

# St. Joseph Parish

THE POOL  
OF SILOAM  
JERUSALEM

I was blind and now I see.  
JOHN 9:25

MARCH 22  
2020

fourth Sunday  
OF **Lent**

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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](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org).

# Parish Life

## Welcome

Dear Parish Family:

As I write this on Monday morning, news of the spread of the coronavirus is ongoing. **Effective Immediately, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is suspending ALL public Masses.**

As I said in my Sunday homily, panic and fear do not come from God, Calm and Peace come from God! *Please remember that when we pray at home, we are all linked together as the Body of Christ.* During these most difficult and challenging days, allow your faith to be your consolation and your hope! In these pages, **you'll find Archbishop Gomez's letter to all of you with a beautiful reflection on spiritual communion.**

All parish and school events through the beginning of April are cancelled, including the Penance Service previously scheduled for this week. Our Parish Fair leadership committee decided that in accord with current CDC guidelines, the Fair scheduled for the first weekend in May is cancelled.

Let us pray for all those who are suffering with the virus and may those who have died rest in peace. Let us pray for all those in the medical field who are working to comfort the sick. Jesus Christ is the First Physician and may He bring **healing to our world. Know that I'm here for you and I'm praying for you and your family!**

Lenten Peace,  
Msgr. Kevin

## Prayer from Archbishop Gomez

Family prayer before supper  
during time of Corona Virus Crisis:

**Family gathers around the table and one member lights candle.**

**Leader:** May God bless and protect us and our family and friends. May we be a light in darkness, hope in the midst of despair. May we be reminders to others of the constant care of God. Christ the Healer, hear our prayer.

**Together:** Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas, We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,  
We ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.  
In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.  
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms.  
Help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.  
Amen.

**After dinner, the candle may be set in a window of the house.** (electric candles or virtual candles are suggested. If you use a long burning vigil candle, please assure that it will not be knocked over and that it is not near anything flammable. Extinguish the candle before going to bed.)

# Archdiocese News

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## Message to the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Regarding the Corona Virus

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Please know of my prayers for you in these days of anxiety and uncertainty. It is true that with the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are facing a global health emergency that is like nothing we have seen in our lifetimes. But our hope is in the Lord and we know that he will give us his grace and mercy in our time of need. We need to approach this emergency with faith and confidence in God and also with prudence. As we know, the virus is spreading here in Los Angeles, throughout the United States, and in many other countries. Doctors, public health officials, and civil authorities are still trying to determine the scope of the emergency and come up with appropriate measures for treating the illness and containing the outbreak.

We also know that this virus is contagious and is spread person-to-person. It can be gravely dangerous for certain vulnerable members of our community, including the elderly and those with existing health issues. Already this illness has killed several thousand people worldwide. Given the dangers and uncertainties, after prayer and reflection, and in consultation with my brother bishops and priests and lay advisors, I have authorized certain precautions and accommodations related to the celebration of the Eucharist in our parishes. These measures are intended to lessen the risk that we will endanger our people or spread this illness during our worship.

I urge you to review these measures here. We have also established a page on our website, [lacatholics.org/emergency](https://lacatholics.org/emergency) to provide resources and updates on the coronavirus as it relates to our parishes, schools, and ministries. To receive updates, you can register online at <https://archla.flocknote.com/ADLAUpdates>, or you can text “ADLA” to “84576.” the celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. But it is important to remember that our obligation to participate in the Mass is dispensed for grave causes.

