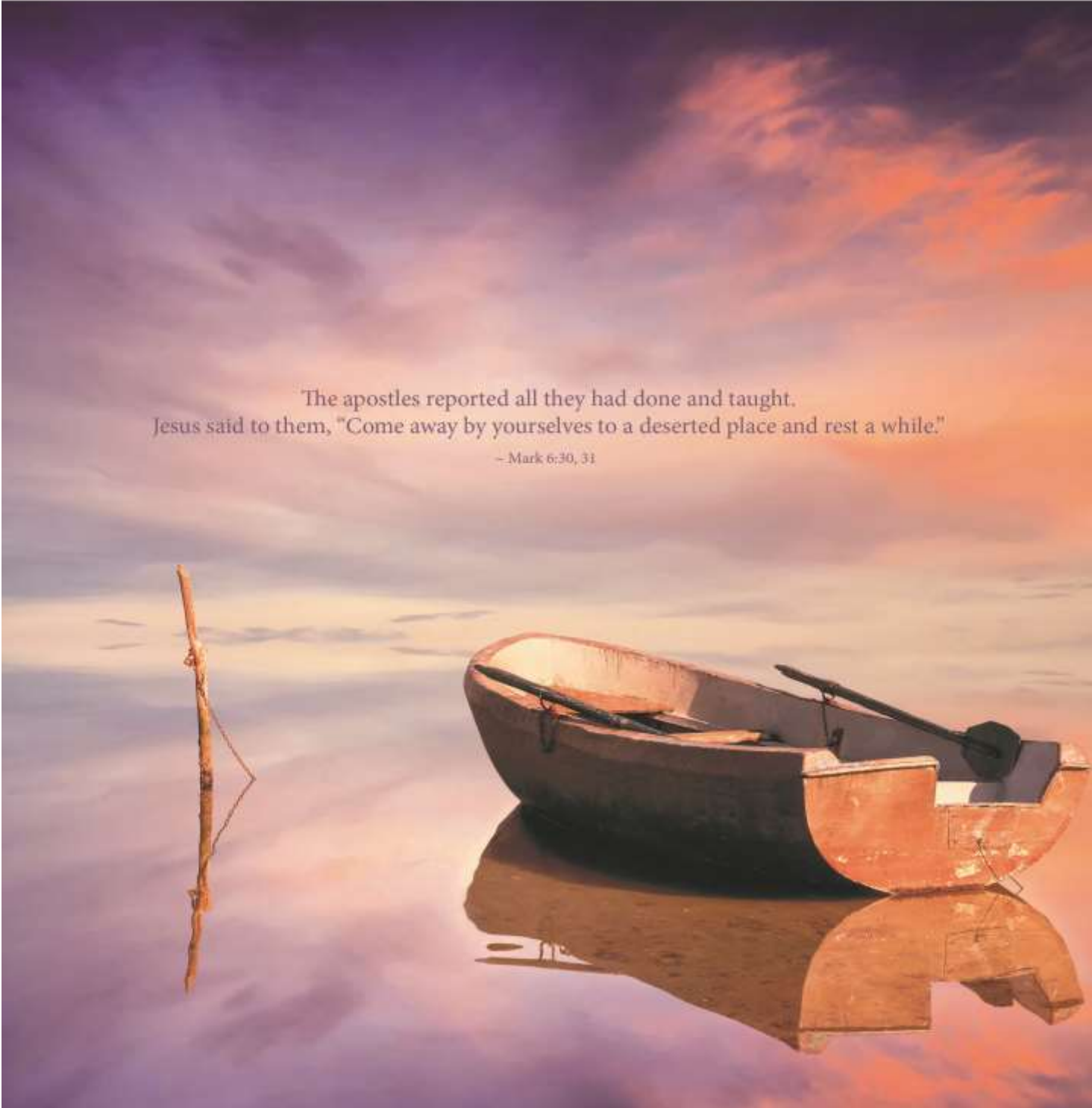


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JULY 18, 2021 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Jesus said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."

— Mark 6:30, 31

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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





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Welcome Home Celebration

XLT YOUTH PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021
6:30-9:30 PM

Completely free of charge, XLT is a night of inspiration, the band WAL will lead us through praise and worship, and prayer. We are drawn together by a common need we all desire to be filled. Please join us!

WELCOME HOME BARBEQUE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021
5-9 PM

*This is a Parishioner Only event. Thank you for your understanding.

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!

