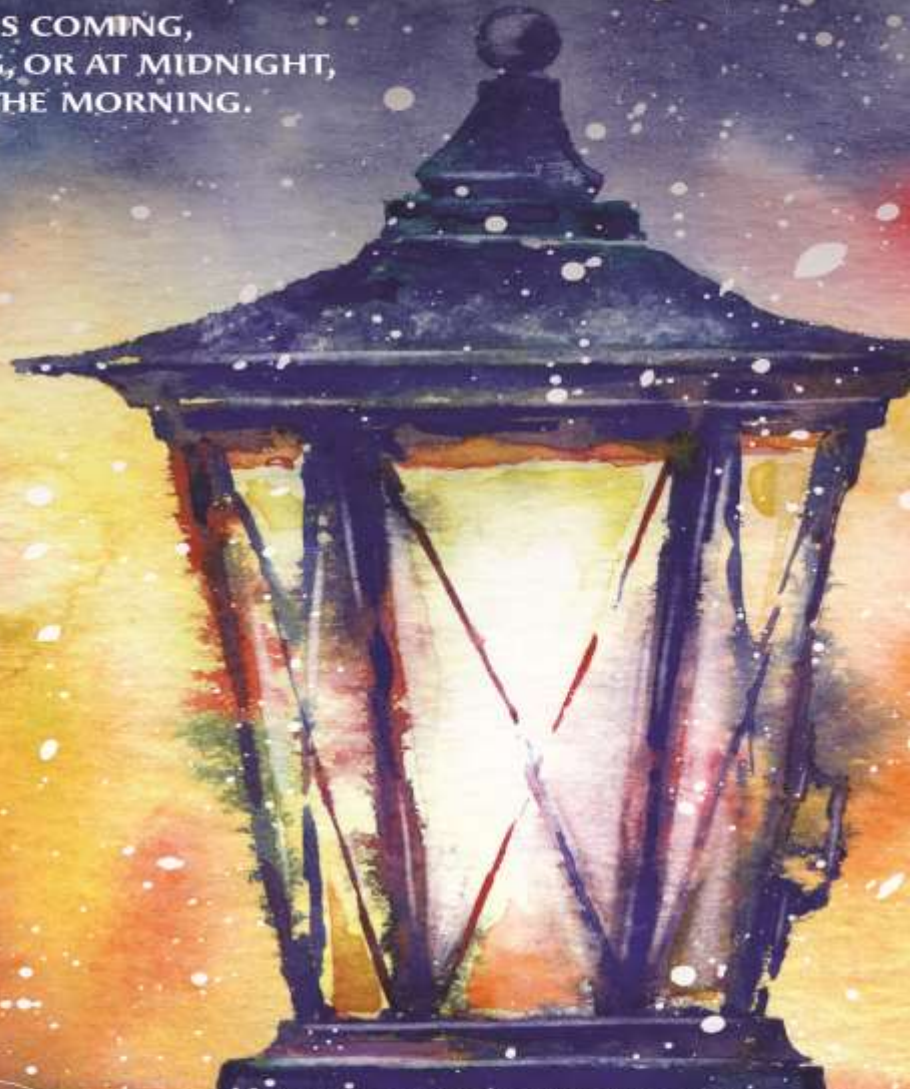


# St. Joseph Parish

WATCH THEREFORE;  
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN  
THE LORD OF THE HOUSE IS COMING,  
WHETHER IN THE EVENING, OR AT MIDNIGHT,  
OR AT COCKCROW, OR IN THE MORNING.  
MARK 13:35



FIRST SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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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**



# Parish Life

## Welcome

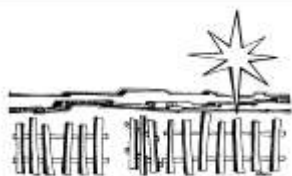
Dear Parish Family:

As this Thanksgiving weekend draws to a close, I hope you found your lives to be full and satisfied. Not just from the cuisine of the weekend, but from the gathering of family, whether it was in person or on Zoom.

**The Church's liturgical calendar of November** informs us that another year of Church Time has concluded. We are now commencing the season of Advent, a beautiful time of preparation for the celebration of the birthday of Jesus Christ. The other focus of Advent is on the end times when we hope and pray that we will meet the Lord and be with all of our loved ones in the kingdom.

