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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
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.

Second Sunday of
Advent
December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.
Baruch 5:5

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Second Sunday of Advent

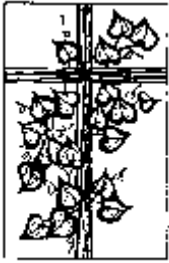
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God has commanded

that every lofty mountain be made low.

— Baruch 5:7

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:

Thanks to all of you who committed yourselves to the Called to Renew campaign last weekend. As this goes to print, the final numbers are not yet available. Before last week's commitment Sunday, we had an additional \$198,370.00 pledges made, and we reach another milestone

of \$2,015,732.00! Thank you for your extraordinary generosity!

Our new Regional Bishop, Bishop Marc Trudeau will make his first pastoral visit here for our Penance Service on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM. He will join several other priests who'll be here to hear your confessions. Amid all the preparations, please come for an hour that evening and cleanse and refresh your soul and spirit!

Happy Advent!

Msgr. Kevin

Advent Penance Services

St. Joseph

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

St. Cornelius

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 @7:00 p.m.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three natiivities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her.

Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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: In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?

Children: What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?

**YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry
 December 9 Cursillo
 December 16 Scouts**

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



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.

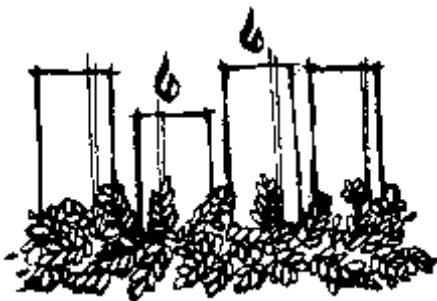
The next Cursillo weekends will be January 17-20 (Men), and January 31 - February 3 (Women). Contact Deacon Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com or OCCursillo.org

DID YOU KNOW?

Practice situational awareness as part of your holiday travel plans.

At Christmas time, families come together to spend this blessed season surrounded by their loved ones, and for many families, this involves some travel. Parents with young children who are hitting the roads, or the airways should be practicing situational awareness to ensure their children's safety. Situational awareness means staying alert and knowing what's going on around you.

Keep an eye out for suspicious activity and know where your family members are at all times. Don't allow yourself to become distracted by your phone or other electronics—it only takes a minute for a child to disappear from your eyesight. For more holiday travel tips, visit <http://www.catholic.org/travel/story.php?id=65521>.



Support the Retirement Fund for Religious.

A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart...seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious older priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today, many are elderly and need our assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's collection on Sunday, December 16.

We are excited to share with you that this year's Confirmation candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday June 2nd at 3:00pm with Bishop Marc Trudeau.

We invite you to pray for all of our Confirmation candidates as they continue to prepare through catechesis, formation, and prayer.

Faith Formation Office

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

There will be 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!

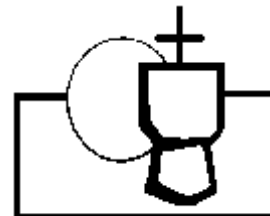
Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on "How to Give" on the left.

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.



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 and use our church code: CA717 Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You! Msgr. Kevin

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 Stone Fire 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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Getting Ready to Shop for Christmas...

Why not use AmazonSmile? Its a simple and automatic way for you to support **St. Josephs** every time you shop, at no cost to you.

When you **shop at smile.amazon.com**, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that

Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to St. Joseph Catholic Church of Long Beach

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. 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. 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. 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.



AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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 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 8
 5:00 p.m. - † Dr. 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
MONDAY, December 10
 8:00 a.m. - † Stephen Stewart
TUESDAY, December 11
 8:00 a.m. - † Mary Lou Clark
WEDNESDAY, December 12
 8:00 a.m. - Vinh Tran-Bros & Sylvia Dang
THURSDAY, December 13
 8:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Church
FRIDAY, December 14
 8:00 a.m. - † Popinski
SATURDAY, December 15
 5:00 p.m. - † Brett Meng
SUNDAY, December 16
 7:30 a.m. - † Primitivo & Milagros Ching Cuang
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 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. 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, Juan Manuel Castillo, Steve Aguilar, Derek Bedell, Jr and Mark Alchorn.

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 or Olga, 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
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 ALTAR CARE Parish Office 594-4657
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 (sister & brother)

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562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL Margaret Alvarez
 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Sonia Yurak
 ADMISTRATIVE COUNCIL Sonia Yurak, Madison Beall and Erin Wright
 OFFICE MANAGER Julie Gianessi

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562-598-0519

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 MINISTERS TO THE SICK Olga Cuda 594-4657

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