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.
Jubilee Year of Mercy

"Alms atone for sins" (Sirach 2:29). Alms are mercy translated into hands-on compassion. Jesus confirms Sirach’s wisdom, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7). “Conduct your affairs with humility” (Sirach 3:17). Humility: we’re all alike and special, for we’re children of God. Jesus confirms that wisdom, too: “Do not recline at table in the place of honor. Take the lowest place” (Luke 14:8, 10). In fact, “When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite friends, relatives, wealthy neighbors. Invite the poor, crippled, lame, blind,” physically or figuratively, society’s most vulnerable and marginalized, “who cannot repay you” (see 14:12–14). Jesus seems to be telling us to prepare for eternity with God’s choice by becoming their friend here and now. Mercy is measured not by our delight in welcoming those we like most or who can repay us best, but by sincerely embracing those we like least, who cannot repay us at all. Utter humility inspires pure mercy; pure mercy leads to eternal joy.

Free app: 365 days of mercy at www.osv.com/yom

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Bible Study will begin again on August 23, Tuesday mornings, 9-10:30 am. Subject: The Prophets. Thursday Bible Study will commence Aug. 25, 7-8:30 pm.

Meditation every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center - ALL WELCOME!
"Be Still And Know That I Am God"

From Deacon Don’s desk:

"I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground." (Matt: 25:14-30). Talent (physical aptitude) like faith is about realizing one’s potential. Though talent and faith are gifts from God, we need to work at gaining their rewards. Each must be an active part of our lives. Mickey Mantle played more than 2,400 games, hit 536 home runs, batted 300 or better 10 times, and helped the Yankees to eight World Series. He was a switch hitter with blazing speed and power, picking up where Ruth, Gehrig and DiMaggio left off. He tore his cartilage in the 1951 World Series. He rested his bad leg but never did the prescribed exercises and had a tendency to drink. His many talents never fully shined. His diseased liver caused him to admit to his failings and encouraged others not to make the same mistakes. His repentance earned him forgiveness and appreciation from those who followed his career. In a way, Mickey Mantle’s talent taught him humility.

God has granted each of us unique gifts. We may not be able to throw a ball 90 miles per hour or hit one 450 feet, but some of us are able to teach others to heal. There are others with abilities to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to make people laugh, or to lend a helping hand in other ways. Its hard to forget the one who was "in service to others,” Roberto Clemente. He said "I want to be remembered as a ballplayer who gave all he had to give." For those who did not see my Deacon's Desk a few months ago, Roberto Clemente died in a plane crash while delivering food to earthquake victims in Nicaragua, New Year’s eve 1972. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13. "Put love in your heart. Nothing but good can spring from that source.” St Augustine

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, grant us the gift of Your mercy and love so that whatever we do we may do out of that mercy and love. Let us do that which brings out love in deed and in truth. Amen

Women and Men of St. Joseph Parish

Is your heart on fire for Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, or like a candle in the wind, flickering, barely alive? 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. Cursillos run from Thursday evening thru Sunday. The next Cursillo weekends will be Oct. 6-9 (Men) and Oct. 20-23 (Women). Contact Den. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com or OCCursillo.org

Rest In Peace
Died in Christ:
Barbara Decker

Bereavement Group will begin meeting again on August 29, then every first and third Monday evening.

eGiving with Faith Direct - make contributions through direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. Apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings as you may now use it to make your other payments. Please visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA717.
Faith Formation Office - Now Open! Call or email if you have questions.

LITTLE SAINTS Toddler Ministry – Little Saints will reopen September 25.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is available to all children from 4 - 11 years old during the 9am Mass. Follow our Catechist out with the rest of our children to hear the Word of God explained so that you will understand! Parents, you are welcome to join us! We could always use more adults to help with this wonderful ministry. Training and materials are provided.

Activities for Faith Formation and Confirmation:
- We need Catechists for our 5 year olds - please pray about it and email religioused@stjosephlb.org. Training will be provided.
- We need more Liturgy of the Word for Children Catechists! Teach during the 9:00 a.m. Mass once or twice a month.

