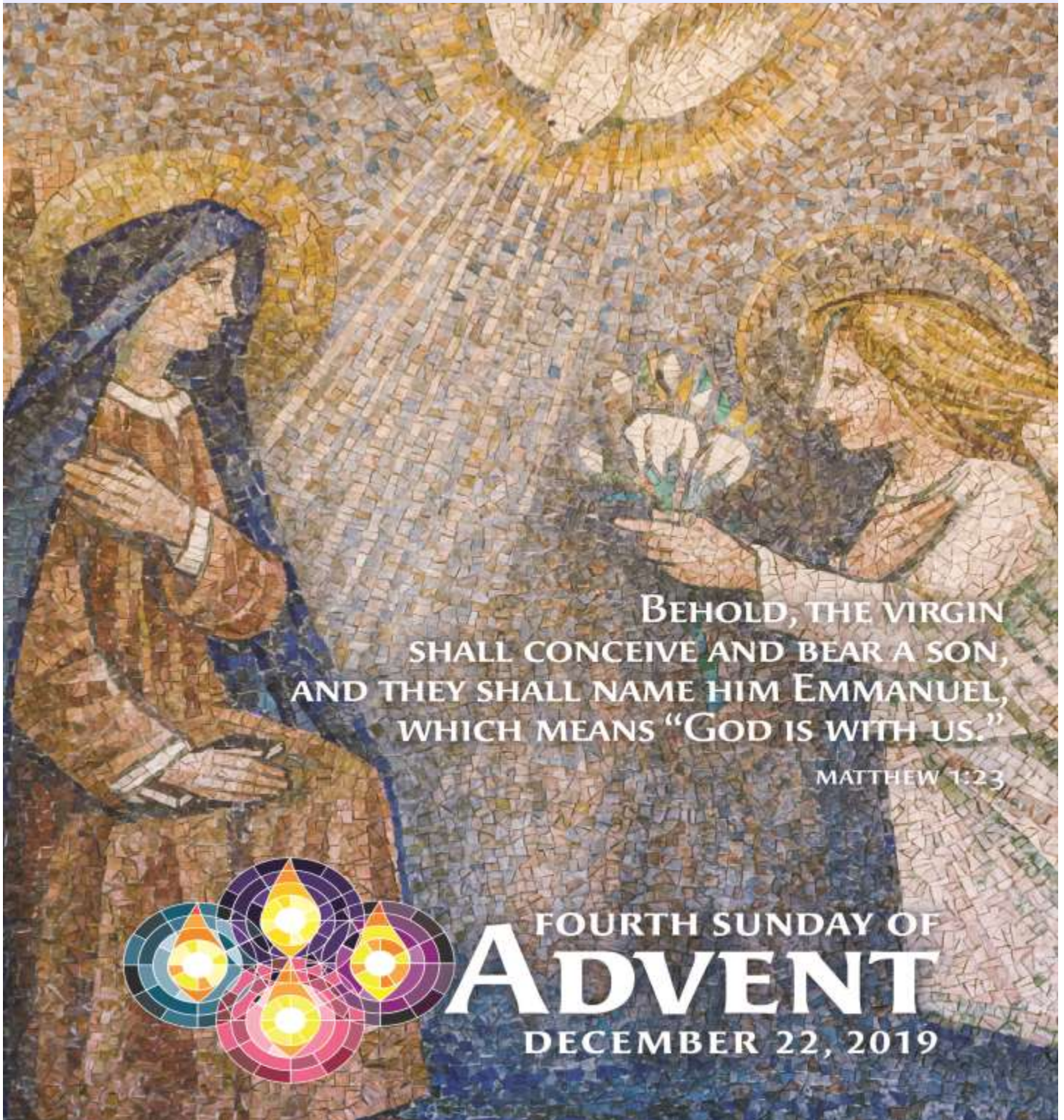


St. Joseph Parish



BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN
SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL,
WHICH MEANS "GOD IS WITH US."

