



# 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.

Closed noon - 1:00 for lunch

Closed Saturday and Sunday

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**Faith Formation: 598-0519**  
**email: [religiously@stjosephlb.org](mailto:religiously@stjosephlb.org)**

### 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.

*First Sunday of*  
**Advent**  
December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man.  
Luke 21:36

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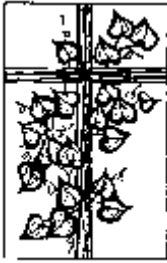
First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

-- Jeremiah 33:15

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:

A Blessed Advent to all!

As we celebrate the last two weekends of the Called to Renew campaign, here is the latest update as we go to print:

During Thanksgiving week, we had a total of 35 families pledge a total of \$164,883. This brings us to an amazing grand total place to \$1,817,362! This weekend is our campaign in- pew commitment weekend and our goal is to have all families participate. Thank you for your generous commitment and participation!!

As we commence the beautiful season of Advent, this liturgical time offers two perspectives: Advent is sacred time and "Adventus" means "Coming". We wait for the coming of the Lord into our hearts, and we await the final coming of Jesus, the future for which we pray when we say, "Thy Kingdom Come!"

I hope you're enjoying the parish gift of "Resisting Happiness" and that your reading and subsequent reflections will fill your spirit this Advent.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Advent Penance Service will be on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM. I have six wonderful confessors who will be here to assist you.

Gratefully,  
Msgr. Kevin

**October 2018 Collection Report**

Faith Direct	\$7,900.00
Envelopes	\$55,337.30
Loose	\$8,367.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,604.30</b>

**Annual expense**

Utilities	\$118,956.00 per year
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**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday, December 8, 2018**

**Vigil, December 7, Friday 7:00 p.m.**

**Feast Day, December 8, Saturday 9:00 a.m.**

**Faith Direct** - Thank you for being a part of our St. Joseph family! Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: CA717 Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You! Msgr. Kevin

**Have YOU Thought About Becoming Catholic?**



We welcome all adults who:  
 Have never been baptized  
 Have been baptized in another Christian tradition  
 Have been baptized Catholic and wish to receive Eucharist and Confirmation  
 Please call Sr. Eva to find out more, 562-594-4657.

**Question of the Week**

**Adults:** What have been the strengths of your prayer life?

What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?

**Children:** What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?

**YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry**  
**December 2 EMOHC**  
**December 9 Cursillo**

**Lost and Found** - Lost/Found is in the Foyer of the church. Hospitality team can help direct you.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



***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 through Sunday evening.*

***The next Cursillo weekends will be January 17-20 (Men), and January 31 - February 3 (Women). Contact Deacon Shane at [sfcuda@yahoo.com](mailto:sfcuda@yahoo.com) or [OCCursillo.org](http://OCCursillo.org)***



**Young Adult Honorees**

**Lydia Tovar** has been a Confirmation Catechist for the last five years. She began here at St. Joseph as the Co-ordinator of Youth Ministry and has continued to serve the youth as a volunteer Core Member, Catechist, and mentor. Her passion and relatability are her gifts that have helped form the youth ministry culture here at St. Joe's. We are blessed and proud to have her as a member of our parish community and we thank and congratulate her on the recognition for her great work! Thank you, Lydia.

**David Sexton** came through our Confirmation program and has been involved with Youth Ministry since his Freshman year of high school. He has served as a Peer Leader, Confirmation Co-Catechist, and has served as a member of the Teen Worship Team. David's dedication to his faith and his answer to God's call has led him to four years of service here at St. Joseph. Thank you, David, for bringing your gifts and sharing them with the teens of our parish.

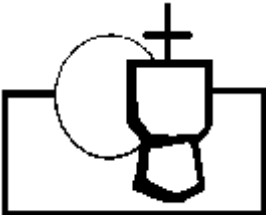
**Jessica de la Torre** has volunteered for the last two years with both Religious Education and Youth Ministry and Confirmation. As the newest member of the St. Joseph School staff, she finds the time to serve as a Catechist, Core Member, and helps serve with the Vacation Bible Camp committee. Her enthusiasm and positive attitude have been a blessing to the St. Joseph community. Thank you and congrats for the hard work and service!

**Christina Carner** has been a wonderful volunteer for four years. Christina started as an assistant catechist in our Sacrament Preparation program teaching our children about the Eucharist as they prepare for First Holy Communion. She is now our primary catechist for Yr. 2 sacrament preparation and has been a great example of how to serve with joy. Taking time out of her busy fourth grade teaching schedule is no small sacrifice. Thank you, Christina for your dedication and example.

**Faith Formation Office**  
 Hours are Monday – Thursday 9am to 1pm.  
 Phone 562-598-0519 or email: [religioused@stjosephlb.org](mailto:religioused@stjosephlb.org).  
**There will be No Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 9:00 Mass**

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development.**  
 Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we are supporting those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!  
 Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on "How to Give" on the left.

