

St. Joseph Parish

MAY 16, 2021 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Go into the whole world and

proclaim the gospel

to every creature.

~ Mark 16:15



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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:

This past week, our community welcomed Bishop Mark Trudeau, who conferred the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon 35 of our high school youth. Under the extraordinary circumstances of the pandemic, these young people were faithful to the two-year journey leading up to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Last Monday evening, over 300 of their family members and friends joined us on the field as the Holy Spirit embraced these young disciples. Please pray for the following who completed their Catholic initiation through confirmation:

Diego Alberto Alcala
Madison K. Apodaca
Daniel Antonio Arroyo
Keira Marie Ashworth
Sophia Cecilia Calvillo
Diego Alejandro Cuadros
Kylie Elizabeth Escalante
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John Nathan Scalas
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Thomas Graham Whitmore
Isabella Elysse Wilhelm
Rebecca Michelle Wilson
Sydney Ann Luckey
Lauren Jizelle Munda

If you have a student in high school who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, please invite and encourage them to be a part of our next class. For further information please contact our Youth Ministry Director, Mark Leon at marc@stjosephlb.org

Next weekend, the church concludes the 50 day festival of the Easter season with the Solemnity of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Liturgical color is RED so if you have any red attire – please dress in red to symbolize that the Holy Spirit dwells in you!

I'm praying for you and your families!!

Easter Joy in the Spirit,
Msgr. Kevin

Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking up at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way.

ACTS 1:11



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THE CENTRAL MYSTERIES

Throughout the season of Easter, we ponder the mysteries that are central to our faith in Jesus Christ. We reflect on Jesus' life, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection and consider the meaning of Christ's life and love. Today we celebrate Jesus' ascension and wonder with the apostles what we are to do and how we are to live as a result. As disciples, we are called to put our faith into action, grow to be more like the Lord, be united with other believers in community, and bring others to Christ through the way we live our lives. In so doing, we will live a life worthy of our call in Christ, a life of unity in the Spirit, of hope and peace.

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT THE SKY?

"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" We can only imagine the apostles' astonishment, not only at Jesus' ascension, but at the message from the men in white garments who appeared at that very moment. Jesus had been crucified and died, rose from the dead and spent time with them, teaching them to understand how he had fulfilled all that had been written about the Messiah, and suddenly, he was taken up to heaven. Surely they would have wondered what was happening and what the meaning of Jesus' ascension was. We wonder with them. What does Jesus' ascension call us to be or do? We rely on the testimony of those who were with Jesus to grasp the mystery of his life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Their witness calls us to believe in Jesus, grow in relationship with him, and live as his disciples in the world.

YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD, NOW GO DO

It isn't enough to say we believe in Jesus. We are called to live as members of Christ's body and share the joy of faith with others. We do this by discerning and fulfilling our vocation, the ways in which God calls each of us to live. Often when we think of vocation, the first thing that comes to mind is the priesthood. But each of us experience vocational calls, to our state in life and to the ways in which we live, work, and serve. Each of us has been given different gifts and are called according to our gifts. We are equipped with talents and skills through which we may contribute to bringing the mercy, compassion, truth, goodness, and beauty of God's love to the world. What are your particular gifts and talents? How may you be called to use them to bring Christ's love to others, leading them to see and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ?

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]
Mark 16:15-20

Safeguard the Children

What you need to know about poison

It's a great time to review your safety measures for medicines, cleaning supplies, and other potentially dangerous items in your home. Store **these items up high, out of your child's reach**, or locked in a childproof place. Parents should keep the number for the Poison Control hotline handy: 1-800-222-1222. Experts can give you immediate information about how to treat your child and what signs to watch for. They can tell you if you need to head to the emergency room or if you can take steps at home. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "What you need to know about poison" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

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

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Mt 5:7

Migrant Children Family Unification: We are discerning options we might either provide as a group or recommend to the parish regarding the City's unaccompanied migrant children program. Let us know if you'd like to contribute to that discussion. In the meantime, here is a useful link : longbeach.gov/pages/city-news/lb-humanitarian-family-reunification-efforts Catholic Charities is taking a leadership role to administer the program. Financial support can be provided to them directly by mailing to Migrant Children, c/o Catholic Charities, 123 E. 14th St., Long Beach, CA 90813. **Include "Migrant Children" as a memo.**

Multi-Services Center Lunch Program: Would you like to help our local, independent restaurants recover from economic desolation and serve lunch to the homeless patrons of the Long Beach Multi-Services Center at the same time? Questions? Please let us know!

May 12, 6:30 PM Online Committee Meeting:

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our committee meetings! We had a sincere and formative discussion of potential ministry activities for our program year starting July 1

June 12-13, Homeless Kit Drive:

Drive-through collection of urgently needed personal hygiene supplies for people experiencing homelessness. Please stay tuned for an e-mailed and parish website posting of a shopping list of needed items.

Skip-a-Meal Donations- Please skip a meal weekly, donating that savings in support of our mission. One of many examples are 325 sandwiches and lunches weekly to Catholic Charities of Long Beach and monthly breakfast to the patrons of the Multi-Services Center. Questions?

Please call **Tim Clark (562) 431-4385**





DRIVE-THRU HOMELESS KIT DRIVE

Donation drop-off -
St. Joseph Parish Hall
6200 E. Willow St., Long Beach

June 12th 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
June 13th 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Would you like us to pick up your donation?

Please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385

If convenient, place the following items into a 1 gallon ZIP LOCK BAG:

Bottle of Shampoo	Deodorant	Lotion
Tube of Toothpaste	Shaving Cream	Razor
Toothbrush	Hand Sanitizer	Bar of Soap
Lip balm	Socks, 1 or 2 pairs - athletic or work Very important!	
Healthy Snack (non-perishable)		

* * Hotel and travel sizes WORK BEST! Extra, separate supplies of travel-sized items are very useful. * *

Also, please include a personal note to the person experiencing homelessness offering encouragement, hope, blessings, prayers, or good wishes.

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