



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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
Every Wednesday after 8:00 am Mass

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.



**HE MAKES THE DEAF
HEAR**

Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 9, 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.

See Beyond Outward Appearances - The phrase "Sunday best" has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it's a healthy sign that we're as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man's origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark's Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

THEN WILL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED,

THE EARS OF THE DEAF BE CLEARED;

THEN WILL THE LAME LEAP LIKE A STAG,

THEN THE TONGUE OF THE MUTE WILL SING.

~ Isaiah 35:5-6



Question of the Week:

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Adults: When has the Word of God penetrated my heart and given me the courage to preach the Good News?

Children: What does my belief in Jesus mean to me?

YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry
September 9 hosted by **Cursillo Community**
September 16 hosted by **Cub Scouts**

Lost and Found - Items will be put out by our hospitality table Sunday mornings.

Faith Direct - Thank you for being a part of our St. Joseph family! As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy autumn, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA717 Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You! Msgr. Kevin

Oppose SB 320 - This bill, which would provide medication abortions on all UC and CSU campuses, is now in the state Senate. Please contact your California Senator immediately and urge them to vote NO on SB 320.

We know how important it is to oppose abortion, since it takes the life of an unborn child and harms women deeply. It is important to remember that most of our legislators support abortion and will not change their minds immediately. However, everyone wants to empower young women to succeed in college, and no one wants to support coerced abortions. By using this common ground, even pro-choice legislators will be more likely to consider a no vote.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

Music Ministry

Children's Choir

Rehearsals have resumed Saturdays from 8:00 to 9:15am in the church.

All parishioner children welcome, Grades 2-6.

10:30 Choir

Looking for a respite from your everyday world? Try singing. Our choir is so welcoming. Only requirement is that you are able to carry a tune, all other training is provided. Wednesday night rehearsals have resumed (7 - 8:30pm) in the church.



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 October 4-7 (Men), and October 18-21 (Women). Contact Deacon Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com or OCCursillo.org

Faith Formation Office

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

Liturgy of the Word for Children begins next week.

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.

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.



St. Joseph Book Club - Our next book is Anthony Ray Hinton’s “**The Sun Does Shine, How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row**” (a story of hope, love, justice and faith by a man who spent thirty years on death row for a crime he didn’t com-

mit). The book can be purchased on Amazon. We will meet on Wednesday, **October 10** at 7pm in the PLC. Hope to see you there!

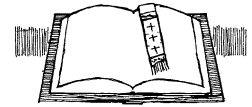
Bereavement Group

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

Saint Bartholomew Church in Long Beach has formed a group called "We Remember When" to research the many gaps in the parish’s long history. A gathering, with light refreshments, is scheduled in the church hall on August 19, anytime between 2 and 4, for any church neighbors, parishioners, or school attendees from the 1930’s through the 1980’s. Just show up! Tell your friends! The purpose is to gather artifacts, oral history, and photos from that time frame. Please call our 24-hour message line at 562 434-4279 for more information about the gathering or to make arrangements to share your story or photos with us at another time. You can also contact Father Reardon at Michael.Reardon@la-archdiocese.org

We are hoping to have this project finished and presented to the community by the end of 2018.

St. Joseph Bible Study
The Gospel of Matthew
by Jeff Cavins



This study meets on Tuesdays 9 a.m. and Thursdays 7 p.m. in the PLC St. Joseph room. Please visit the St. Joseph Website at <https://stjosephlb.org> and find the Bible Study announcement in the “Latest News” section. There are Registration buttons with links to register for the study. Please do not purchase a study guide as they will be distributed during the study for \$25 per person and this also includes the ability to watch the videos online if you happen to miss a class. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sr. Eva (sreva@stjosephlb.org)
Mike Santy (msanty@verizon.net)

Come join the Oktoberfest fun!!!

Saturday, **October 13**

Dinner, Auction, Dancing, and More

Website and ticket information will be available mid-September

Filipino Masses are being celebrated at St. Philip Benizi every second Saturday of the month @ 7 p.m. The address is 235 Pine Dr., Fullerton. Please join us in fellowship with one another. Bring your families, particularly your children, to experience our Filipino heritage through the celebration of the Mass in Tagalog.

The Archdiocesan Celebration of Our Cultures Mass - Please save the date! **Sept. 15**, 3:30 pm, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. We hope you will be able to attend.

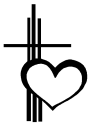
Southeastern District of the L. A. Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites all women to a day of prayer and fellowship. **Every Catholic woman is a member and there are no dues.**

The next gathering will be **Sept. 27**, at St. Bartholomew Church, 252 Granada Ave., Long Beach, beginning at 10 am and including: “Foster All” speaking on recruitment of families for foster children, Mass, lunch and concluding at 1:30. For reservation, please mail \$15 check payable to Mrs. Carole Morse, 1400 E. Ocean Blvd. #2103, Long Beach, 90802 **by Sept. 23**. For information call Carole Morse, 562-983-7848.

Meditation every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. in the School Library - ALL WELCOME!

"Be Still And Know That I Am God"





St. Joseph Senior Social Group

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

Our next meeting will be Monday, Sep. 10 at 11:30.

This will be a day of games and friendship. 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.

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.

