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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



Saturdays 3:45-4:30p.m. By the East Church Door parking lot



JULY 4, 2021

Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Mark your calendars! We will have a *WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION* during the late afternoon/evening on Sunday, August 29. There will be food, drinks, **bands and music, fellowship and fun. It's** free! Plan to come and renew your friendships with fellow parishioners as we celebrate the reopening of St. Joseph's!

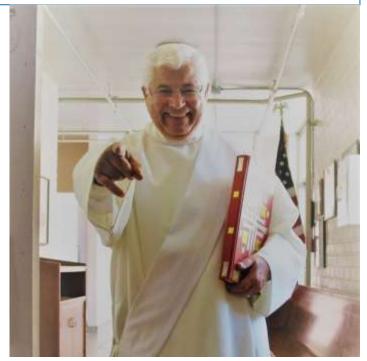
On Friday night, August 27 we'll have an XLT Youth Praise and Worship night.

On Monday evening, August 30 we'll have a special Holy Hour and Adoration in our Church.

More information about these events will be coming during the next two weeks.

This week, our Parish family will bury one of our most beloved members, Deacon **Don Gath. You're invited to come and** celebrate his life and thank the Lord for **this "Good and Faithful Servant" who** ministered and labored among us. The Vigil and Funeral Services are listed on the next column.

Summer Blessings, Msgr. Kevin



FUNERAL LITURGIES FOR DEACON DON GATH

Friday, July 9: Vigil Service at 7:00 PM in Church

Saturday, July 10: Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM in Church

Immediately after Mass, Burial at All Souls Cemetery

Immediately after Burial, Reception in **St. Joseph's Courtyard**

The family has mentioned that if you want to make a donation in memory of Deacon Don, it can go to St. Francis Center in Long Beach or Father Al's Outreach.



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PAYING THE PRICE

In the Sunday Lectionary, the first reading is usually chosen from anywhere in the Hebrew Bible to tie together with the Gospel. Currently, the second reading is from Saint Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. Often the second reading is not so closely related to the day's Gospel selection, because those books are read in a more continuous fashion from week to week. But today, all three of the scripture readings go together very well. Ezekiel struggles with the job he is given by the Lord, speaking to a rebellious people. Paul is dealing with a "thorn in his side," that is, the difficulties of his own personal weakness and foibles, and learning to rely on God's grace. Mark's Gospel introduces us to a Jesus who is struggling to be believed and accepted in his native country. In all three passages, the major figures are following the will of God and paying the price of rejection by the community for their efforts.

I DON'T GET NO RESPECT

Years ago there was a popular comedian named Rodney Dangerfield, and he would riff about his family life or his work and his catchphrase was "I don't get no respect!" You knew this refrain was coming, and was part of the punch line, so you waited to hear it and usually laughed or groaned with it. The idea of Jesus being disrespected is a much more foreign feeling. It is easy to forget that Jesus was both human and divine. We can easily romanticize his life and ministry and forget his struggles and the difficulty he had being heard, understood, and respected, especially in his own country. Placed in the larger context of Mark's story, this was very early in Jesus' ministry, and the message he was proclaiming was not what the people wanted to hear. Jesus was not speaking about the Messiah that the Jews were hoping for. Add that together with the fact that people are often hardest on their own. Somehow "local boy makes good" just didn't sit well with them, and they didn't want to have anything to do with Jesus or his message. Jesus was caught off guard by this.

A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME

There are times when being Catholic, or even being Christian is very countercultural. It used to be you belonged to a parish, and that was your home, based on your geographic boundaries or ethnicity. But now people change parishes depending on pastors, styles of music, or the Mass schedule. In these days of Covid-19, many who stayed away because of social distancing have not yet found their way back. Many never recovered from their disillusionment over the abuse scandals. Others left Catholicism for non-denominational churches, or explored other paths such as Buddhism. Still others consider themselves "spiritual but not religious" or are labeled "nones." Frequently, families who once sat together every week in church are now scattered all over the spiritual spectrum. In the face of all this, let us pray for the strength of Ezekiel to continue to preach our faith

by the lives we live, despite everything in our culture that rebels against religion. May we have the wisdom of Paul to persevere despite our weaknesses and the thorns in our side. And like Jesus, may we always find the faith we need to endure, even when those around us do not.