To register for the Welcome Home Picnic, scan the QR Code to the right using the camera on the cell phone.



HOLY HOUR & ADORATION

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021
7-8 PM - CHURCH

6180 E WILLOW STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90815



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021



THE APOSTLES REPORTED ALL THEY HAD DONE AND TAUGHT. JESUS SAID TO THEM,

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

MARK 6:30, 31

COMPASSION

If we were to use one word to describe the scriptures for today, it would be “compassion.” In Jeremiah, God rails against those who have scattered the sheep, and vows to “gather the remnant” personally. We also hear the prophecy about the coming Messiah. In Ephesians, Christ is breaking down the walls of division between peoples and drawing them to be reconciled with God in peace. In Mark, Jesus calls the tired disciples away to rest and have some “me time,” but even then the crowds persisted. Jesus saw their spiritual hunger and neediness and was “moved with pity.” All three situations involve looking beyond one’s own agenda to see the needs of others and respond. God models how to empathize with others. May we continue to learn to be kinder, gentler, and more caring for each other.

TIME FOR A TEAM MEETING

In last week’s Gospel, Jesus sent the apostles out two by two. Today we see him bringing them back together, reporting “all they had done and taught.” A lot has happened between then and now and in this time the disciples experienced many things. They would have grown in their ministry and their ability to heal and preach, but they probably also ran into frustrating times and encountered their limitations as human beings. If human nature prevailed, their partners were driving them nuts! So now after all this sharing, Jesus called for some balance in their lives. It was time to come away and rest. Between family and friends and social media, many of us have lost this ability to “be by ourselves” as we have become accustomed to filling every day and every moment with distractions. Perhaps one of the gifts and challenges of “sheltering in place” these last months is that we celebrated moments of joy and hope and peace but were also forced to listen to and name those voices of anger, loneliness, and fear.

WELL-LAID PLANS

It is important to have balance in our lives, and Jesus was indeed trying to teach this to the Apostles, but when they got to their intended place of repose, they encountered so many people Jesus was filled with compassion. No doubt he went about feeding them spiritually and physically; it would have been important for him to be hospitable. But at some point in time, I’m guessing that he still pulled the apostles aside and told them “Okay, people are settled now, so let’s leave all the excitement, delegate the job to somebody else, and find some peace and quiet.” None of us is any good at our prayer, our ministries, our lives, unless we take the time to find the quiet and go back to replenish our own wells. There is no way we can give to others unless we do. That is why we return to church each week, to rest and be nourished and renewed. And none of us is so important that we can’t take time away to take care of ourselves. So be gentle with yourself and with others this week.

TODAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1–6
Psalm 23:1–3, 3–4, 5, 6
Ephesians 2:13–18
Mark 6:30–34

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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



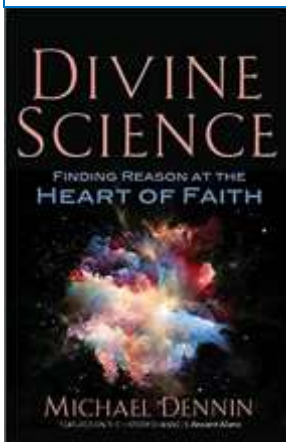
Current and new students need to register. Remember, it is an Archdiocesan requirement to have two consecutive years of religious education to receive sacraments. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate and 1st Holy Communion certificate must accompany all NEW candidates registering for St. Joseph Faith 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, September 14th at 7pm. We will discuss: **Divine Science, Finding Reason at the Heart of Faith** by Michael Dennin

Physicist Michael Dennin explains that science and faith do not have to live in conflict and inspires you to accept that you can be a person of faith and of science.

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

“God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.” Heb 6:10

Aug 21-22 Food from the Heart: Collecting family food for Catholic Charities of Long Beach. Drive-thru donations at the parish hall will be accepted Aug.14, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. and Aug. 15, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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.

St. Mary Magdalene
Pray for us!

Feast Day
July 22nd





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.



Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the celebration of the **World Day for Grandparents and Elderly** beginning in 2021 on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday July 25th

Safeguard The Children



Did You Know? The impact of social distancing on children

The negative effects of the pandemic on children are just beginning to be seen, as children head back to schools and daycares, some for the first time in well over a year. Children may be struggling socially, academically, and developmentally, due to a year of social distancing and predominantly online interaction. Work with your children to discuss how they are feeling — check in often for any signs that they might be overwhelmed or struggling. For more information, read the article: [“The impact of social distancing on young children.”](#)



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