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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.

Fourth Sunday of
Advent
December 23, 2018

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb."
— Luke 1:41-42

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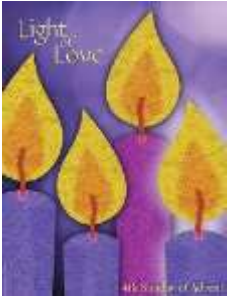
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St. Joseph Parish is a community of believers who uphold the teachings of the Gospel and the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, foster the formation and enrichment of parishioners in spirituality, worship and education, providing a welcoming 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:

As the 4th candle on our Advent wreath is lit this weekend, we are reminded that Christmas draws near! If you are travelling, be safe in your journeys. **St. Joseph's looks forward to welcoming your family at our Christmas liturgy!**

Here is the latest update from the Called to Renew Campaign. To date we have pledges and gifts totaling \$2,775,404. Thank you for your extraordinary generosity!

Advent Peace,
Msgr. Kevin

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected. Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time **when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled.** The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Night:</u> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn:</u> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day:</u> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Wednesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

DID YOU KNOW?

Twelve percent of home fires caused by candles will occur in December — the combination of increased candle use and flammable decorations **isn't a good one, especially if candles aren't used safely.**

Never leave candles burning in a room **you are not in, or while you're sleeping.** Clear the area before lighting a candle, making sure **that the flame will be contained, that there's nothing flammable nearby,** and that the candle is safely out of reach for children.

If you have plans for a fire in your fireplace, **check your chimney to make sure it's clean.** For more tips, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/winter/holiday>.

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 (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, January 1

8:00 a.m.



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!

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

Phone 562-598-0519 or email: religioused@stjosephlb.org.

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 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

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

Question of the Week

Adults: When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?

Children: When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?





COLOR THE PICTURE

G	A	B	R	H	E	S	U	O	H	ANGEL	GABRIEL	JOSEPH
A	J	O	S	T	N	O	S	T	A	MARY	REJOICE	SON
B	A	R	R	E	N	N	E	M	N	LORD	JESUS	CHILD
R	C	E	E	R	D	B	D	A	D	ELIZABETH	BARREN	HANDMAID
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St. Joseph Senior Social Group

Dear St. Joseph Seniors,

It is with sincere gratitude that I write on behalf of the women and babies we serve here at Precious Life to thank all of you for the beautiful gifts provided at your annual luncheon. As we begin to make the Christmas Baskets for each mom and baby, we are so blessed to include so many wonderful items from your delivery.

Of course, St. Joseph holds such a special place in my heart as it was my children's first school and our first parish upon marriage. Being involved was such a blessing and to have so many wonderful and generous supporters for life coming from St. Joseph always makes me beam with pride. Thinking about the tiny hands and feet of each of these little ones as we prepare their gifts because of the generosity of others reminds me about the baby Jesus laying in a manger and being adored by those celebrating His birth. We celebrate each child born and your support is included in those celebrations.

Blessings to each of you.
Theresa E. Murphy
Executive Director
Precious Life Shelter

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

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 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.

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.

Please join us ~ St Joseph Hospitality Ministry

December 23~ Merry Christmas-No Hospitality

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



SATURDAY December 22

5:00 p.m. - † Brett Meng

SUNDAY December 23

7:30 a.m. - † Dennis Cuda
 9:00 a.m. - Munda & Reyes Family
 10:30 a.m. - † Bob Maney
 12:30 p.m. - Parishioners

Christmas Vigil December 24

4:00 p.m. - † Edward & Mary Dondero
 6:00 p.m. - † John DeReuyter
 9:00 p.m. - TeresaSmith~Thanksgiving

Christmas December 25

9:00 a.m. - Vallejo Family
 10:30 a.m. - † Mary Lou Clark
 12:30 p.m. - Kostelnik Family

WEDNESDAY December 26

8:00 a.m. - Lorena Martinez

THURSDAY December 27

8:00 a.m. - † Temi Pinili

FRIDAY December 28

8:00 a.m. - † Maria & Dominico Dang

SATURDAY December 29

5:00 p.m. - † Ronald Palmar
 Rosa Jara & Monica Jara

SUNDAY December 30

7:30 a.m. - † Jack Paluska
 9:00 a.m. - Magdalena Carr
 10:30 a.m. - † Domingo Dizon
 12:30 p.m. - Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Fernando Montoya ~ Tim Ginnett ~ Eileen Bentley ~ Nina Escandon ~ Odete~Salvate ~ Marie Mitchell ~ Celeste Kohnen ~ Marian Steins ~Bernie Voigt ~ Pat Wolfe ~ Jim & 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.

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
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ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL. EARLY CHILDHOOD LITURGY/CHILDREN AND RCIC (Children)

FAITH FORMATION SECRETARY	Michelle Johnson
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YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION	Marc Leon
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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	370-0769

PARISH WEBSITE	stjosephlb.org	
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY	John/Deborah Rollinger	537-3457

MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	Tim Clark	431-4385
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LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS	Jason Pillon coordinator@lbcya.org
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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 p.m. Please submit your request with your name & photo to the parish office at bulletin@stjosephlb.org.