

St. Joseph Parish

*Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

July 11, 2021

Jesus summoned
the Twelve
and began to
send them out
two by two
and gave them
authority over
unclean spirits.

Mark 6:7



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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 we approach midsummer, I greet you as St. Paul says to us this weekend, “Give Praise to God!”

First the good news! Our recent together in Mission report revealed that our parish is currently at 112% over our goal! Our goal was \$71,000 and pledge commitments have **reached \$82,000. I gave Praise to God for all of you who supported this year’s Together in Mission Campaign.** Your extraordinary generosity is visibly demonstrated in your willingness to assist our most needy parishes and schools in our local Church. THANK YOU!

More good news! I’m going on vacation! I’ll be gone for a week starting next weekend and please welcome Monsignor Gary Bauler who will be available for Confessions next Saturday afternoon and he’ll preside at the Saturday 5 o’clock Vigil Mass. Welcome home to Monsignor James Halley whose six-year term as the Archdiocesan Vicar for Clergy concluded on July 1. Thank you, Monsignor Jim for your service to our Priests. Monsignor Halley is now on sabbatical and please welcome him next Sunday as he presides at the 8:30 AM outdoor Mass and the 10:30 AM indoor Mass.

For 18 months our team has recorded our Parish YouTube Mass every Saturday at 8:00 AM. **We never missed a weekend, and since I will be away, it’s time to give our team a break so we will not be recording or posting the Sunday Mass for the weekends of July 18 and 25th.** We will resume the YouTube Mass during the weekend of August 1st. **While we’re gone and for those of you staying at home, please pray the Mass with the Cathedral at olacathedral.org or just Google Sunday Catholic Mass. We miss you and when you’re ready, please come home to St. Joseph and pray with us in person and receive the Holy Eucharist as the Lord wants to feed you!**

Special thanks to an extraordinary team that has sacrificed their early Saturday mornings to serve you, including: Deacon Shane and Olga Cuda, Deacon Tom and Pat Halliwell, David Kasprzyk (our sound and video engineer) Vivian Doughty (Music Director), Edward Steinhauser (cantor), Michael Santy (edits and posts the Mass), Steve Koppenheffer (Coordinated the lectors), the lectors and Sr. Eva (during the months we were in lockdown). Well done, good and faithful servants!

I’m praying for you and your families!

Happy Summer!
Msgr. Kevin



Jesus instructed the Twelve to take nothing with them but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts.

Mark 6:8

CALLED TO BE EXTRAORDINARY

Mother Teresa challenged us to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. Basketball coach Jim Valvano said, "Every single day, in every walk of life, ordinary people do extraordinary things." Sometimes we see extraordinary vocations, such as the child prodigy musician. But usually those whom God chooses to call are reluctant participants who either run from the call or ignore it. Amos tells Amaziah "I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores." He looked after sheep and punched holes in fruit for a living! Now he was being called to prophesy. In Mark's Gospel the apostles are sent out two by two to begin their ministry. Paul takes it further, telling the Ephesians, "In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things." This call goes out to all of us! How are you being called to be extraordinary this day?

TWO BY TWO

Did you ever wonder why Jesus sent them out two by two? Not threes, not groups of four? Perhaps it is just the most practical configuration. Recall that in last week's Gospel Jesus was not accepted in his own town and was astonished by the lack of faith that he found there. The disciples would be too new in their faith to know how to deal with that kind of rejection. With three you always end up two against one. With a pair, the two could support each other emotionally and spiritually, and lift each other up in prayer. When traveling, having a companion was much safer than being on one's own, and if there were treacherous spots in the journey, they could help each other through. If you were begging for lodging, two might be able to get in, while a larger group might not be so fortunate. The Gospel gives no indication of who the partners were, but presumably they were sent in combinations that made each pair the strongest proclaimers of Christ. They were able to drive off many demons and cure illnesses.

SHAKE THE DUST OFF YOUR FEET

Jesus told the pairs of disciples, "Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." Jesus is preparing the disciples for the experience he had in his home town. This is how you behave when you are not accepted. He didn't tell them to curse them or threaten them, just simply shake off the dust and move on. Rejection is a hard thing for any of us, and Jesus is teaching us how to handle it, as if to say "Pick your battles." This is a good reminder to us all in a time and culture when the climate is so politically charged. Know when it is best to shake the dust and walk away from social media, from an angry word, or from something that won't turn out well. Respond and stay true to your calling.

TODAY'S READINGS

Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]
Mark 6:7-13

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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).



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

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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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.



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December 10-12 (Los Angeles) English



BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic Christian or in completing sacraments, you are welcome to join the RCIA.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process that uses Scripture study, discussion, information on teachings of the Church, and creative activities to help participants prepare to be baptized in the Catholic Church or to complete their sacraments. If you would like to know more about it, please contact Deacon Shane or Olga at olga@stjosephlb.org.

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