit: www.archla.org/protecting/.



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 July 12-15 (Men), and July 26-29 (Women). Contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com or OCCursillo.org

ACCW District Meeting and Luncheon May 24

All women are invited to a day of prayer and fellowship. **Every Catholic woman is a member and there are no dues.** Please join us here at **St. Joseph Church** on Thursday, May 24. the day begins at 9:30 and includes Sister Eva speaking on Women in the Church, Mass celebrated by Msgr Kevin, lunch and concludes at 1:30. Charge is \$12 per person. For reservations, please make your check payable to and mail to Donna Luciene, 5865 E Adderley Drive, Long Beach 90808 before Sunday, May 20. For more information, call Donna, 562-421-4993.



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.

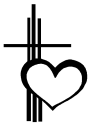
The discussion will be held on **May 16** at 7pm in the PLC.

Bereavement Group

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

- Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20
- Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
- Day:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry
May 13 hosted by **Bereavement Ministry**
May 20 hosted by **Senior Club**



St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 14.

We are excited about having Mr. C and the St. Joseph Jazz band entertain us that day. We will also have our regular games.

This will be our only meeting in May because of Memorial Day. The schedule of the Senior Group meetings for May and June are as follows: May 14, June 4, and June 25.

After June, we will continue to have our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. We hope you can 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. There will be other trips planned and some interesting speakers are being lined up.

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.

Faith and Hope Art Show Beyond Prison Walls -

The Partnership for Re-Entry Program (PREP) is pleased to be a participant in Hope for Change at St. Joseph Church. We at PREP **thank you** for so warmly welcoming, supporting and generously giving to the art show. We humbly thank you. Sister and PREP Staff.

ESTHER MINISTRY

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

Did you know that human trafficking is taking place not only in other parts of the world, but

here in our own communities. Victims may be trafficked by people they know and trust. Recruiters and agents appear to be trustworthy and then force their victims into slavery using physical and emotional abuse. These are just a few facts surrounding this crime.

We can help to eliminate this crime by becoming aware of what human trafficking looks like and what actions we can take to end it. A group in Long Beach called Men Standing Against Trafficking has taken action by standing each month as a group at Victoria St. & Long Beach Blvd. to rise against human trafficking. Contact this group at msat.lbeach@gmail.com if you would like more information on this outreach. To be on the ESTHER email, go to esther-ministry1@gmail.com.



Movement for a Better World

"And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." Mt. 18:5

May 19-20 Feed-a-Baby Food Drive:

Collecting non-perishable baby food for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

June 6, 7 pm Committee Meeting: Please join us in the Parish Life Center. Help us discuss the effectiveness of our activities for the program year ending June 30 and decide what activities we would like to sponsor in the next program year.

Special Needs Ministry: We have an active ministry of providing essential living needs (refrigerators, stoves, beds, etc.) to families in need. May we add you to our email distribution for news about donations needed? Can you help (time or vehicle) to transfer items from donation locations to families in need? Please call Tim Clark 562-431-4385.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Skip a meal each week to share your blessings with those in need. These are the primary source of our ministry support.



St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School

Golf Tournament May 18 Includes a fun day of golf with friends, family and community members at Lakewood Country Club, 3101 E Carson, Lakewood. This tournament is open to the public, so please share this information. Lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1:30 and a lot of fun! Silent auction items and sponsorships accepted. For more information, please contact: PatrickNelke1965@gmail.com 562-714-9446.

May is Foster Care Awareness Month! There are 34,000 children in foster care in L. A. County. 21% of foster children in LA are under two, and upon aging out of foster care, 1/3 of youth will become homeless, 1/5 will become incarcerated, and 70% of trafficked youth come from the foster care system. Every child deserves a loving family. We are adopted sons and daughters of God, and we know that the family is the basic building block of society. These kids need the love of a family to support them and nurture them to their full potential. Take Action: Visit archla.org/foster to learn the numerous ways you can help change a child's life!

Urge Your Assembly Member to Oppose SB 320

SB 320 would create a fund for UCs and CSUs to provide medical abortions in their health centers. We oppose this bill knowing that abortion ends the life of a developing child in the womb and leaves psychological scars for the mother. Tell your legislator to oppose SB 320 at archla.org/parent

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, or call 866-507-8757. Thank you for your support of our parish!

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, May 12

5:00 p.m. - † Virginia Molinaro

SUNDAY, May 13

7:30 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault

9:00 a.m. - † Pamela Morrison

10:30 a.m. - † Maria Haddad

12:30 p.m. - Mother's Day Novena

MONDAY, May 14

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, May 15

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, May 16

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

THURSDAY, May 17

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY, May 18

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

SATURDAY, May 19

5:00 p.m. - Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, May 20

7:30 a.m. - † Joe Lozano

9:00 a.m. - † Doug Houck

10:30 a.m. - † Deborah Murrish

12:30 p.m. - Mother's Day Novena

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.

Lost and Found - Please come to the parish office to claim your items left in the church or the hall before we donate them - earrings, glasses, hats, gloves, etc.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Kim Agee, Eileen Bentley, Nina Escandon, Odete Salvate, Mike & Colette DiHarce, Gabriel Mafi, Frank Stassi, Christopher Aguirre, Finn Krueger, Jesus Serrano Sr., Patrick Steinhauer, Marie Mitchell, Barry Geisert, Gene Adams, Gary Hillebrecht, Celeste Kohonen, Pat Hillebrecht, Mauricio Heilbron, Marian Steins, David Cerda, Ronnie Galvan, Jack Paluska, Patty Fruend, Pat Murach, Teresa Smith, Bernie Voigt, Pat Wolfe, Bill Vaughn, David Mosier, Z. Chetkowski, Julianne Fries, Dolores King, Gerald Saveliano, Nancy and Richard Gallegos & Jose Lopez Garcia.

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 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	Deacon Shane & Olga	594-4657
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

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	Jason Pillon coordinator@lbcya.org	
SENIOR GROUP	Marilyn North	429-8891
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD the CHILDREN	Tony Burgos	596-6115
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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