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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.



Third Sunday of

Advent

December 16, 2018

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018
The King of Israel, the LORD,
is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.
— *Zephaniah 3:15b*

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:

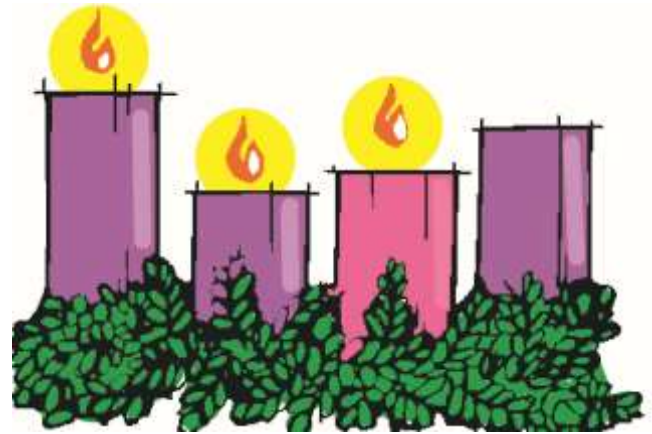
All sinners who want to be reconciled are invited to our annual Advent Penance Service this Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM. We will be welcoming our new Regional Bishop, Bishop Mark Trudeau and several visiting priests. **You're invited** to take a break from the rush of these days and be still in the presence of the Holy One who wants to reconcile, forgive and cleanse you!!!

As this bulletin goes to print, our **Called to Renew campaign has ended and I'm very grateful for the extraordinary generosity and participation** by our parish families from our in-pew commitment weekend. We had a total of \$456,370 in pledges brought in for a total of \$2,472,102. Thank you!

Our final numbers will be announced and published shortly!

I offer continued prayers for you and your family during your Advent journey!

Advent Peace,
Msgr. Kevin



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Tuesday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Wednesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**November
Collection Report**

Envelope	\$ 40,881.00
Loose	\$ 6,201.50
<u>Faith Direct</u>	<u>\$ 8,071.89</u>
Total:	\$ 55,154.39

Annual Expense

Payroll Taxes \$70,812.00 per year

**St. Joseph
Advent Penance Services**

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

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.

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

Please Join us for Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Vigil

Monday, December 24

4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1

8:00 a.m.



Faith Formation Office

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

There will be Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 9:00 Mass

Are you a Catholic adult who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Are you seeking to complete your initiation in the Catholic Church?

If you said YES to these two questions, St. Joseph is happy to announce that we will be offering an 8 week confirmation program for adults on Monday nights starting March 4, 2019.

REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Must be a Baptized Catholic adult, 18 years or older, who has celebrated First Holy Communion but lack the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- ☐ Must be a registered member of St. Joseph Parish or Parent of a current St. Joseph School or Faith Formation student.

For more information or to register we invite you to go <https://stjosephlb.org/religious-education/adult-confirmation/>. Completed registrations must be turned into the Parish Life Center (PLC) office on or before Tuesday, February 25, 2019.

Please don't delay since class size is limited to 25 candidates who have turn in completed registrations on a first come, first serve basis. Upon completion of your registration a member of our team will be in contact with you.

The Community of St Joseph's welcomes you!

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 www.catholic.org/travel/story.php?id=65521.

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

St. Joseph's offers a Children's Liturgy of the Word (C.L.O.W) for children 3 years to 3rd grade. C.L.O.W Schedule for December and January 2019

December 16, 2018: 9am Mass
December 23, 2018: No C.L.O.W
December 30, 2018: No C.L.O.W

January 06, 2019: 9am Mass
January 13, 2019: 9 am Mass
January 20, 2019: No C.L.O.W
January 27, 2019: No C.L.O.W



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*



We were blessed to have Sr. Eva and Monsignor Kevin join us for our Christmas luncheon and festivities. Fun was had by all who attended.

Won't you join us for fun, games and fellowship?

Our next meeting will be on January 14, 2019. All regular meetings are from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please bring your own Brown Bag Lunch and drinks and dessert will be provided. We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

For information call:
Marilyn North (562)429-8891; cell (562)519-0154



"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 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.

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.

Support St. Joseph Catholic Church of Long Beach by shopping at smile.amazon.com

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

As our year comes to a close our **ESTHER Ministry** would like to thank all of those who gave of their time, talent and treasure to help in our many projects and events.



This past year we were able to supply many agencies with backpacks filled with clothes, hygiene kits, and comfort items to be used by survivors of human trafficking. Homeland Security asked for our help in supplying needs for survivors and we also helped individual cases of survivors who needed an extra hand with getting started on a new life.

Thank you to the volunteers who participated in the YESS (Youth Empowerment Safety Symposium) and Father-Con events. These are just a few of the many activities which ESTHER participated in over the last year.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming YESS event on January 26, 2019! More info to follow. If you would like to be on our contact list for future events and needs. email us at estherministry1@gmail.com.

Question of the Week

Adults: To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What acts of kindness could you do this week?

Children: What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?



Women and Men of St. Joseph

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. Cursillo runs 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 OC-Cursillo.org

Please join us ~ St Joseph Hospitality Ministry

December 16~ Scouts

December 23~ Merry Christmas-No Hospitality

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, **used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. **Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.****

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, **reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!**

REJOICE

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the **progress of God's work.**

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

Why Join Bible Study?

Just as God brings us friends to support us, He will also provide opportunities for us to serve others. By growing in our knowledge of God, we will be more prepared to mentor those who are new to the faith. God also opens our eyes to others in need, providing opportunities to serve the body with Christ-like love and generosity.

"...who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God," (2 Corinthians 1:4).

Bible study groups reflect the diversity of our world. From our life experiences, we each develop a unique perspective. We can look at Scripture through this lens and share our viewpoints with one another. This open communication brings us closer together as a community.

We have several different bible study groups here at St. Joseph for you to join.



SATURDAY, December 15
 5:00 p.m. - † Brett Meng
SUNDAY, December 16
 7:30 a.m. - † Primitivo & Milagros Ching Cuang CO
 9:00 a.m. - † Robert & Julianne Uehlin
 10:30 a.m. - † Bob Maney
 12:30 p.m. - Parishioners
MONDAY, December 17
 8:00 a.m. - † Marcelina Torres
TUESDAY, December 18
 8:00 a.m. - † Richard Pace
WEDNESDAY, December 19
 8:00 a.m. - Tito Reyes
THURSDAY, December 20
 8:00 a.m. - † Istanislao Razon
FRIDAY, December 21
 8:00 a.m. - † Jack Paluska
SATURDAY, December 22
 5:00 p.m. - † Cruz Aragon
SUNDAY, December 23
 7:30 a.m. - † Dennis Cuda
 9:00 a.m. - Munda & Reyes Family
 10:30 a.m. - † Bob Maney

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, Eileen Bentley, Nina Escandon, Odete Salvate, Marie Mitchell, Celeste Kohnen, 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, Regina Tyler, Betsy Van Culin, Mickey Jorda, Aurora Moreno, Don DeRuyter, Anita Beudo, Steve Aguilar, Derek Bedell, Jr and Mark Alchorn.

In order to keep our prayer list up dated, submitted 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 at 562-594-4657.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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