**Minsters to the Sick**  
 Do you know someone who is homebound or in a facility and who would like to receive Holy Communion?  
 Are you taking communion to the sick? Please make sure you have connected with the Minsters to the Sick team.  
 Please call Olga at 562-594-4657 to arrange to have a Eucharistic Minister come to them.



**Advent Penance Services**

**Tuesday, December 18, 2018  
 7:00 p.m**

**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**

Our last meeting for 2018 will be on Monday, December 10, at 11:30 am. This will be our Holiday Dinner and we will be entertained by the Alpha K and Kindergarten classes.

The dinner will be catered by StoneFire Grill. You must have reservations to attend this dinner. If you have not made reservations and wish to attend, call Marilyn North at 429-8891 by December 5. The cost for the dinner is \$20 for members and \$25 for guests. You may still bring baby items for Precious Life to this meeting. They will be delivered after the meeting.

**The next meeting after this will be on January 14, 2019.**

All regular meetings: 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.  
Bring your Brown Bag Lunch.  
Drinks & Desert provided.  
Free bakery items

Join us for fun and games and fellowship.  
For information call:  
Marilyn North (562)429-8891; cell (562)519-0154

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**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:

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

In order to register, individuals must create an account through VIRTUS online at [www.virtus.org](http://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, Jan. 7, 2019 (7-8:30pm) – PLC/St. Joseph Room**

*"I will often think of the Father's wisdom and omniscience. He knows all things, and nothing happens to me that has not passed through His Hands. He measured it, looked at every detail, and gave it to me." -Mother Angelica*

**Dec. 5 6:00 PM- Christmas Envelope Preparation:** Can you help us prepare envelopes for the Christmas Present Drive? We will gather in the Parish Life Center.

**Dec. 8- Christmas Present Drive:** Trees will be in the church with envelopes to purchase a gift for a child of one of our supported families.

**Dec 22 8:30 AM- Christmas Food and Present Distribution:** As a parish community, we will support 71 families for Christmas. **Can you help us deliver?** Please contact Marie Newton (562) 209-1298 or [tnewton111307@yahoo.com](mailto:tnewton111307@yahoo.com). Very meaningful for the whole family!

**Skip-a-Meal Donations:** Please be especially mindful during our holiday support of Long Beach families in need. For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.



**ESTHER MINISTRY**

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

Human Trafficking, both sex and labor, are very real in our society today including our very own neighborhoods. Do you know the signs of a trafficked victim? Here are a few signs: 1. Physical abuse and overly submissive behavior. 2. Abuse in the workplace—no time off, not being paid, no control over services provided. 3. Person being controlled—unable to speak, ID missing, no eye contact.

If you suspect someone is being trafficked, call 911 for immediate help. You can also contact the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST) at 1-888-539-2373 or [www.cast.org](http://www.cast.org) for further information and help. Remember to buy Fair Trade items whenever possible to promote fair practices in treatment of laborers. Further questions—





## Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, December 1**  
 5:00 p.m. - † Dr. Mauricio Heilbron

**SUNDAY, December 2**  
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m. - Munda/Reyes Family  
 10:30 a.m. - † Antonio Galura  
 12:30 p.m. - † Margaret Howard

**MONDAY, December 3**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Thanh Tran

**TUESDAY, December 4**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart

**WEDNESDAY, December 5**  
 8:00 a.m. - Lisa, Paul & Louise Dang

**THURSDAY, December 6**  
 8:00 a.m. - † Anita Wasserberger

**FRIDAY, December 7**  
 8:00 a.m. - Nancy Higginson  
 7:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

**SATURDAY, December 8-Holy Day of Obligation**  
 9:00 a.m. - † Halina Kamocka  
 5:00 p.m. - † Mauricio Heilbron

**SUNDAY, December 9**  
 7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m. - † Dr. Pat Mitchell  
 10:30 a.m. - † Paul Lee  
 12:30 p.m. - Parishioners

### Bereavement Group

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

**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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Eileen Bentley, Nina Escandon, Odete Salvate, Marie Mitchell, Celeste Kohlen, Marian Steins, Bernie Voigt, Pat Wolfe, Jim and Jean Hodge, Patricia Hanson, Harry North, Gary Hillebrecht, Pat Murach, Gilbert Martinez, Antoinette Hansen, Michael Hansen, Tina Hanson, Chuck Roehrig, Regina Tyler, Betsy Van Culin, Mickey Jorda, Aurora Moreno, Don DeRuyter, Anita Beudo, Derrick Bedell, Juan Manuel Castillo, Steve Aguilar, Jeff Bigham, Derek Bedell, Jr and Mark Alchorn.

## 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 COUNCIL	Sonia Yurak, Madison Beall and Erin Wright
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
FINANCE COUNCIL	Moses Bass	420-1877
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy msanty@verizon.net www.stjosephlb.org	370-0769
Website address:		
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John/Deborah Rollingher Tim Clark	537-3457 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@sbcglobal.net	310-729-5890
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD the CHILDREN	Tony Burgos	596-6115
PARISH FAIR	sjparishfair@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](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org)

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 Tricia at: [bulletin@stjosephlb.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org) or Olga, 562-594-4657.