

St. Joseph Parish

JESUS SAID TO JAIRUS,

**“Do not be afraid;
just have faith.”**

MARK 5:36



JUNE 27, 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY 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:

With hope that the eternal promises of the Lord are fulfilled, our beloved Deacon Don Gath went home to the Lord last Saturday, June 19th. Deacon Don was a servant to this community, especially as a Deacon since his **Ordination 20 years ago this month. Don's mantra was "How can I help" and he served in the image of God's faithfulness, generosity and love to all of us at St. Joseph's and the most vulnerable and needy in our Long Beach community.** Our community offers condolences, love and support to his family: to his wife Tina, their four children and spouses: David and Jacquie, Greg and Beth, Christina and Steve, and Michelle and their eleven grandchildren.

I will miss Don's presence, his smile and humble spirit and I know that we now have a great intercessor! May Don and all the faithful departed rest in eternal light and peace!

Deacon Don's Funeral Services in St. Joseph's Church:

- ◆ Vigil Service: Friday, July 9 at 7:00 PM
- ◆ Funeral Mass, Saturday, July 10 at 10:00 AM
- ◆ Burial at All Souls Cemetery following the Mass

Peace in the Lamb of God,
Msgr. Kevin





DEACON DON GATH (1937-2021)

“WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT. COME AND INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD!” (MATTHEW 25)





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FAITH PRECEDES HEALING

As always on Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading illumines today’s Gospel. In the longer form, Jesus performs two healings; and the Book of Wisdom proclaims our God the God of life, who “fashioned all things that they might have being” and formed human beings in “the image of his own nature,” to be “imperishable” (Wisdom 1:14; 2:23). People of faith, therefore, choose to live God’s “undying justice (righteousness)” (1:15) in this mortal life, thus beginning, even now, the undying life for which we were created. To choose otherwise is to choose the other side: the devil and death (2:25). Mark presents the two healings as a story within a story, a “story sandwich,” a literary device that reinforces his message for those who originally would have heard, not read, the story. Mark wants to emphasize an essential truth of his Gospel: that Jesus does not perform miracles to compel faith, but rather that faith precedes healing.

JUST HAVE FAITH

Jairus’ daughter is the child of an important, privileged man, who publicly seeks out Jesus and loudly proclaims—and demonstrates—his faith, “falling at Jesus’ feet and pleading earnestly with him” (5:22–23). The anonymous woman virtually “sneaks up behind” Jesus and, though clearly filled with faith, keeps that faith to herself until Jesus draws “the whole truth” out of her after her cure (5:27–28, 33). All the more impressive, then, that Jesus delays his healing of the seemingly “more important” and younger woman for the unknown, truly marginalized older woman. Returning to the “domestic church,” so to speak, of Jairus’ house from the public setting of the older woman’s cure, Mark tells us that Jairus’ daughter has died. In the face of a hopelessness even more definitive than that of the hemorrhaging woman, people tell Jairus “why trouble the teacher any longer?” (5:35). But Jesus does not consider his response to Jairus’ faith hopeless or a bother: “Do not be afraid; just have faith” (5:36). Despite death’s apparent triumph at Jairus’ home, Jesus grasps the child’s hand—even though the law prohibited touching the dead—and bids her, “Talitha koum—Little girl, I say to you, arise!” (5:41).

WHY BOTHER?

So Mark seems to be asking us: Like Jairus on his way home or like the woman after twelve years, will we wonder, why bother? Or keep walking in faith with Jesus? Is a silent touch of Jesus’ garment—a quiet prayer of faith—enough for us? In the face of apparent hopelessness, will we choose faith over despair despite the ridicule of the crowd, remembering that Jesus has grasped us by the hand in baptism and commanded us to rise? Note the Gospel’s ending: after bidding Jairus’ daughter rise, Jesus commands that she be given something to eat (5:43). So, too, Jesus invites us now to feast at his eucharistic sacrifice and banquet!

TODAY’S READINGS

Wisdom 1:13–15; 2:23–24
Psalm 30:2, 4–6, 11–13
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13–15
Mark 5:21–43 [5:21–24, 35b–43]

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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



Foster one-on-one relationships safely

One-on-one time with trusted adults is healthy for children and helps them to build self-esteem and long-term relationships. You can protect your child while still ensuring they have time and opportunity to build these relationships. You can drop in unexpectedly when your child is with another adult, even if that person is a trusted family member. Insist on observable outings, in public places. Talk with your child after an outing, noting his mood or her ability to confidently tell you what happened. For more information,

visit:

d2l.org/education/5-steps/step-2.

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 our 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**.



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Saturday,
July 17, 2021
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Presented by: Christine A. Gerety, Ph.D.

Dr. Christine A. Gerety is the Associate Director of Outreach and Pastoral Care at St. Monica Catholic Community, overseeing about twenty ministries and programs, including Bereavement. In addition to her ministry at St. Monica, she has provided bereavement support training to both the Archdiocese's Ministry of Consolation and the Diaconate Formation Program.



Register Via Zoom:

<https://us02.zoom.us/j/81514878888>

For more information, contact Julie Auzenne:
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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

Pastor Al



"I'm sorry you can't fall asleep tonight, but NO... I won't repeat that homily that put you to sleep last Sunday."

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He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl rose immediately and walked around.

Mark 5:41-42

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