Registration for Faith Formation 2016-17 now until Aug. 31. Look for registration forms on the website and at the entrances of the church. $25/family late fee after Aug. 31. Classes begin Sept. 25.

Registration for Confirmation includes meeting with Marc. Call 598-0519 to leave your preferred date.

Year 1 - Aug. 30, 7-8:30pm
Year 2 - Aug. 29, 7-8:30pm

High School Youth Ministry – goes all summer!
Revelation on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30pm for all teens Bring your friends!
For more information, contact Marc Leon, 562-598-0519, or marc@stjosephlb.org.

Long Beach Catholic Young Adults - Welcome young adults, 18-39, to Long Beach Catholic Young Adults, a ministry serving Long Beach parishes. LBCYA seeks to reinvigorate the Catholic young adult ministry in faith and love of Jesus Christ through service, spiritual development, and social fellowship. For information, visit www.lbcya.org or contact Jason Pillon: coordinator@lbcya.org.

Music Ministry

Children’s Choir / Drama - Rehearsals resume Saturday, September 10, 8 - 9:15am in the church. Grades 2 - 6 welcome. (Children must be able to read.)

10:30 Choir - Looking for a respite from your everyday world? Try singing. Wednesday night rehearsals (7 - 8:30) in the church. We are currently working on new Christmas music (some for our hospital caroling). We’ve also just started the Rutter Requiem. Please join us!

Are you called? Do you desire to learn and experience a deeper spirituality? The Catholic spiritual tradition inspired by St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St. Thérèse of Lisieux, explains how to live in a closer relationship with the living Christ and the practical caring for others that flows from this relationship. We are Secular Order Discalced Carmelites (OCDS), men and women committed to living the fullness of God's love through prayer and scripture, with the aid and guidance of Our Lady. For more information, please call, 562-774-3549, or email, council@ocds-lbc.org.

Is the Holy Spirit Calling You?

Catholic Engaged Encounter needs married couples to help prepare engaged couples for marriage. Whether you’ve been married 2 months or 40+ years, we need your help.

Please call Paciano & Molly Diaz, 310-729-5890. We’d love to talk with you. Or visit our website at www.CEEofLA.org or email us at MollyandPaciano@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to Mexico City - December 11-16, featuring the anniversary feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Spiritual director will be Fr. Jim Halley. Air fare, hotel, tour guide, motor coach, breakfast and dinner, daily Mass, and entrance fees to sites are all included for $1,999. To sign up or for more information, contact Beth Basilio, beth@chaplettours.com or 562-842-6910.

YOU ARE INVITED by St Joseph Hospitality Ministry

Please join us for donuts and fellowship with others in front of the church after the 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 Masses.

August 28 hosted by Hospitality and helpers
September 4 hosted by Ushers
St. Joseph Senior Social Group

Join now for a fun 2016 $10 a year Membership

Next meeting will be September 12, 11:30-2:30.
There will be short business meeting followed by games, lunch, “travel talk” and 50/50 drawing. Bring your lunch and invite a friend to come along. Just a reminder, our meetings are now on the 2nd & 4th Mondays. All regular meetings: 11:30 to 2:30. Bring your brown bag lunch. Drinks & dessert provided. Free bakery items to members. Join us for fun and games, including Bingo, Poker, Mexican Train, Sequence, Bridge and much more. For information call: Marilyn North 562-429-8891.

Trips - Trips - Trips

Mama Mia - at the Segerstrom Hall on Nov 25, (the day after Thanksgiving) with lunch at Marie Callender’s where you will have three entrees to choose from and of course pie for dessert. Relax and enjoy (no cooking) the great songs including “Dancing Queen,” “The Winner Takes All” and more. $95 due Oct 17.

Murder Mystery ABOARD the Fillmore + Western Railway - Sept. 3 Bus ride to Fillmore where you will enjoy lunch aboard the train, solve a murder mystery, or just sit back and enjoy the ride and entertainment. After the mystery is solved we will stop at the Loose Caboose Garden Center for shopping treasures, produce, local honey + more. Depart at 9AM Return 6PM, $98. Please contact Mary Lou 431-4385 or Gerry 420-3220.

