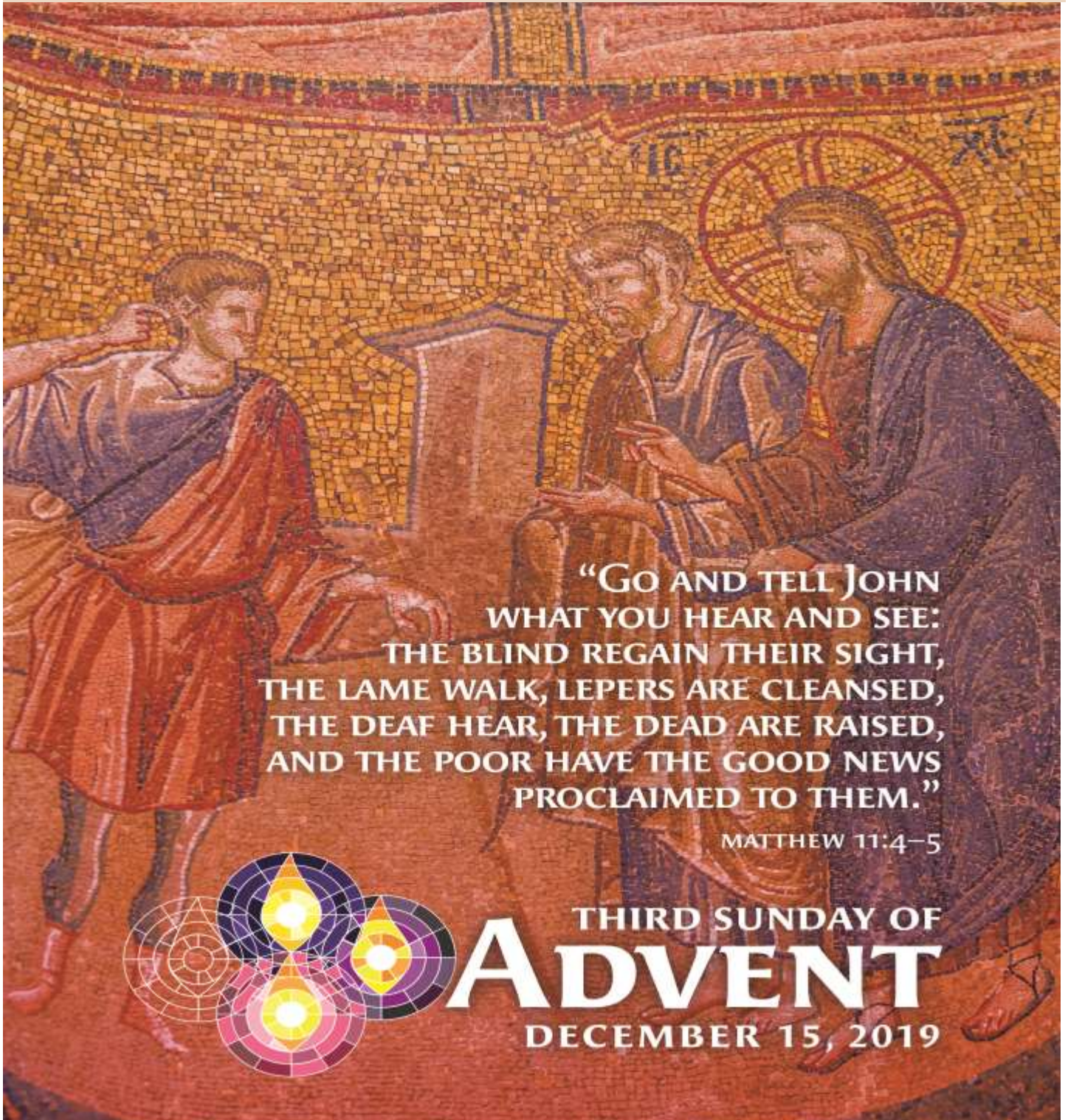


# St. Joseph Parish



**“GO AND TELL JOHN  
WHAT YOU HEAR AND SEE:  
THE BLIND REGAIN THEIR SIGHT,  
THE LAME WALK, LEPERS ARE CLEANSED,  
THE DEAF HEAR, THE DEAD ARE RAISED,  
AND THE POOR HAVE THE GOOD NEWS  
PROCLAIMED TO THEM.”**

MATTHEW 11:4-5



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
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DECEMBER 15, 2019

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## Mass Schedule

### Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil

### Sunday

7:30am, 9:00am,  
10:30 am & 12:30 pm

### Holy Days

Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm  
Holy Day: 8:00 am &  
7:00 pm

### Daily Mass (M-F)

8:00 am

## Reconciliation

### Saturdays

4:00-4:45pm

## Eucharistic Adoration

No Adoration till  
further notice due to church  
being closed for  
construction.