TODAY'S READINGS

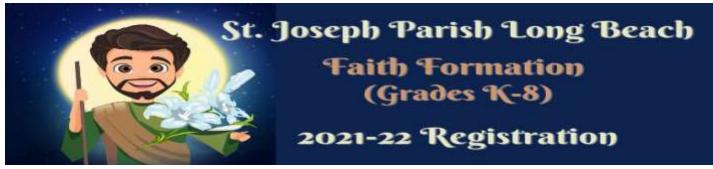
Ezekiel 2:2–5 Psalm 123:1–2, 2, 3–4 2 Corinthians 12:7–10 Mark 6:1–6

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Registration for the 2021-22 Faith Formation Classes is now open. Classes will be offered both online an 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).



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 <u>agoodlife@msn.com</u>

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 <u>frmckown@gmail.com</u> 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 - <u>longbeach.gov/pages/city-news/lb</u> -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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Taking the Next Step: Through COVID-19 & Relationship Losses to Our New Lives

"Free" Zoom Presentation Sponsored by Separated, Divorced & Widowed Ministry Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Let's take the next step in our emotional and spiritual journeys by recognizing our very real losses and lessons learned, identifying the hidden gifts that they contain, and intagining where God is taking us.



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 Consulation and the Diaconate Formation Program.



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> For more information, contact Julie Autonnei imonell@la-urbdiocesc.org



Dear God our Father, we praise You today for who You are—a God of love, who reveals to us that love is truth and freedom. Thank You for our country, the United States of America, conceived in liberty, and for all those who have sacrificed that we might enjoy these freedoms.

Like a city on a mountaintop, help us to share our blessings with the world, and to allow the light of Your Holy Spirit within us to set others free in spirit, soul, and body. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Have a Blessed Holiday





Help for Marriages

Are you suffering in your marriage? Do you have trouble communicating, more frequent arguments, distance between you and your spouse, or do you each go your own way? You're not alone. Retrouvaille, a couples marriage ministry provides help for troubled marriages. Take back the joy of your marriage. Your marriage is worth it! Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience. Learn the tools to communicate more effectively as a couple. Retrouvaille has helped couples learn the tools to restore intimacy and communication in their relationship.

MAKE THE DECISION TO LOVE

Upcoming Dates: *All In-Person Weekend Programs*

July 9-11 (Los Angeles) English August 13-15 (Los Angeles) Spanish November 5-7 (Santa Clarita) English December 10-12 (Los Angeles) English

JULY 4, 2021



Archbishop José H. Gomez

Letter Proclaiming the Jubilee Year Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of Mission San Gabriel Arcángel by St. Junípero Serra

June 27, 2021

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that you and your families are well. It is great to see our society starting to open up after this long year of the pandemic. And it is beautiful to see more and more of you returning to church each week as state restrictions are being lifted.

This is a providential moment for all of us to renew and deepen our love for Jesus Christ and our dedication to living our Catholic faith. That is why I am excited to share this news with you.

I am writing today to announce that later this summer we will begin a Jubilee Year to mark the 250th anniversary of Mission San Gabriel Arcångel, which was founded by the great Franciscan missionary, St. Junípero Serra, in 1771.

In the Scriptures, a Jubilee marks a special time of the Lord's grace and mercy. And in the tradition of the Church, Jubilee Years or Holy Years are designated to commemorate important moments in the history of salvation.

The foundation of Mission San Gabriel is one such important moment. The mission is the first church in what is now the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. And as Pope Francis has noted, St. Junipero Serra was "one of the founding fathers of the United States." So, this Jubilee Year recognizes not only the Church's beginnings in Los Angeles, but also the Christian beginnings of America and the influence of Christian values in the formation of our national identity.

The Jubilee Year will begin on September 11, 2021, with an Opening Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and will continue until September 10, 2022, when a Closing Mass will be held at Mission San Gabriel Arcángel.

I am grateful to the Holy Father Pope Francis and to the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See for granting plenary indulgences for these liturgical events as well as for prayers at designated pilgrimage sites in the Archdiocese.

My brothers and sisters, this Jubilee Year, for me, is not about the past. It is about the present and the future. "Forward in Mission" is our Jubilee theme, and I am confident that during this holy year God will pour out many graces on our local Church and on our families.

I pray that we will open our hearts to his Spirit and that we will hear again our baptismal calling to be saints and missionary disciples — just like St. Junipero Serra and that first generation of missionaries and migrants who brought the love of God to California and America.

I pray that this year will awaken in all of us, a new awareness of our great dignity as children of God and our responsibility to spread the Gospel and build up God's kingdom through our daily lives.

You will find more information on our Jubilee website, forwardinmission.com.

I wish you and your families a blessed summer. Please pray for me, and I will pray for you.

I entrust you all to the tender care of Our Lady of Guadalupe, our Mother. May she give us all a new love for her Son, Jesus Christ, and may she lead us to a new awakening of the faith in our times.

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Most Reverend José H. Gomez Archbishop of Los Angeles