As COVID cases continue to surge, let us rest in Advent waiting, and hope that this pandemic will come to an end. December **is always busy and hurried. Let's be busy** doing the work of Christians, and in four short weeks the waiting room of our lives will be transformed into Christmas.

I'm praying for you and your families,  
Msgr. Kevin



**First Sunday of Advent  
November 29, 2020**

Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when  
the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

## Safeguard the Children

**Did you know?  
The devastating effects of verbal abuse**

A study by Florida State University found that children who were verbally abused are more likely to experience depression and anxiety. They are also twice as likely to suffer with mood and anxiety disorders throughout their lifetime. Children who suffer such abuse can go on to repeat the same parenting styles they experienced thereby continuing the cycle of abuse. Pay attention to the language you and others use with your children. Breaking the chain of negative behaviors starts with positive, healthy parent-child relationships.

For a copy of the VIRTUS article  
“The Devastating Effects of Verbal Abuse,”  
visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

*“Let us ask for the grace to be able to transform our families, in the reality of our daily life, a place where God is always present.”*

-Archbishop Gomez

## 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

*"Intense love does not measure, it just gives."*  
-St. Mother Teresa

Dec. 19-20, Christmas Food and Gift Distribution:

We will support 75 families in need!! Due to COVID-19 our distribution process has been highly tailored to minimize risk. A small number of drivers will distribute food and Christmas Presents to our families no-entry, "UPS-style". For more information about how you can help, please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.

**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](https://volunteersignup.org/LBFCY) to select a child to provide a Christmas gift.

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

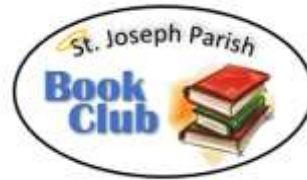
**Skip-a-Meal Donations:** Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest.



**CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE**

November 29, 2020

## Book Club



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

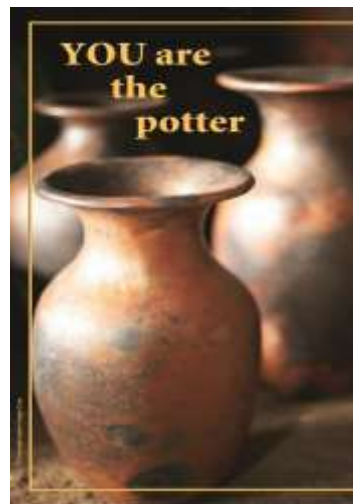
inspired us to put Catholic social teachings of human dignity and equality into action. Please join us in prayer as we work for improved race relations in our community:

*"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.



*He will keep  
you  
firm to the  
end  
irreproch-  
able on the  
day of our  
Lord  
Jesus  
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# Ministries

## Meditation Group

**St. Joseph's Meditation Group** now meets as a Zoom meeting every Tuesday at 7:00PM. No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to experience both the prayerful and calming benefits of this ancient Christian practice.

For more information and to receive the Zoom log on information, please contact group leader, Frank McKown, at [frmckown@gmail.com](mailto:frmckown@gmail.com) or 310-633-1744.



## Advent Wreath

- 1st CANDLE** – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE** or **CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)
- 2nd CANDLE** – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)
- 3rd CANDLE** – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)
- 4th CANDLE** – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)
- 5th CANDLE** – (white) **"CHRIST CANDLE"** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

## Retreat



The Office of Marriage and Family Life invites families to a fun and meaningful Mini-Advent Retreat as a Free Gift this Christmas which will also include an Advent Activity Kit sent to your home. The theme for the Mini-Advent Retreat is

*'Bring Your Family to the Manger: Preparing Our Families for Jesus' Birth'*

which will take place on Sunday, December 13, 2020 from 5:30PM-7:00PM via Zoom.

Register in Advance Via Zoom:

[https://la-archdiocese.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtce6oqTgoGtCCITYfIIDCX0YNOXkxEu\\_6](https://la-archdiocese.zoom.us/join/https://la-archdiocese.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtce6oqTgoGtCCITYfIIDCX0YNOXkxEu_6)

Each family will receive a Faith Advent Kit with all the items needed to participate.

We look forward to your presence!

## Pastor Al



"...the family lights them, and their kid makes a wish and blows them out. I suggest better CCD attendance."