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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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 6, 2019

*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*
Matthew 2:11

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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*
— *Isaiah 60:1.*

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 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world! Today we pray that our Savior, Jesus Christ will be known throughout the world!

This is the day we pray for those who do not know God! This is the day we pray for our family and friends who've set aside or abandoned their faith! This is the day we pray for our church and our families to grow in faith!

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" and I pray that the Lord will manifest himself to you and your loved ones during this new year!

In Peace,

Msgr. Kevin

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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 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 have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

Children: When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

**Faith Formation Office will be open Monday-Thursday
this week from 9:00 am—1:00 pm
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 January 2019

January 05, 2019: 9 am Mass

January 13, 2019: 9 am Mass

January 20th and 27th NO C.L.O.W



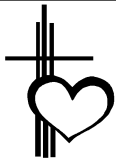
DID YOU KNOW?

New Year's Resolution Become a Mandatory Reporter

Even if the legal requirements for mandatory reporting may not cover your specific position, as Catholics, we are called to protect the vulnerable at all times, and that may mean reporting on inappropriate behavior that puts a child at risk.

The only way we can prevent abuse is to learn the signs and take ownership for the safety of children in our communities.

To read more from the VIRTUS® article "Make a New Year's Resolution to Become a Mandatory Reporter," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>



St. Joseph Senior Social Group

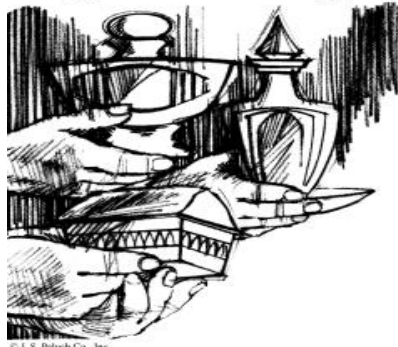
The next meeting of the
St. Joseph Senior Group
will be on Monday, January 14, 2019.

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.

They presented him with gifts



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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. 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.

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY January 7
 8:00 a.m. - † Russ Davis

TUESDAY January 8
 8:00 a.m. - † Parishioners

WEDNESDAY January 9
 8:00 a.m. - † Mary Lou Clark

THURSDAY January 10
 8:00 a.m. - † Vinnie Baglietto

FRIDAY January 11
 8:00 a.m. - Margaret Hendrick & Family

SATURDAY January 12
 5:00 p.m. - † Anthony Brodeur

SUNDAY January 13
 7:30 a.m. - † Jack Paluska
 9:00 a.m. - Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison-Bennett
 12:30 p.m. - † Jack Paluska

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 ~ Daniel Shields 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

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 (sister & brother)

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562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL Margaret Alvarez
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 OFFICE MANAGER Julie Gianessi

FAITH FORMATION
562-598-0519

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FAITH FORMATION SECRETARY Michelle Johnson

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Bulletin Notices Deadline~ Monday 1:00 p.m. Please submit your request with your name & photo to the parish office to Tricia at bulletin@stjosephlb.org.