## OLPH Devotion

Every Wednesday  
after 8:00 am Mass

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

# Parish Life

## Welcome

Dear Parish Family:



As we embrace this Third week of Advent, please join us for our Advent penance service this Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 PM in the hall. Several priests

from the neighborhood will be here to assist you in reconciling with the Lord in your spiritual preparation for Christmas.

This is our last weekend for Sunday Masses in the hall/gym. When you arrive for the Eucharist next weekend, the 4th Sunday of Advent, please proceed directly through the doors of the church. Thanks for your patience during this **construction period. I hope you'll be pleased** with the renovation and cleaning of our worship space. The mechanical and electrical components of the project will not be **completed until January; however, we'll have** full use of the interior space.

Have a Blessed Third Week of Advent!

Advent Peace,  
Msgr. Kevin

## Advent Penance Service

Please join us in the Hall  
Tuesday, 12/17 at 7:00 PM

Several visiting priest from the  
area will be here to assist.

## Weekly Readings

- Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Friday:** s 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

## Hospitality

Please Join Us For Coffee & Donuts  
12/15: Knights of Columbus  
Our Next Hospitality January 5, 2020  
will be hosted by our Meditation Ministry  
Happy New Year

## Did you Know?

Basic guidelines for airport safety  
**Flying for the holidays is stressful, and it's even** more so when you add children to the equation. Airports are large, unfamiliar places flooded with crowds, and parents need to take extra precautions to make sure everyone arrives safely at their destination. Consider taking a family airport selfie so you have a current picture of what everyone is wearing in case you get separated. **Talk to your children about "safe strangers"** — TSA agents, flight attendants, trusted adults — they can ask for help. Go over the travel plans **so that your children know where you're going, what airline you're flying, and where you** should meet. For more information, please visit, <https://www.mamamia.com.au/travelling-with-kids-airport-safety/>.

# Liturgy, Worship & Prayer\_\_\_\_\_

## CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

### CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1

8:00 a.m.



## REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of **spiritual preparation for Christmas** and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the **Third Sunday of Advent**, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) **Sunday**, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of **God’s presence in the midst of the people**. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them”

# Liturgy, Worship & Prayer

## Mass Intentions

SATURDAY December 14  
5:00 p.m. † Hope Lubrano & Parents

SUNDAY December 15  
7:30 a.m. - Parishioners  
9:00 a.m. - † Dr. Pat Mitchell  
10:30 a.m. - † Bob Maney  
12:30 p.m. † Kevin Jondle

MONDAY December 16  
8:00 a.m. - † Bob Than

TUESDAY December 17  
8:00 a.m. † Kevin Wright

WEDNESDAY December 18  
8:00 a.m. † Richard Pace

THURSDAY December 19  
9:00 a.m. Temi Pinilli

FRIDAY December 20  
8:00 a.m. † Rafael Almazan

SATURDAY December 21  
5:00 p.m. † Paul Duffy

SUNDAY December 22  
7:30 a.m. - Parishioners  
9:00 a.m. - † Robert & Julianne Vehlin  
10:30 a.m. - † Bob Maney  
12:30 p.m. † Cruz Aragon  
†-Prayers for the Deceased



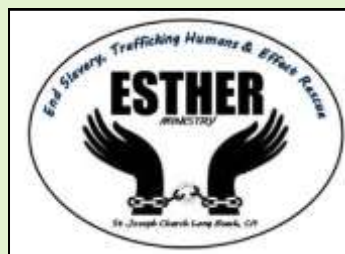
## Esther Ministry

Our ministry is committed to bringing about awareness of the facts and many challenges of eradicating human trafficking. The U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking state that “Ending human trafficking requires everyone’s help. Whether through prayer, education, advocacy, survivor services, or financial support, you can make a difference.”

Through the generosity of grants including the Bess J. Hodges Foundation, we are also able to directly help survivors of human trafficking by providing “survivor bags” filled with comfort items to be given as needed for immediate help to survivors of this crime.

Don’t forget to shop during the holidays at the Long Beach Fair Trade Store located on Bellflower Blvd. just past Carson. Lots of great gift items helping those who are survivors of trafficking.

Join our email list for information on our projects: [estherministry1@gmail.com](mailto:estherministry1@gmail.com).



