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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

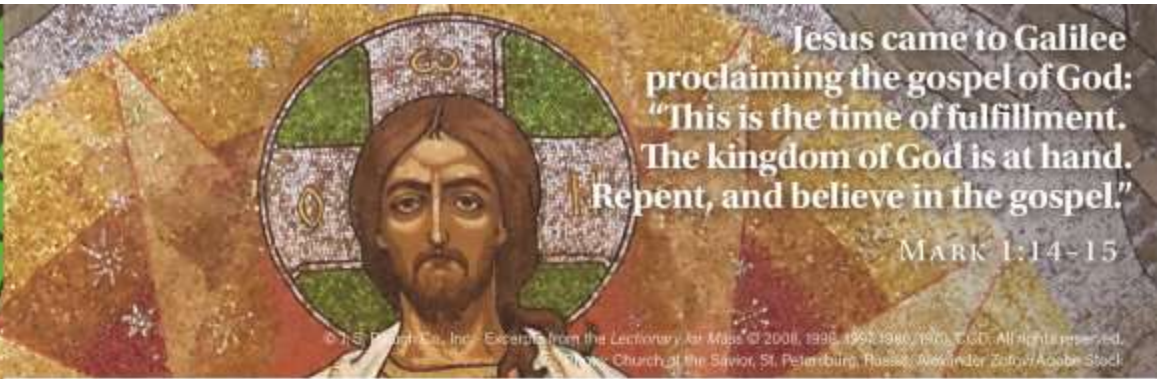
By the East Church Door
parking lot

Eucharistic Adoration

No Adoration till
further notice due to
Covid-19



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“KAIROS” MOMENTS

Our readings today speak of “Kairos” times, of God proclaiming new moments of opportunity of encounter with the Divine. From Jonah, we hear of God’s summons to the people of Nineveh to turn from evil. We hear Paul tell the church in Corinth that those who live in Christ must avoid clinging to anything transient, as all is secondary to God. And we hear of the beginning of Jesus’ ministry in Mark, as Jesus proclaims a moment of both opportunity and crisis. In these passages, there are no delaying tactics, no getting caught up in life’s distractions. Just a simple moment of choice. Perhaps we have had “Kairos” moments like these, or we may be facing one now. Sometimes, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our lives, clear choices emerge, and God asks us to choose. And our always patient and merciful God will accompany us in our choices.

THE INAUGURATION

Mark describes the beginning of Jesus’ ministry with his proclamation that the “kingdom of God is at hand.” The rest of Mark’s Gospel—all of Jesus’ preaching and healing, his death and resurrection—describes the inauguration of this kingdom of God. For Mark, the life of Jesus is the center point of history, where everything leads up to Jesus, and everything follows from Jesus. Mark then tells us that the first disciples follow Jesus immediately and wholeheartedly. They leave their work and family, all for Jesus. Because compared to Jesus and the life he offers, everything else is secondary. Perhaps our invitations from God do not entail such dramatic life changes. But all who follow Jesus are called to align our life and values with his ways of love. As we continue to mature in love and in faith, we might ask: What needs to be renewed, re-oriented, or discarded in light of our life in Christ?

JONAH AND NINEVEH

Jonah makes a rare appearance this week. The book of Jonah is a fascinating tale of God, stubborn Jonah, surprising Nineveh, and the famous fish (or whale). Please consider reading the whole book, just 48 verses, together with a good commentary. The book is read at Jewish services at Yom Kippur, as a profound reflection about God and about all of us.

Today’s passage takes place shortly after Jonah’s time in the fish’s belly. Jonah finally performs the task that God asks of him, to call the people of Nineveh to repentance. (Nineveh was notorious for its brutality.) Their sudden repentance is bitterly accepted by Jonah, as he resents God’s mercy for Nineveh. God reminds Jonah that the people of Nineveh are God’s beloved too. Like the parable of the Prodigal Son, the story hints at the vastness of God’s mercy, especially forgiveness of those who seem least deserving. We are reminded that all of us are sinners, and we are all in need of God’s mercy.

TODAY’S READINGS

Jonah 3:1–5, 10
Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9
1 Corinthians 7:29–31
Mark 1:14–20

Parish Life

Welcome

Dear Parish Family:

This past week, I signed hundreds of personal letters of gratitude to all of our parishioners who made an offertory contribution in 2020. The letter also serves as a tax statement noting your **charitable contribution to St. Joseph's this past year. The letters were mailed this past Friday and you should receive it in the mail this week.** If there are any discrepancies or you have any questions, please contact our office manager, Brenda Pineda at 562-594-4657. You can also email Brenda at: brenda@stjosephlb.org

For the 117 families who use our electronic giving resource Faith Direct, you'll receive a letter of gratitude from me. The letter does not include a tax statement for your contributions in 2020 as Faith Direct will be sending you a separate letter.