Protecting human life is the cornerstone of Catholic social teaching - “The abortion conflict has never simply been about repealing Roe v. Wade. The many pro-lifers I know live a much deeper kind of discipleship than “single issue” politics. But they do understand that the cornerstone of Catholic social teaching is protecting human life from conception to natural death. They do understand that every other human right depends on the right to life. They did not and do not and will not give up – and they won’t be lied to.”

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput O.F.M

The Southeastern District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites all women to a day of prayer and fellowship. Every Catholic woman is a member and there are no dues. The next gathering will be Thursday, Sept. 22, at St. Albert the Great, 804 E. Compton Blvd., Rancho Dominguez. The day begins at 9:30, includes Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC speaking on “Human Trafficking,” Mass, lunch and concludes at 1:30. $12/person. Reservations: please make check payable and mail to Alice Avery, 19126 Pricetown Ave., Carson, 90746 before Monday, Sept. 19. For more information, call Alice, 310-637-1364 or Verna Hammer, 562-633-2503 or Clara Allen, 310-324-4643.

“After you have helped someone in need, thank them for the privilege of that service, for you have experienced Christ in the encounter.”

St. Vincent de Paul

Sept. 7 7:00 pm - Committee Meeting: By God’s grace, our 30th year of ministry to the marginalized of our community will again be blessed and fulfilled. Here’s a great opportunity to share your ideas and help to realize that fulfillment.

Sept. 10-11 - Feed-a-Baby: We will collect non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

Skip-a-Meal Donations support our ministry, including sandwiches weekly, for St. Francis Center and Catholic Charities of Long Beach. By God’s grace, our 30th year of ministry will again be blessed and fulfilled. Would you like to share in that fulfillment? Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

"Tee Off For the Heart" September 14 at El Dorado Golf Course - Highlights include: Fun at every hole Hole in One Prize: 5 day/4 night Pebble Beach Getaway Helicopter Ball Drop - $10 each or 4/$20. Tickets available at Precious Life office; winner need not be present. All proceeds go to developing and building our permanent supportive housing units for graduate moms and babies. Register: call Precious Life Center, 562-431-5025.

Esther Ministry - End Slavery and Trafficking of Humans and Effect Rescue - Pope Francis in his Easter message of 2013 stated, "Human Trafficking is the most extensive form of slavery in this twenty-first century." Human trafficking is currently the second fastest growing criminal activity, exceeded only by the illegal drug trade. It is important that we make ourselves aware of this crime and educate our families and youth. Go to www.oag.ca.gov and read the "The State of Human Trafficking in California" report which provides an insight as to "What Human Trafficking Looks Like."

The Esther Ministry is dedicated to bringing awareness about this crime. If you would like to be on our contact list for information on future projects, events, and meetings, please send us an email at estherministry1@gmail.com.

Sept 16-18. “Beginning Experience” Weekend at Holy Spirit Retreat Center (Encino) for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death or divorce/separation. This program helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. For info/registration, call Peg 818-767-1007 or Brenda 818-352-5265 or Maria Rojas (Spanish) 310-365-0186. Website: www.beginningexperience.org Email: beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com
Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, August 27
5:00 p.m. - † Christine Shinar

SUNDAY, August 28
7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
9:00 a.m. - † Mary Reischl
10:30 a.m. - † Rhinold Sauer
12:30 p.m. - † Don Ascraft

MONDAY, August 29
8:00 a.m. - † Celia Delgado

TUESDAY, August 30
8:00 a.m. - June Johnson

WEDNESDAY, August 31
8:00 a.m. - Fr. Francis Aguilar, Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, September 1
8:00 a.m. - † Raymond Yamasaka

FRIDAY, September 2
8:00 a.m. - † Robert Dela Cruz

SATURDAY, September 3
5:00 p.m. - † Salvate and Botelho families

SUNDAY, September 4
7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners
9:00 a.m. - † Mary Reischl
10:30 a.m. - † Rhinold Sauer
12:30 p.m. - † Dan Ascraft

Please continue to pray for the men and women in our Armed Services that they may feel God’s love, peace and joy at all times.

Regional Vocation Director: Rev. Francis Ilano
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