Parkinson's Resource Organization invites you to **Support Group Meetings**. Learn about available resources, increase your feeling of self-worth, share your experiences and learn from others, decrease your sense of isolation, receive encouragement and support. Free! **First Wednesday of each month**, September through May, **6:30-8:30 pm**, Cambrian Homecare Training Center, 5199 E Pacific Coast Hwy. For more information, please call 877-775-4111 or visit parkinsonsresource.org

All parish/school volunteers, teachers, and staff, who work in any capacity with or around children, are required to participate in the **VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children** Awareness Session for Adults. St. Joseph Parish will offer this program on the following dates:

Monday, September 10, (6:30-9:30pm) – Martin Hall

Sunday, January 6, 2019 (2-5pm) – Martin Hall

In order to register, individuals must create an account through VIRTUS online at www.virtus.org. Click on the menu item Please select your Archdiocese/Diocese/Religious Organization and select Los Angeles—San Pedro Region (Archdiocese). Then choose which session to attend.

VIRTUS® Re-Certification is required every four years. This may be done by taking the 1½ hr. **VIRTUS® Keeping the Promise Alive** program. St. Joseph Parish will offer this program on the following dates:

Monday, Sept. 17, (7-8:30pm) – PLC/St. Joseph Room

Monday, Jan. 7, 2019 (7-8:30pm) – PLC/St. Joseph Room

In order to register for a Protecting God's Children Workshop individuals must have an active account through VIRTUS online at www.virtus.org.

Did You Know? Ongoing child sexual abuse prevention training - Since 2002, the Archdiocese has trained 329,000 adults to *proactively* protect children from sexual abuse, and has empowered more than 1.4 million children to protect themselves from child sexual abuse. For more information, visit: www.archla.org/protecting/.

Movement for a Better World

"He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed." Prov 20:17



Sept 12 7:00 PM - Committee Meeting:

As we begin our 32nd year of channeling the generosity of St. Joseph Parish to the poor of the Long Beach area, please join us to plan our upcoming activities.

Family Adoptions: With all blessings, last year our parish supported 36 families for the three holidays on a family-to-family basis through our Family Adoptions program. Please consider this exceedingly meaningful and fulfilling experience. We will be requesting the number of families the parish will support from our referral organizations soon. Questions? Call Donna Luciene 562-421-4993 or e-mail Amy Ford at amyford6331@yahoo.com

Assistance, please: We need to refill two key coordinator roles for our Holiday Food and Gift Distributions. To learn more, 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 support.

Precious Life Shelter is offering a fun-filled day of golf, fellowship and good food! Please join us for our annual Golf Tournament to support our women and their babies, at El Dorado Golf Course, on **September 12**. Go to www.preciouslifeshelter.org for details and registration.

St. Pancratius 50's Plus Single Seniors - You are invited to get acquainted and possibly join as they celebrate Hawaii on Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. in the air conditioned conference room at 3519 St. Pancratius Place, Lakewood. All single seniors are welcome in their favorite colorful Hawaiian attire for fellowship, food, games and fun. For further information, please call Verna Engfer 562/633 2503 or come join us....hope to see all you single seniors there.

ESTHER MINISTRY

End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue -

According to the Polaris Project (an organization fighting human trafficking), the U.S Department of Labor has identified 139 goods from 75 countries made by forced and child labor. In 2016, an estimated 1 out of 6 endangered runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were likely child sex trafficking victims. These are just two facts relating to the crime of human trafficking.

We can all help to eradicate this crime. Be a responsible consumer and support fair trade items. Advocate for laws that will impact all forms of human trafficking. Support groups working on these issues in our community. Pray for the survivors and for those helping to rescue them. Join our email list at estherministry1@gmail.com for more information on our various projects.



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, September 8
 5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

SUNDAY, September 9
 7:30 a.m. - † Jean Libby
 9:00 a.m. - † Matthew Hall
 10:30 a.m. - † John Jorda
 12:30 p.m. - † Jim Beeghly

MONDAY, September 10
 8:00 a.m. - † Bill Vaughn

TUESDAY, September 11
 8:00 a.m. - Lisa Hoisington-Cotte

WEDNESDAY, September 12
 8:00 a.m. - † Gracencia Choi

THURSDAY, September 13
 8:00 a.m. - † Robert Grady

FRIDAY, September 14
 8:00 a.m. - Gloria Beeghly

SATURDAY, September 15
 5:00 p.m. - † John Fries

SUNDAY, September 16
 7:30 a.m. - † John Fries
 9:00 a.m. - † Robert and Julianne Uehlin
 10:30 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart
 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. A group to discern a vocation to the priesthood meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30, St. Gertrude Church.

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 Steinhauser, Marie Mitchell, Barry Geisert, Gene Adams, Gary Hillebrecht, Celeste Kohonen, Mauricio Heilbron, Marian Steins, David Cerda, Ronnie Galvan, Jack Paluska, Patty Freund, Pat Murach, Teresa Smith, Bernie Voigt, Pat Wolfe, Bill Vaughn, David Mosier, Z. Chetkowski, Julianne Fries, Dolores King, Gerald Savellano, Nancy and Richard Gallegos, Jose Lopez Garcia, Mary Ann Swan, Charlotte McGowan, Tanner Gillen, Jim and Jean Hodge, Georgette Cerrutti, Gene Cooper, Patty Lopez, Pat Clark, Abbey DeRuyter, Jeff Bigham, Dana Nevarez & Patricia Hanson.

In order to keep our prayer list up to date, names will remain on the list for a limited time.

If you would like to resubmit a name, please contact Katie at: bulletin@stjosephlb.org or Olga, 562-594-4657.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
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 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 493-2198
 (sister & brother)

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL Margaret Alvarez
 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Sonia Yurak
 ADMISTRATIVE COUNCIL Natalie Alvarez, Erin Wright & Sonia Yurak
 OFFICE MANAGER Julie Gianessi

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 YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION Marc Leon 598-0519
 EARLY CHILDHOOD Joe Voigt 598-0519
 LITURGY/CHILDREN Joe Voigt 598-0519
 RCIC (Children) Joe Voigt 598-0519

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 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