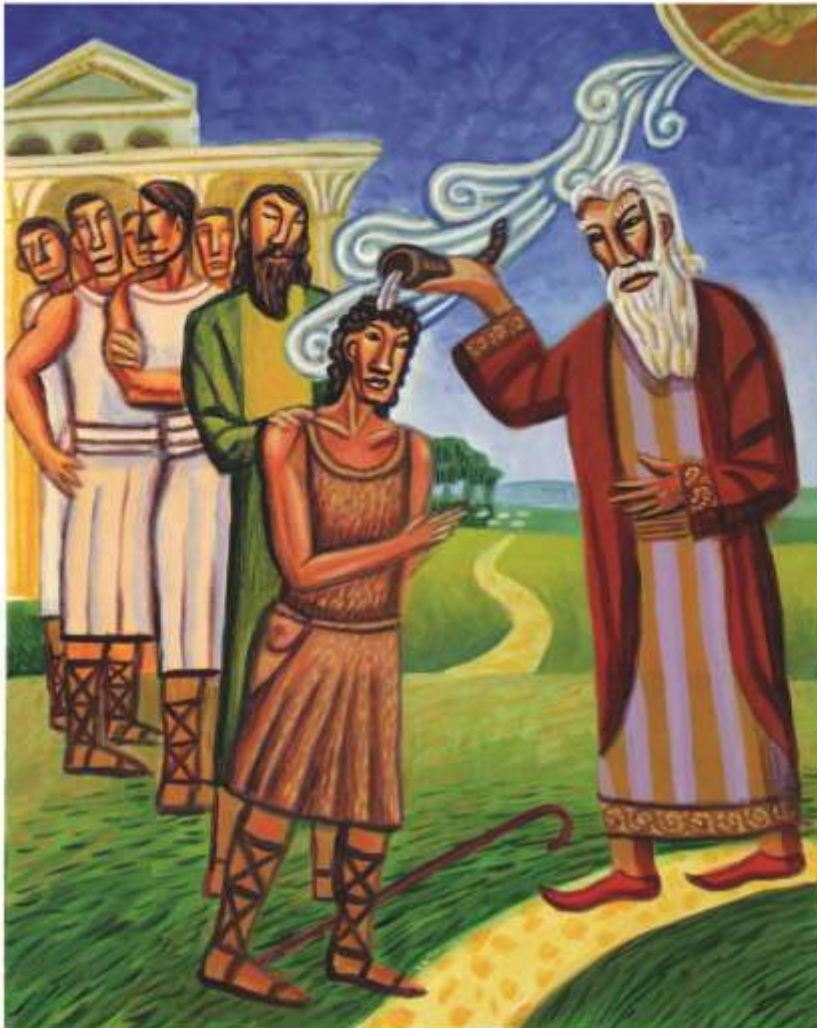
I also encourage you to participate in the Holy Mass via the Internet. A livestream of the Mass is broadcast from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels each Sunday. You can watch live on the LA Catholics Facebook Page ([facebook.com/lacatholics/](https://facebook.com/lacatholics/)) or visit [lacatholics.org/emergency/](https://lacatholics.org/emergency/). The English Mass is celebrated at 10 am and the Spanish Mass is celebrated at 12:30 pm. There are also several other parishes in the Archdiocese that provide livestreams of their Masses over the Internet or social media. You can find a listing of those and links to their livestreams at [lacatholics.org/emergency](https://lacatholics.org/emergency/). We are also arranging to have daily Mass livestreamed, as well; please check our website for updates.

For now, I urge your prayers and vigilance in doing whatever you can to protect the public health and to keep our families and neighbors safe from harm. In this time of trial, I entrust us all to the maternal care and intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I invite you to join me in praying the prayer below, which is composed especially for this moment.

May God be gracious to us and make his face shine upon us. And may he grant us peace,

Most Reverend José H. Gomez  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Light for the Journey

Father of light,  
you see differently than humans.  
You chose the young David as your  
anointed king of Israel.  
Anoint us with the oil of gladness,  
we pray,  
and help us learn what is pleasing  
to you.  
Your Son, our gentle Shepherd,  
leads us out of darkness, awakening  
the light of our faith,  
and gives us strength to keep our  
Lenten disciplines.  
Illumine the path as we continue  
our journey  
to the holy mountain of Easter.  
We ask this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, March 22, 2020

“Surely we are not blind, are we?”

Today's Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6 (1); Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41. Today's Gospel is about choosing between spiritual blindness and spiritual sight. The Pharisees cannot move beyond their limited worldview. They bully the blind man in order to find fault with Jesus. Perhaps in some areas we cannot move from limited views either. Lent is the time to remove blinders that hinder us from acting out of the light of Christ, from recognizing the beauty of each human person—a reflection of the face of God. Jesus wants to give both physical and spiritual sight.

Catechumens have been gradually moving from the darkness of a life not illuminated by the light of Christ to a

life of Christian radiance. In another public ritual of the Church called the second scrutiny, we pray for light for their continuing journey toward faith in Christ. We, too, continue our own movement from the darkness of sin and self-absorption. We commit ourselves once again to the Good Shepherd, who chooses and sustains us in his light, even when we find ourselves in the “dark valley.”

Consider lighting a candle each evening at the family dinner table and talking about living in the glow of Christ. For a deeper appreciation of light, first spend a few moments sitting in complete darkness and silence. Go around the table, letting each person describe the experience of light after darkness. How does Christ bring light to your life?

