

Our paschal lamb, CHRIST, has been sacrificed.
Therefore, let us celebrate the feast.
1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Indoor Vigil

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m. Indoor

Come Join Us

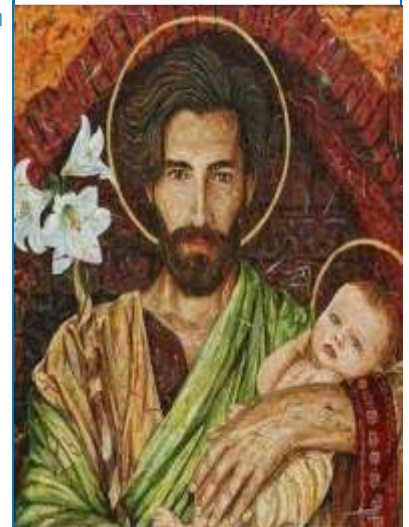
Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30p.m.

By the East Church

Door parking lot





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Happy Easter! Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! With this proclamation we give witness to the great truth and meaning of Easter - **that God's love and glory shines through the Risen Christ.**

May the Risen Lord bless you and your loved ones in abundance. Be assured of my prayers for your family as we enter into the Great 50 Days of the Easter Season!

Prayers and Love in the Risen Lord,
Msgr. Kevin



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Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

— *Psalm 118:17*



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APRIL 4, 2021

Do not be amazed!
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here.

Mark 16:6

TRANSFORMED BY THE RESURRECTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Imagine the flood of emotions that Mary of Magdala must have experienced on that first Easter morning. Grieving and yet determined to visit the place where Jesus' body had been laid, Mary would have been stunned to find the tomb empty. Imagine Simon Peter and the other disciple who, upon hearing Mary's announcement, ran to see for themselves. On Easter, we hear the story of Jesus' resurrection as though for the first time, through the account of Mary's discovery and the testimony of Peter who powerfully shared Christ's Paschal Mystery. We, too, have come to believe through their faithful witness. We are called to seek what is above, turn away from sin, and live as people who are forever transformed by the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

STEP OUT IN FAITH

Mary ran to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple that the tomb was empty. No doubt confused and concerned, Peter and the other disciple set aside whatever fear might have occurred to them and ran to see the tomb for themselves. We do not always understand God's ways. We too are confused at times; our lives are marked by moments of uncertainty, and at times we are afraid. We can learn from Mary, Simon Peter, and the other disciple and step out in faith, trusting that we will find the Lord in the midst of the circumstances of our lives. When life gets complicated, as it often does, the best thing to do is step out, perhaps even run to the Lord!

BEAR WITNESS

We may not have opportunities to address crowds of people and share the gospel with them. Still, we are called to bear witness to our faith in the ways that we are able, in word and in deed. We cannot share what we have not fully embraced ourselves, however. The Easter season is the perfect time to reflect on Christ's Paschal Mystery, the unfathomable love of Jesus who shows and shares God's love perfectly. Our Lord gave his life so that we might have life, and have it to the full. Christ's victory over sin and death is our victory, our promise of eternal life with God in the fullness of time. See in Christ's life, passion, death, and resurrection the sign of God's mercy. Let this Easter day be a moment in which you allow yourself to be touched by Christ's incredible, undying love. Then, renewed in faith, look for ways to bear witness to the mercy, forgiveness, compassion, and love of the Lord with others.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4 or
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9

Did you know?



“United Together in Prayer” Novena

“Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.”

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month this April, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites you to join us in transforming awareness into action by participating in a special nine-day Novena for Protecting and Healing from Abuse, April 22-30. For more information and to join the Novena on April 22, please visit:

lacatholics.org/united-together

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 or 310-633-1744

Movement For A Better World

“The things we pray for Lord, give us the grace to labor for.” St. Thomas More

Easter Food and Book Distribution: A huge **Thank You!** to everyone who helped and contributed to our food and gift distributions for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter! We brought hope and gratitude to 80 families and over 175 children. The compassionate heart and determination of our parish during this extraordinary holiday season was on full display!

April 14, 7:00 PM Committee Meeting: Join our online gathering to help us to celebrate and LEARN from possibly the **ministry’s MOST extraordinary program year.** Refocus on the status of current ministry needs and personal and financial stewardship.

Special Needs Ministry: We have an active ministry of providing essential needs (refrigerators, stoves, beds, etc.) to our supported families. May we keep you informed of those opportunities? Can you help with a COVID-safe delivery of items? Please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385



Parish Job Opening

Temporary Custodian - Part Time
(20-30 hours)

Our Parish is in need of a temporary, part time custodian/housekeeper to clean and maintain PLC, Church and Priest Residence. This is a temporary position as our regular custodian is out on leave. Applicants needs to have prior cleaning/maintenance experience. The custodian position is physically demanding. The custodian must spend the entire time at work standing, walking, lifting, operating medium weight cleaning equipment. The applicant must be a self-starter, well organized, perform multiple tasks simultaneously and work with a sense of urgency. The Ability to maintain confidentiality is a must. If interested please email your resume to Brenda Pineda at brenda@stjosephlb.org or for more information call Brenda 562-594-4657

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!

RCIA

Welcome to our Catechumens
who were baptized and initiated
into the church this weekend.
Next week we welcome our candidates as they
make a profession of faith in the church.

RCIA

Catechumens:

Shan Amy Justin

Sara Zachary

Candidates:

Charleen Anthony Marin Matt

RCIA Prayer

Lord, we pray for those in the RCIA
process who journey to you.

Strengthen their faith.
Open their hearts to the fullness of your love.
Deepen their understanding.
Set their hearts on fire for the
kingdom of God.

We ask this through Jesus, who is the
Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.
Amen!

JESUS

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

Presented by MARCELLINO D'AMBROSIO,
JEFF CAVINS, and EDWARD SRI

THE DEFINITIVE STUDY OF JESUS CHRIST

The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us know a lot about him already, how well can we say that we really know him?

JESUS: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life around him as you come to know and love him in an ever deeper and more intimate way.

DATES - TIMES - LOCATION

Thursday's starting April 15th (11 weeks) on Zoom from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Study materials are ordered in advance so please register by emailing msanty@verizon.net or calling 562-370-0769 to reserve your materials by April 9th.

COST - REGISTRATION

\$25 for Materials

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