



# 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.

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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.

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 30, 2018



*Jesus said to his parents,  
"Why were you looking for me?  
Did you not know that I  
must be in my Father's house?"*

*Luke 2:49*

The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
December 30, 2018

*Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.*

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:

Today the church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family and we are encouraged to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement for our families. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, help each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their child, Jesus so that he might grow up not in only human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Let us pray for all of our families that we may grow in wisdom, age and grace!

As we celebrate New Year's Day, January 1, 2019 in the year of our Lord, we have one New Year's Mass this Tuesday at 8:00 AM. Please note that this is not a holy day of obligation.

An update to our campaign: last Monday, almost another \$100,000 in pledges was accounted for which brings us to a grand total of \$2,867,034. We are at 306% over goal. Thank you for your amazing participation and generosity!!!

God's blessings upon you and your families as we commence a new year.

Happy New Year,  
Msgr. Kevin

### HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to.

These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work but he also returned home with his parents.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



### Bereavement Group

Returns on January 7, 2019 from 2:00-3:30

### Bible Study

Returns on January 8, 2019 from 9:00-10:30

In the meantime, every good wish  
and God's Blessings for a Happy New Year  
Sr. Eva

**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

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 welcomes you!



**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?

Faith Formation Office will be open Monday-Thursday this week from (9am-1pm)  
**Phone 562-598-0519 or email: [religioused@stjosephlb.org](mailto:religioused@stjosephlb.org).**  
 St. Joseph's offers a Children's Liturgy of the Word (C.L.O.W)

for children 3 years to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. C.L.O.W Schedule for December and January 2019  
**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



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Always keep your blind spots in mind**

Each week, more than 50 children are killed or injured when a driver backs up the car. In an overwhelming number of those cases, a parent, **relative, or close friend is behind the wheel.** It's devastating to think that a simple action could cause such harm to your child, but it happens far too frequently. **Be aware of your 'blind spots' when you're behind the wheel — those areas you know are there, but can't see clearly from your mirrors.**

**Check out what's happening around your vehicle** before you get in. Make sure you know where your children are before you start your car. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "A Preventable Accident," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.



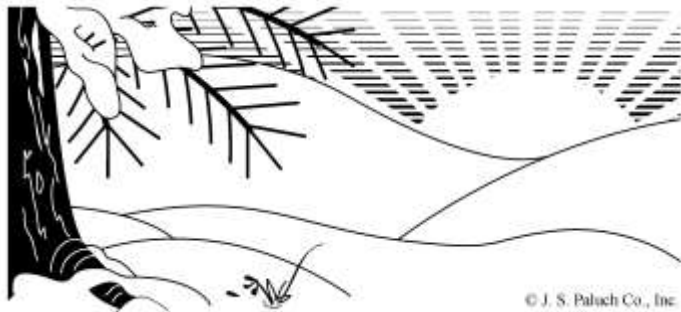
*St. Joseph  
Senior Social Group*

The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on Monday, January 14, 2019.

Come join us for a fun day of games and friendship. We will have Mexican Train, Bridge, Sequence, Poker, and other games, and of course BINGO.

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  
It is time to pay your \$10 dues for 2019.



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



*"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11.*

**Christmas Food and Gift Distribution-** A heart-felt *thank you* for contributing to brighten the Christmas and bring hope to 106 families in need: prayers, food purchase and distribution, presents, cash donations, time and talent. Approximately 750 Christmas gifts were provided to over 250 children.

**Jan. 26-27 Feed-a-Baby Food Drive:** Collecting non-perishable baby food for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

**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](mailto:estherministry1@gmail.com).

# Mass Intentions

**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

**MONDAY**                      **December 31**  
 8:00 a.m. -                      † Dr. Mauricio Heilbron

**TUESDAY**                      **January 1**  
 8:00 a.m. -                      † Leo Klemm

**WEDNESDAY**                      **January 2**  
 8:00 a.m. -                      † Genovena Pinili

**THURSDAY**                      **January 3**  
 8:00 a.m. -                      † Marie Haddad

**FRIDAY**                        **January 4**  
 8:00 a.m. -                      † Anita Wasserberger

**SATURDAY**                      **January 5**  
 5:00 p.m. -                      † Edward & Mary Dondero

**SUNDAY**                        **January 6**  
 7:30 a.m. -                      † Teodolfo Hayag  
 9:00 a.m. -                      Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. -                     † Mo Heilbron  
 12:30 p.m. -                     † Edward Ely

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 ~ Mike & Collette Diharce~ 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](mailto: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                      493-2198  
   (sister & brother)

**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. EARLY CHILDHOOD LITURGY/CHILDREN AND RCIC (Children)

FAITH FORMATION SECRETARY                      Michelle Johnson

YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONFIRMATION                      Marc Leon

**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                      370-0769  
   [msanty@verizon.net](mailto:msanty@verizon.net)  
PARISH WEBSITE                      [stjosephlb.org](http://stjosephlb.org)  
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY              John/Deborah Rollinger      537-3457  
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD                      Tim Clark                      431-4385  
LONG BEACH CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS                      Jason Pillon  
   [coordinator@lbcya.org](mailto:coordinator@lbcya.org)  
SENIOR GROUP                      Marilyn North                      429-8891  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS              Ron Steiner                      431-7703  
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER              Paciano & Molly Diaz      310-729-5890  
   [ktrm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ktrm@sbcglobal.net)  
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING                      Greg & Beth Gath                      377-5877  
SAFEGUARD the CHILDREN          Tony Burgos                      596-6115  
PARISH FAIR                      [sjparishfair@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org).