MATTHEW 1:23



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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

Emmanuel, God with us, the Incarnate One, the Savior has found a home in you!

Receive the Lord's gift to you as you journey through faith and life this Christmas and in the coming year!

You are a blessing to me and your **St. Joseph's family. Thank you for sharing** your presence, worship, time, talent and treasure.

May the peace and joy of Christmas fill your hearts and homes during this Holy Season.

Be assured of my Christmas remembrance and prayers for you and your loved ones.

Devotedly and Gratefully,
Msgr. Kevin

Hospitality

Our Next Hospitality will be January 5, 2020 hosted by our Meditation Ministry. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Weekly Readings

- Monday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Wednesday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Did you Know?

In all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, it can be easy for children to get overwhelmed — with parties and holiday get togethers, they may be seeing lots of new or unfamiliar family members and friends.

It's important to remind children that they can say no to hugs, kisses, and other physical signs of affection if they are **uncomfortable. Review "my body, my rules,"** and give children polite ways to decline any **signs of affection that they don't want to give or receive. A simple "no thank you" to a request** for a hug, or deflecting to a high-five, gives a child important control over who touches him or her, and how he or she feels in any situation.

For more information, visit <https://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/advice/reluctant-hugs-why-you-shouldnt-force-kids-to-show-physical/>

They shall name him Emmanuel, **which means "God is with us."**
— *Matthew 1:23*

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

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the **survival of the Davidic dynasty**. **The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the LORD” in that way** (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the **Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David**. **The child will be called Emmanuel**.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

Liturgy, Worship & Prayer

Mass Intentions

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>December 21</u>
5:00 p.m.	† Paul Duffy
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>December 22</u>
7:30 a.m. -	Parishioners
9:00 a.m. -	† Robert & Julianne Vehlin
10:30 a.m. -	† Bob Maney
12:30 p.m.	† Cruz Aragon
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>December 23</u>
8:00 a.m. -	† Christina Gealon
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>December 24</u>
4:00 p.m. -	† Kevin Wright
6:00 p.m. -	† John Risko
9:00 p.m. -	Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>December 25</u>
9:00 a.m. -	Tonet Risko
10:30 a.m. -	† Jean & Hugo Sanning
12:30 p.m. -	† Ann Vadasz
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>December 26</u>
8:00 a.m. -	Dr. Frances & Patricia Thornton 60th Wedding Anniversary
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>December 27</u>
8:00 a.m. -	† Bon Than
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>December 28</u>
5:00 p.m. -	† Maria Cuc Vin & Dominico Ho Dang
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>December 29</u>
7:30 a.m. -	† Manual DeSantos
9:00 a.m. -	† Ronald Palmer
10:30 a.m. -	† Aurora & Vic Flores
12:30 p.m.	† Mo Heilbron

†-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.



Together, We Pray

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 or call the PLC office to add or delete names from the above list.

Faith Formation

4th Sunday of Advent Prayer

Take up the Gift of Apostleship

Father, you who give us signs of your compassion and love through the prophets you called in times past, through the Virgin Mary, who gave birth to your Son, and through the disciples you call in every age.

Now help us, we pray, to open ourselves to the gift of apostleship,

as Saint Paul urges.

Help us to take up our call to serve in the troubled world.

We rejoice in the strength and support of Emmanuel, God-with-us, and with the choirs of angels

may we sing joyful carols everywhere, so that the way of Christ may be prepared,

and our world will be full of faith at the day of Christ's coming.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Children Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

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

12/22/19 - NO CLOW

12/29/19 - NO CLOW

01/05/20 - 9am Mass—Team 4

01/12/20 - 9am Mass—Team 1



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 Sacrament 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

No Faith Formation Classes from December 22, 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

Community/Ministries

Movement for a Better World

"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 heartfelt *thank you* for contributing to brighten the Christmas and bring hope to 103 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. 18-19 Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: Collecting non-perishable baby food for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

Jan. 27, 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!*

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.faithdirect.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 2nd and 4th 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