

# St. Joseph Parish

**COME, YOU WHO ARE  
BLESSED BY MY FATHER.**

*Inherit the kingdom prepared for you  
from the foundation of the world.*

*Whatever you did for  
one of these least ones,  
you did for me.*

*Matthew 25:34, 40*



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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil

**Suspended till further notice**

**Sunday**

**Mass on the Grass**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Daily Mass (M-W)**

8:00 am

**Come Join Us**

## Reconciliation

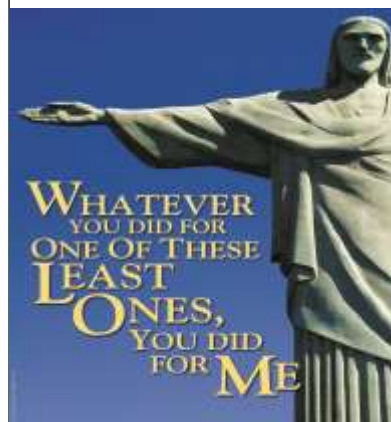
**Saturdays**

4:00-4:45pm

**By the East Church Door  
parking lot**

## Eucharistic Adoration

**No Adoration till  
further notice due to church  
being closed due to  
Covid-19**



## Welcome

Dear Parish Family:

As we approach the celebration of Thanksgiving Day, we all know how it will be different this year. This global pandemic has forced us to re-examine our priorities and make adjustments for family gatherings and traditional rituals. Since the coronavirus commenced sweeping through our neighborhoods and nation nine months ago, the mission has been the same—to protect yourself and all of those around you. Through it all, we know that the Lord is with us!

I currently serve on the Archdiocesan Development Board, chaired by Archbishop José Gomez. During a recent Zoom meeting the archdiocesan development director was speaking about the Call to Renew program.

She mentioned that of all the parishes that have participated in the first three waves of the program, only two parishes have fulfilled their cash pledge goal and **gone beyond: St. Joseph's in Carpinteria and yes, our St. Joseph's in Long Beach! I never realized that St. Joseph, our Patron Saint is such a great development director!**

Thank you for your extraordinary generosity in fulfilling your Call to Renew pledge that you made two years ago. As of the end of October, these are the recent numbers:

**Total Assessment – \$938,000.00**

**50% to St. Joseph's,**

50% to Archdiocesan ministries

We met our goal so 100%  
is coming back to St. Joseph

Total pledged - \$2,927,356.00

Pledges paid - \$1,688,764

Balance on Pledges - \$1,238,592.00

As we approach the end of the year giving, some of you may want to consider paying on your pledge. If your investment portfolio is bulging, thanks for supporting your pledge.

We will give thanks to God with our Annual Thanksgiving Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9AM in the courtyard (enter through the gate). More on the Mass in a later e-mail.

**I'm praying for you and your families during this**

Thanksgiving week!

In Gratitude,

Msgr. Kevin

## Safeguard the Children

Did you know?  
Keeping children safer online

While we continue to develop our understanding of the impact of Covid-19 and social distancing on child safety, we also know that more time online means increased risk of more direct access to children for those intending to harm them. From online enticement to sexting and sextortion, it is critical that we combine efforts to protect children from online risks. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children in partnership with the White House have launched a new campaign to raise awareness about safeguarding children online.

Visit <https://safetypledge.org/> for more information and to learn about the tools available to help parents and other trusted adults keep children safer online.

## Call to Renew Reminder

### WHERE TO SEND YOUR CALL TO RENEW PLEDGE PAYMENTS

Please make out your check payable to **Called to Renew** and note in the memo line – **“St. Joseph, Long Beach”**.

Your payment check should be sent to:

#### Called to Renew

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

P.O. Box 486

Kensington, Connecticut 06037-9908

If you have any questions or concerns about your pledge fulfillment, checks, etc. please contact the Advancement Services Team at 213-637-7341.

You can also contact Msgr. Kevin at 562-594-4657.

Thank you for supporting Call to Renew!!



# 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.*

### Thanksgiving Food and Blanket

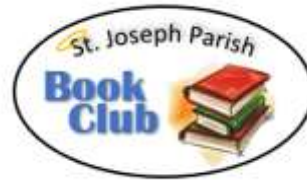
**Distribution:** Many thanks to so many who helped to bless the lives and Thanksgivings of 75 families in need last weekend! A special recognition of our small but merry, COVID-safe group of drivers. Also, to our School community who, facing such ENORMOUS challenges this year, compassionately supported our families through a generous food drive.

**Christmas Present Drive:** Please support our COVID-style Christmas Present Drive, now through Dec. 14! An online method of selecting a child is NOW available. Go to [volunteersignup.org/LBFCY](http://volunteersignup.org/LBFCY) and select a child to provide a Christmas gift.

Our traditional, children's red and green envelopes will be available at Mass on the Grass Nov. 29. Gifts may be returned at ANY time by Dec. 14 Gift return instructions will be provided. Questions? Call Geri Walkup (562) 706-1669.

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

## Book Club



Our discussion of The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism by Jemar Tibby

inspired us to put Catholic social teachings of human dignity and equality into action. Please join us in prayer as we work for improved race relations in our community:

*"The things, Good Lord, that we pray for, give us the grace to labour for."*

*Saint Thomas More*

Our next Zoom meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7pm.

We will discuss Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The book is about plants and botany as seen through Native American traditions and Western scientific traditions; a journey that is every bit as mystical as it is scientific, as sacred as it is historical. **All are welcome.**

