



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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### Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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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 Baptism of the Lord**

John said, "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

**JANUARY 13, 2019**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**January 13, 2019**

He saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— *Titus 3:5*

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.

## January is Poverty Awareness Month.

Find ways to help your community participate with these resources:

- [Online](#) and [print](#) calendar (also [en Español](#)) includes daily ways to learn about poverty, inspirational stories about how communities are responding, and how to take action with others.
- [Longer daily reflections](#) (also [en Español](#)) and a pastoral aid for Sunday, January 27, 2019 (also [en Español](#)).
- Sign up to [receive the daily reflections by email](#).
- Take [Poverty USA's interactive quiz](#) to find out how much you know about poverty in the United States.

Through our Baptism we share in Christ's prophetic mission as people of God "to bring glad tidings to the poor...proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

How can you live out your baptismal call to advocate for and with persons in poverty locally and globally?

## CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as "one mightier than I." But he did as Jesus asked, and the "Holy Spirit descended" and heaven's voice spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, "peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God's word.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
<b>Thursday:</b>	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
<b>Friday:</b>	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
<b>Saturday:</b>	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

## Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Fr. Michael Gleeson  
Tony Diaz Sr.  
Jean Czerwinski**



## Tax Letters

If you would like a letter stating your contributions to St. Joseph Church for 2018, please call the office, 562-594-4657, and leave your name, phone and email address. Those who have contributed through Faith Direct will need to contact them directly for your tax information.

**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:** Do you think that God was “well pleased” by your actions in recent weeks? Why?  
**Children:** What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

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](mailto: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 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/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

God loves each human life from the instant of his or her conception and entrusts this gift to the protection of a mother and father. Abortion ends the life of a child and offends God. It also deeply wounds the men and women involved.

If someone you know is suffering after abortion, here's [how to talk to a friend who's had an abortion.](#)  
Find help through [Project Rachel Ministry.](#)



**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).

**Bereavement Group**

Meets every Monday, 2:00-3:30 in the PLC

# Mass Intentions

**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. - † Tommy Gray

**MONDAY** January 14  
 8:00 a.m. - Dr. Kristen Cole

**TUESDAY** January 15  
 8:00 a.m. - Parishioners

**WEDNESDAY** January 16  
 8:00 a.m. - Madeline Najick & Family

**THURSDAY** January 17  
 8:00 a.m. - † Fr. Michael Gleeson

**FRIDAY** January 18  
 8:00 a.m. - † Janet Doyle

**SATURDAY** January 19  
 5:00 p.m. - † Gerald Kohnen

**SUNDAY** January 20  
 7:30 a.m. - Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m. - † Annette Haddad  
 10:30 a.m. - Thanksgiving Mass-Sr. Eva  
 12:30 p.m. - † Peggy Bulrice

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Fernando Montoya ~ Tim Ginnett ~ Eileen Bentley ~ Nina Escandon ~ Odete~Salvate ~ 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~ 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](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org) or Olga at 562-594-4657.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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PRINCIPAL Margaret Alvarez  
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 OFFICE MANAGER Julie Gianessi

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DIRECTOR of FAITH FORMATION Joe Voigt  
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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](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org).