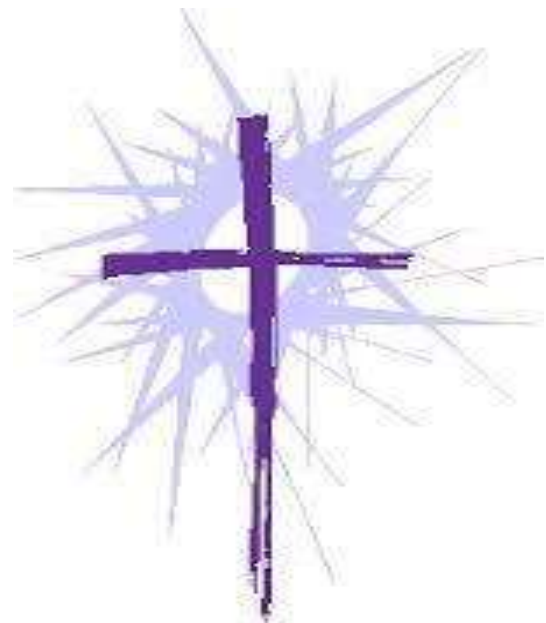
# Liturgy, Worship & Prayer

## Mass Intentions

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>March 21</u>
5:00 p.m. -	2020 RCIA Catechumens
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>March 22</u>
7:30 a.m. -	† <b>Dominga Liao Lamco Fermin</b>
9:00 a.m. -	Mary Atwood 90th Birthday
10:30 a.m. -	† <b>Richard Pace</b>
12:30 p.m.	† <b>Clifton Martinez</b>
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>March 23</u>
8:00 a.m. -	† <b>Peggy Montello</b>
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>March 24</u>
8:00 a.m. -	School Mass
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>March 25</u>
8:00 a.m. -	† <b>Carmen Majdic</b>
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>March 26</u>
8:00 a.m. -	Victims of Coronavirus Disease
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>March 27</u>
8:00 a.m. -	First Responders
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>March 28</u>
5:00 p.m. -	Parishioners
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>March 29</u>
7:30 a.m. -	† <b>Dominga Liao Lamco Fermin</b>
9:00 a.m. -	Mary Atwood 90th Birthday
10:30 a.m. -	† <b>Richard Pace</b>
12:30 p.m.	† <b>Clifton Martinez</b>
	†-Prayers for the Deceased

## 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 ~ Aurora Moreno ~ Don DeRuyter ~ Anita Beudo ~ Steve Aguilar ~ Mike & Collette Diharce ~ JoAnne Miya ~ Mela Larwood ~ Robert Doty ~ Beth Dobberpuhl ~ Allison Longo ~ Delfina Schmit ~ Anthony Vasquez ~ Nancy Bush ~ Al Pule ~ Maria Cevallos ~ Fr. Michael Meyer ~ Donovan Nelson ~ Kathleen Pillon ~ Erin Dau ~ Leslie Kaye ~ Hoeurt Cheam ~ Miriam Kang ~ Danny Petrov ~ Holvia Espinoza ~ Deputy Dakota Palanca ~ Michael Horan ~ Carol Kefalas ~ Connie Gallego ~ Earl Harvey ~ Harry North ~ Rachel Bass ~ Dave Schaeffer ~ Kim Agee ~ **Msgr James Gehl** ~ Lisa Duarte ~ Gail Duarte ~ Heather Dean ~ Tony Dean ~ Nancy Henry and Wendy Claire Smith. **To add or remove a name to the prayer list please email [bulletin@stjosephlb.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org) or call the office at 562-594-4657**



# Faith Formation

## RCIA

During Lent our RCIA Catechumens are preparing for their sacraments . They will be sharing with us why they are becoming Catholic. Please keep each of them in your prayers.



## Leonard

I want to continue to grow in my Catholic faith. Although I was baptized Catholic and attended mass since I was in high school, I always felt like something was missing. I feel by making my 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation it solidifies my connection to God and the Church

## Jacob

I want to become Catholic because I want to know more about God and why I **couldn't** fully participate in the Catholic Church



## Children Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

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

Will hopefully return in April. For mass activities with you children go to <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>



## 2020-21 Faith Formation Registration



### FAITH FORMATION

Early Childhood, Elementary, Jr. High  
[Early Registration packets are available now](#)

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

Registration for the 2020-21 Faith Formation Classes started on March 15, 2020. Registration forms for new students for Early Childhood (Ages 3-5), Elementary (Grades 1-5) and Junior High (Grades 6-8) can be picked up at the parish office or downloaded from the parish website ([see Faith Formation tab](#)) on or after that date. Current RE families will be given their registrations forms during class on or before that date. Look forward to seeing you all in the 2020-21 Faith Formation Season!

