

# St. Joseph Parish

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SEVENTEENTH 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 Deacon Don Gath's Family

Dear Parish Family,

Words cannot adequately express our deep appreciation and gratitude for all of your love and support during this difficult time.

All of your well wishes, cards, prayers, meals, offers of help, attending the liturgies celebrating Don's life and hugs have meant so much to us and touched us deeply. I wish we could thank each one of you personally, but that would be impossible.

As we were all blessed by Don's presence in our lives, we feel blessed by your presence in our lives.

Let us continue to pray for Don and each other and build up God's kingdom here on earth.

Love, Peace and Blessings, Tina Gath  
and Family



**Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 25, 2021**

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,  
and you give them their food  
in due season.

— *Psalm 145:15*



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## GOD FEEDS AND CARES FOR US

Today's message could be summed up in psalm 145, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs." Each reading shows how carefully God feeds and cares for us, in an up-close and personal fashion. Elisha fed the crowd from twenty barley loaves. Jesus blessed a few loaves and thousands were fed. Perhaps this seems far-fetched, but we read stories in the news about chefs taking the leftovers from fancy restaurants and feeding many people in a soup kitchen. As a schoolgirl, one of my favorite stories was "Stone Soup," the tale of a couple of war-weary soldiers convincing the people of a frightened and starving little country village to bring out their meager supplies and share them to make a marvelous soup to feed the town. The second reading asks us to "Consider well our call." How do we respond to those in need around us?

## MIRACLE OR MAGIC?

It can be easy to just say, "Oh yes, this is the story of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, when everybody decided to share the bits of food they had." But how much of it is really about feeding the crowds? "Jesus said to Philip, 'Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?' He said this to test him, because he knew what he was going to do." It must have been very hard to trust Jesus, especially when the disciples often didn't understand him. This year has been challenging for us, too, to trust that God will provide, and also challenging for us to ask for help.

In the Rule of Saint Benedict, there is a chapter called "The assignment of impossible tasks." It says, in essence, that when your superior tells you to do something impossible, it is fine to go talk to them about it, but in the end you may still be asked to do this task. In what situations are we called to trust? When are we asked to act in faith or to do the impossible task?

## HOW WILL WE KNOW WE ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING?

Miracles are seldom as obvious as the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Many years ago, I overheard a family conversation in a restaurant at the end of a long holiday weekend. At the register was one of those collection jars saying, "For just fifty cents a day you can feed a child." The little girl asked her folks about it and they explained it. She said, "I have money left from my weekend, could I put it in the jar?" The parents said yes and let her go on the adventure for herself. She came back and sat down, and they chatted some more. She said, "If fifty cents feeds a child for a day, then I was able to feed one for three days, because I had \$1.50 left from the weekend." When we follow this child's example and go beyond the minimum, when we give all we can, we know we are doing the right thing, and we have understood the test that Jesus posed to Philip so long ago.

## TODAY'S READINGS

2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18  
Ephesians 4:1-6  
John 6:1-15





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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.

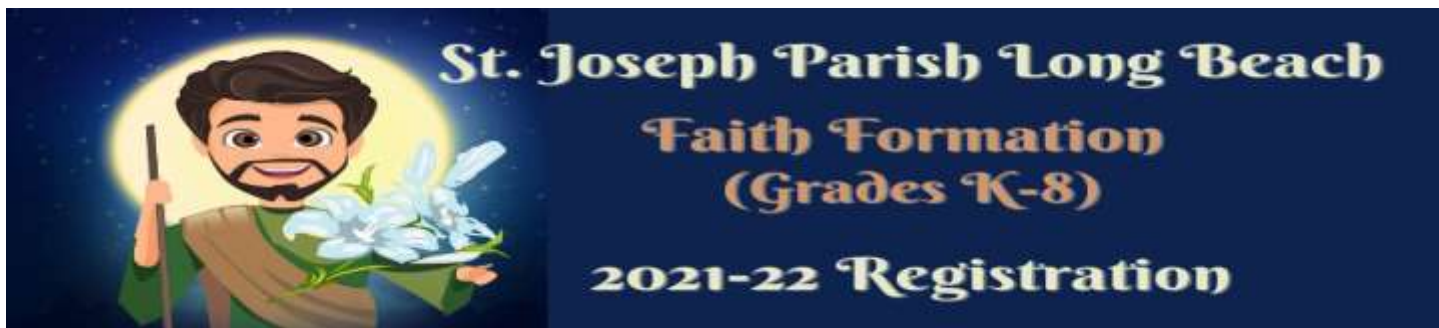


## HOLY HOUR & ADORATION

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

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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.

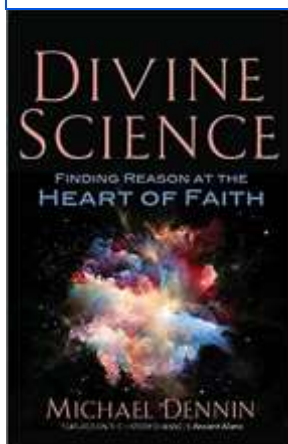
Confirmation meets on selected Sundays from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., September through June. Open to all high school students Grades (9 – 12)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 21, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. and Aug. 22, 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/](https://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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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.





## 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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup>



## Safeguard The Children

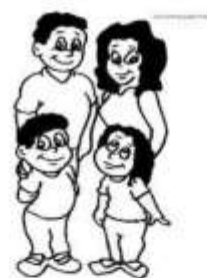


### Understanding the need for “likes”

Children and teenagers are spending more and more time connecting with their friends on social media. Research shows that people are hardwired to find social interaction and communication rewarding, and on social media, rewards come in the form of “likes.” Although apps like Instagram have recently moved to change how “likes” are seen on photos and videos, the drive to post something “likeable” is still there, and many users may feel the need to test boundaries to drive them up. It’s important for parents to understand the enticing nature of these apps, and to talk to their children and teens about internet safety and social media use. For more information, visit [missingkids.org/content/ncmec/en/blog/2020/love-of-likes.html](https://missingkids.org/content/ncmec/en/blog/2020/love-of-likes.html).







**FOOD FROM THE HEART  
FAMILY FOOD DRIVE**

**Collecting non-perishable  
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St. Joseph Parish Hall  
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August 21<sup>st</sup>

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August 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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