You can always sign up for Faith Direct through the link marked Giving on the homepage of our website, stjosephb.org It's easy, safe and secure and there are many options for you to choose to donate to your favorite parish community, St. Joseph's! You can watch the short Faith Direct Video on our site.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who sustained St. Joseph's ministries this past year through your generous giving and stewardship. May the Lord bless you and your families in abundance!

Peace, Msgr. Kevin



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The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.

— *Mark 1:15*

Ministries

Did you know?

Talk to your children about social media challenges

Children have spent many months at home now, separated from friends and classmates. Social media is a great tool to stay in touch, but there are definitely dangerous aspects to so much “screen time” that parents need to be aware about. Social media challenges range from funny and harmless to risky and dangerous and sometimes even illegal. If your child has social media accounts, talk to them about making smart choices and about knowing the difference between harmless pranks and seriously dangerous stunts. Make a pact to discuss anything they see their friends or acquaintances doing before they try it out at home.

St. Joseph Book Club



Overdue: A Dewey Decimal System of Grace by Valerie Schultz
(2020 Catholic Press Association first place award, memoir)

Our next Zoom meeting will be on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7pm.

In *Overdue* Valerie Schultz shares her experience in prison ministry and how she learned to see the prisoners as human beings. They possessed all the gifts and flaws that define humanity...every single one of them a human being created and loved by God. It was no challenge to find God in all things in prison because God was palpably everywhere.

All are welcome!
For more info. email: goodlife@msn.com

Movement for a Better World

“When we live out a spirituality of drawing nearer to others and seeking their welfare, our hearts are opened wide to the Lord’s greatest and most beautiful gifts.” Pope Francis

Special Needs Ministry: We have an active ministry of providing essential living needs (refrigerators, stoves, beds, etc.) to families in need. Three or 4 times per year, we inform by e-mail, the needs we are working to fulfill. May we e-mail that information to you? Can you help with a COVID-safe delivery of items to families in need?

Please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385

March: Children’s Book Drive: Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our supported families for Easter. Details are forthcoming.

March 27: Easter Food and Reading

Book Distribution: We will support 79 families in need! We are assessing our COVID-prudent options for inviting parishioner assistance.

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.





As you know, COVID-19 has changed many of the traditional ways of gathering; we are finding new and creative ways of ministering to God's people. Concerned for the safety of our attendees and the feasibility of an in-person event, the RECongress Team met with Archbishop José Gomez to discern the most effective way of offering the Religious Education Congress 2021. After consultation, prayer and discernment, they came to the decision that the Religious Education Congress 2021 will be a virtual event.

2021 RECongress Virtual Event Individual Registration February 18 – 21, 2021

Cost

The registration fee of **\$35.00 (USD)** covers your admission to the entire virtual event including exhibits, concerts, liturgies, Sacred Space, Keynote Addresses, Youth Track and ALL workshops.

Registration

Registration will only be available online at www.recongress.org. NO Mail in registrations will be accepted. A Unique email address will be necessary for each participant to complete their registration. Participants will not be able to share or use the same email address for this event.

Event Link

A URL (link) will be emailed to each paid participant to access the event to their unique email address on Monday, February 15th, 2021 between 10 am – 6 pm (PST). Be sure to check the RECongress website for updated information regarding the event.



Valentine's Day! Couples Dinner & Celebration

February 14 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Cost per couple: \$100

Remote Via Zoom with a special dinner to pick-up and serve in your home
Rev. Jim Clarke, PhD, Coordinator of Spiritual Formation, LA Archdiocese
5:00pm Mass followed by talk & dinner

Wouldn't you love to spend an evening with your beloved to rekindle your love, revitalize your romance, and rejoice in the sacrament of your union? Celebrate your love with a dinner in your home and share a special renewal of your marriage vows led remotely by Fr. Jim Clarke.

Fr. Jim is the Coordinator of Spiritual Formation for the Diaconate Formation Office, LA Archdiocese, Associate Spiritual Director at the House of Prayer for Priests and Senior lecturer at LMU. Fr. Jim Clarke is an author and retreat master having given retreats and workshops for over 40 years. With background in the fields of spirituality, adult education, ritual, counseling and depth psychology, Fr. Jim is a knowledgeable and inspiring retreat leader.

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