

St. Joseph Parish

Jesus rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm.

MARK 4:39



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IN ORDINARY TIME



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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:

As the reopening of our church and society continues with the lifting of many restrictions imposed during the pandemic, we give thanks to God! Last Monday, after the 8:00 AM Mass, the parishioners helped me to remove all of the restrictive blue tape that has adorned our church during the last 16 months! The group is pictured below!

A Blessed Father's Day to all the Dad's in our parish community. We are praying for you this weekend and may the Lord bless you with courageous and heroic faith as you help lead your family and children to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our next Construction project commences this week and will continue for the summer months. All of the original windows in the school will be replaced with energy efficient, sound absorbent windows. All of the original lighting fixtures in the classrooms will be replaced with contemporary new fixtures and LED lights. The old ceiling fans will be replaced with new ones. The entire project costs about \$362,000 and the funding is coming from past school fundraisers, i.e, Oktoberfest, Fit a Thon, the Fair, etc.

I was able to secure an anonymous \$100,000 gift so the school is paying \$262,000. No Called to Renew funds are supporting this project as this was not a part of our case statement. Thanks for your **generosity to our fundraisers which allows us to continue to upgrade and beautify our St. Joseph's campus.**

I'm praying for you and your families!!

Summer Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin



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WHO IS THIS?

Though we re-enter Ordinary Time already knowing that Jesus is the Son of God (see the centurion’s words at the end of the Palm Sunday Passion reading from Mark’s Gospel), the long succession of Sundays confronts us again with the question that each Christian community, each individual Christian faces continually throughout life: “Who is this?” (Mark 4:41), and prompts an “examination of conscience” regarding the practical consequences of our response. This year’s Gospel readings from Mark suggest that we find our answer in the cross and in the Eucharist. Today’s stark challenge of Jesus’ call to discipleship is, thankfully, balanced by the comfort we can take in relating—perhaps only too well—to the disciples’ fears. Though we welcome Jesus in Word and Eucharist Sunday after Sunday, don’t we all, from time to time during our lives’ “ordinary time,” experience Jesus’ “real absence”?

SEA AND WIND

As always in Ordinary Time, today’s Old Testament sets the stage for the Gospel. God, who in Jesus will “rebuke the wind” and “command the sea to be still” (Mark 4:39), “addresses Job out of the storm” (Job 38:1), speaking to the turmoil in Job’s heart, calling to mind the primal chaos of creation’s untamed sea, reminding Job that God’s mighty word then was enough to command order and bring forth life. In today’s Gospel, the disciples’ fear, even near despair, takes center stage. Are any of us strangers to such emotions? Squall-force winds buffet their boat, waves break over it, and Jesus might as well not be there. Mark’s account is especially grim. Alone among the evangelists, he tells us that Jesus is in the stern, the very back of the boat, not just asleep—sound asleep! Only Mark adds the detail, “on a cushion” (4:38).

AWAKEN CHRIST

Though we welcome Jesus in Word and Eucharist Sunday after Sunday, haven’t we all, from time to time, experienced Jesus’ “real absence”? This personal application should comfort us, as it has generations of disciples before us. Though the “boat” is, primarily, a symbol of the Church, never forsaken by Christ, carried safely across time’s stormy waters, Saint Augustine preaching on this very Gospel sixteen hundred years ago noted that, since each of us is a temple of God, each one’s heart is a sailing boat. Consider any temptation, says Augustine, as “the wind, the surging of the sea,” and do what the disciples did: wake up Christ, “the sleeper in your heart,” by recalling his words and commands. Then be like the wind and the sea: “The sea obeys him, the wind is still.” Whenever emotions make our hearts turbulent, whenever Christ seems absent or at least asleep, “let us not despair but awaken Christ, so that we may sail in quiet waters, and reach at last our heavenly homeland.”

TODAY’S READINGS

Job 38:1, 8–11
Psalm 107:23–26, 28–31
2 Corinthians 5:14–17
Mark 4:35–41





Registration for the 2021-22 Faith Formation Classes is now open. Classes will be offered both online and in person. Registration for new and continuing students for continuing education and/or sacrament preparation for :

Early Childhood (Ages 3-5)

Elementary (Grades 1-5)

Junior High (Grades 6-8)

For more information and to register, please go to the parish website (Scan Code to the right with your cell phone camera).

[Sunday Elementary Faith Formation Classes \(K-5th\)](#)

Parent Information Zoom Session: Sunday, September 12, 2021, at 10:30 am

Classes Start: Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 10:30 am

[Middle School Faith Formation Classes \(6th-8th\)](#)

Parent Information Zoom Session: Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 7 pm

Start: Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 7 pm



Current and new students need to register. Remember, it is an Archdiocesan requirement to have two consecutive years of religious education to receive sacraments. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate and 1st Holy Communion certificate must accompany all NEW candidates registering for St. Joseph Faith Formation for the first time. Former St. Joseph School and Faith Formation candidate's certificates will already be on file.

Confirmation meets on selected Sundays from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., September through June. Open to all high school students Grades (9 – 12)

For more information and to register, please go to the parish website (Scan Code to the right with your cell phone camera).



Safeguard the Children



Using the “What If” game to raise problem-solving children

The “What If” game is a great way to walk your children through potential scenarios, and work with them to find the best solutions. Ask your children about “what if” scenarios, mixing silly questions with real world ones to keep them engaged and thinking, like “What if you had super powers?” and “What if a stranger asked you to go somewhere with him at the mall?” You can empower your children with problem-solving skills that will keep them safe even when you can’t be there to protect them. For more information, visit d2l.org/what-if-game.

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 please contact group leader, Frank McKown, at frmckown@gmail.com or 310-633-1744

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.

Homeless Kit Drive: *THANK YOU* for your generous support of last weekend’s Homeless Kit Drive! We collected kits and other supplies to assemble over 90 kits. We also received nearly \$1,000 in financial assistance. Can you help with shopping or to assemble additional kits from our cash donations? Kits will be distributed by Catholic Charities, the Multi-Services Center, and the St. Joseph homeless ministry.

Migrant Children Family Unification: Our offer to assist this initiative as a group is pending a response from the City. See the following link for news about the program and ways to offer your support as an individual - 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: There is an ongoing ministry to serve breakfasts and lunches to the homeless patrons of the Long Beach Multi-Services Center. For more information about these initiatives please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.

Sometimes miracles
are just good people with
kind hearts.



Happy Birthday & Congratulations on your 39th Anniversary of Ordination

—To Our Beloved Pastor—
Msgr. Kevin may you continue to be sustained by His Grace, & may your **life in God's service always** be filled with joy!



We give thanks to God always for you...making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your leadership and for your guidance during one of the most challenging years of our lives!



Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Tuesday, July 13th at 7pm.

We will discuss:
The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage by Joan Chittister

Sister Joan Chittister—a rabble-rousing force of nature for social justice and fervent proponent of personal faith and spiritual fulfillment—draws on the wisdom of prophets, both ancient and modern, to help us confront the societal forces that oppress and silence the sacred voices among us.

All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com

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