## Lord Hear Our Prayers

**Pray For The Sick** . . . Fernando Montoya ~ Ana Reveles ~ Tim Ginnett ~ Eileen Bentley ~ Nina Escandon ~ Margarita Santos de Jesus ~ Odete Salvate ~ Bernie Voigt ~ Patricia Hanson ~ Thomas Barrett ~ Gary Hillebrecht ~ Pat Murach ~ Gilbert Martinez ~ Antoinette Hansen ~ Michael Hansen ~ Linda Mangio ~ Mickey Jorda ~ Aurora Moreno ~ Don DeRuyter ~ Anita Beudo ~ Steve Aguilar ~ Mike & Collette Diharce ~ JoAnne Miya ~ Mela Larwood ~ Robert Doty ~ Beth Dobberpuhl ~ Allison Longo ~ Delfina Schmit ~ Mark Alchorn ~ Anthony Vasquez ~ Nancy Bush ~ Al Pule ~ Maria Cevallos ~ Fr. Michael Meyer ~ Chester Gottfried ~ Donovan Nelson ~ Kathleen Pillon ~ Erin Dau ~ Laslie Kaye ~ Hoeurt Cheam ~ Miriam Kang ~ Danny Petrov ~ Holvia Espinoza ~ Deputy Dakota Palanca and Wendy Claire Smith.

Please contact Tricia at [bulletin@stjosephlb.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org) or call the PLC office to add or delete names from the above list.

# Faith Formation

## 3rd Sunday of Advent Prayer

### Stand as Prophets

Father of all and sender of prophets,  
in their old age, you gave Zechariah and  
Elizabeth a Son called John.

Growing up strong in the Spirit,  
John prepared a way for the Lord.  
Through your holy prophets,  
you give new sight to the blind,  
set the lame walking, cleanse the lepers,  
give hearing to the deaf, raise the dead,  
and proclaim your good news.

With yearning and trust, we await  
your Son.

As baptized believers,  
may we who await the coming of  
your kingdom  
be strong of heart.

Help us to live in holy unity  
and stand as prophets of Christ's  
healing and peace.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## No Faith Formation Classes from December 16, 2019 - January 4, 2020

Today are the last classes for Children and high school faith formation for 2019. We will be off for 2 weeks for the Christmas holiday. *Sr. Eva's RCIA and RCIC classes will meet on December 22nd and 29th.* Children and high school faith formation classes will return in 2020 on the following dates:

Early Childhood (Ages 3-5): Sunday, January 5, 2020—10:30am  
Elementary (Grades 1-5): Sunday, January 5, 2020—10:30am  
Junior High (Grades 6-8): Tuesday, January 7, 2020—7pm  
High School Confirmation 1: Sunday, January 5, 2020—11am  
High School Confirmation 2: Retreat - January 10—12, 2020

## Children Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Children Liturgy of the Word  
is available to all children from  
age 3 – 9 years old.

12/15/19 - 9am Mass—Teams 1 (ages 3-5) & 3 (Grades 1-3)  
12/22/19 - NO CLOW  
12/29/19 - NO CLOW  
01/05/20 - 9am Mass—Team 4



## 2019-20 Faith Formation Registration



### FAITH FORMATION

What do you need to do to Register  
your child for Faith Formation?

2019-20 Faith Formation classes have started, but it is not too late to register for non Sacramento Prep classes. Registration forms for Early Childhood (Ages 3-5), Elementary (Grades 3-5 only) and Junior High (Grades 6-8) can be picked up at the parish office or downloaded from the parish website (see Faith Formation tab). Register today!

### 2020 LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

February 20, 2020 (Youth Day) &  
February 21-23, 2020 (Adult Days)  
[www.recongress.org](http://www.recongress.org)

# Community/Ministries

## Movement for a Better World

*"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*  
Jn 13:35.

This Weekend- Christmas Present Drive:  
PLEASE, presents must be returned to church by  
12:30 pm Sunday, 12/15

Dec. 16, 9:00 AM- Coffee in the Park: Provide breakfast and encouragement to the patrons of the Long Beach Multi-Services Center. *We would welcome 3 or 4 additional regulars to support this important and meaningful outreach!*

Dec 21 8:30 AM- Christmas Food and Present Distribution: As a parish community, we will support 72 families for Christmas.

### Can you help us deliver?

Please contact Marie Newton (562) 209-1298  
or [tnewton111307@yahoo.com](mailto:tnewton111307@yahoo.com).  
*Very meaningful for the whole family!*

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest.

For many fulfilling ways to serve  
please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.

**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.falthdirect.net](http://www.falthdirect.net) and use our church code: CA717

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.  
*God Bless You! Msgr. Kevin*

## St. Joseph Seniors Club

ST. JOSEPH SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP  
INVITES YOU!

\$10 a year membership. Your dues for 2020 are due now.

There will be **NO** meeting on December 23.

The next Senior Group meeting  
will be on Monday, January 13, 2020.

To welcome in the new year, we will have free hot dogs for all member in attendance! We hope you all have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mark your calendars now for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month to join us for a day of fun games and other surprises.

All regular meetings: 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.  
Come early because the games begin at 11:30.

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

## Meditation

*Be Still*  
AND KNOW THAT  
I AM GOD...

Christian Meditation

Every Tuesday – 7:00PM  
School Math Lab