

St. Joseph Parish

The bread of God

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John 6:33

August 1, 2021

**EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
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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:

As we commence the month of August, Summer greetings, peace and safety to our parish community!

As you heard about the travails surrounding my first week of summer vacation, I did **test negative for COVID. I'm grateful and you'll hear about it this weekend!**

Next weekend, August 7-8, is our Annual Mission Co-Op appeal. Once a year every parish in the Archdiocese is assigned a missionary preacher to remind us that we are a universal church called to take care of our Catholic brothers and sisters worldwide. Due to the pandemic, many of the missionaries are not traveling including Father Ernest Ukwueze who has been assigned to our parish. Father Ernest belongs to the Apostles of Divine Charity, a Religious Association founded in the Catholic Diocese of Obala, **Cameroon, in Central Africa. Their primary mission is to bring the good news of God's love to the poor people in Africa.** A few of their charisms include: providing education to children and youth, providing healthcare services, ministering to orphans and **vulnerable children, providing food for the poor, etc.** You'll hear about their mission next weekend as I share Father Ernest's message with all of you during our weekend Masses. Father Ernest has also sent a Mission appeal video that you can view on our website stjosephlb.org **On the homepage, go to "Latest News" and click on the video under Mission Appeal.** If you would like to support Father Ernest and the Apostles of Divine Charity good works, you can mail a check to St. Joseph's with the check made out to St. Joseph Church and in the memo please put "Mission Appeal". If you would like to make an electronic donation, go to our website, at the top of the homepage, click giving which takes you to Faith Direct, scroll down and click "One time Gift" and in the box "Notes to St. Joseph," type Mission Co-Op Appeal. At all of our Masses next weekend, we'll also have a special basket for you to make a donation. Please pray for Father Ernest, his brothers in community and all of the missionaries of our church who serve God's holy people most in need. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Be assured of my daily prayers for your well being and safety.
Msgr. Kevin



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD PROVIDES

Today's Gospel is a sequel to last week's account of Jesus feeding a large crowd with five barley loaves and a few fish. Here, Jesus is challenging the crowd to see in the bread they have eaten a sign of God's generosity in providing for all the blessings in their lives, as well as the blessing of life itself. The first reading, from Exodus, recounts how the escaped Hebrew slaves were fed in the wilderness, first with quail, then with manna. The psalm is a later reflection on the manna as the bread from heaven and a blessing from God. The selection from the letter to the Ephesians sketches the image of putting away the "old self" and putting on the new, emphasizing that a person's life in Christ needs to differ from their previous life, just as the life of a free person differs from that of a slave.

SIGNS AND WONDERS?

Today's Gospel continues into a second day the narrative that had begun the day before when, after crossing the lake to look for Jesus, a large crowd are fed with five barley loaves and two fish. The following day (today's reading), after more lake crossings, the people who had been miraculously fed are again searching for Jesus. However, they do so (as Jesus puts it) "not because you saw signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled" (John 6:6).

In John's Gospel, the word "sign" has a distinct meaning. At the wedding at Cana, after telling how Jesus turned water into wine, the Evangelist notes "Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs" that "revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him" (John 2:11). For John, signs are not just wonders to behold; they are about the revelation of God and a response of faith in Jesus.

OR MAYBE THE SIGN IS THE WONDER

When the crowd first arrives, Jesus notes that they had not appreciated the sign that he had already given; they are still focused on their physical hunger. When they ask for a sign, "that we may see and believe in you" (John 6:30), they refer to their ancestors who ate manna in the wilderness. Can Jesus top that? Can he give them more bread that will relieve them of their daily worries about going hungry?

Jesus reminds the crowd that it was not Moses who gave the "bread from heaven," but his Father. Further, the Father can give them the true bread from heaven that comes down and gives life to the world. There is a parallel in the Greek between working for food that perishes and doing the works of God, which is believing in Jesus as the one God has sent. This is the sign that the people missed the day before, the sign that Jesus is pointing out to them.

Like the Evangelist, the Church uses the word "sign" for its sacraments. Like the crowd, we are called to see similar "signs" of God's generosity in all the blessings of our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6: 24-35

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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 (Kindergarten)

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



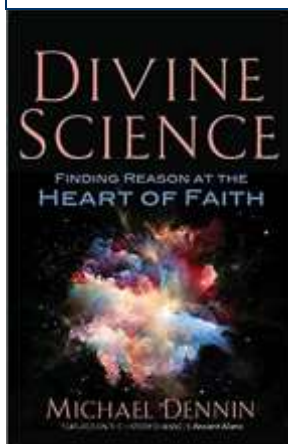
Current and new students need to register. Remember, it is an Archdiocesan requirement to have two consecutive years of religious education to receive sacraments. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate and 1st Holy Communion certificate must accompany all NEW candidates registering for St. Joseph Faith 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

June Collection

Collection

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Movement For A Better World

“The things we pray for Lord, give us the grace to labor for.” St. Thomas More

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 received Aug. 21, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Aug. 22, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Donations may also be delivered to the parish office during the week. **Can you help?** Please call **Tim Clark (562) 431-4385**

Migrant Children Family Unification: visit the following site for news about the program and ways to offer your support - longbeach.gov/pages/city-news/lb-humanitarian-family-reunification-efforts. Catholic Charities is serving 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”** on the memo.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please skip a meal weekly, donating that savings in support of our mission. One of many examples are 325 sandwiches and lunches made weekly for Catholic Charities of Long Beach. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Church and Skip-a-Meal on the memo. There is also a Faith Direct option for online giving.

WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT TO TRANSMIT THE FAITH. WE CANNOT DO IT ALONE.

POPE FRANCIS





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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Join Precious Life Shelter (PLS) for its 15th Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. The tournament takes place at El Dorado Park Golf Course in Long Beach, all proceeds benefit PLS. Early bird specials end August 30, so register today at preciousliveshelter.org. Email maddy@preciousliveshelter.org with any questions or to get involved.



Safeguard The Children



Find out what your children are watching

With movie theaters reopening across the country, now is a great time to add another website to your collection of parenting resources: **Catholic News Services' staff** reviews movies from a uniquely Catholic perspective, noting things like nudity, swearing, and other problematic themes that have become mainstream in ratings like PG and PG-13. Parents can vet movies their children are planning to see or may encounter at friends' houses. Talk to your children about what they should do if a friend wants to see a questionable movie, and why you want them to avoid particular films. For movie reviews, visit catholicnews.com/movie-reviews/.



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



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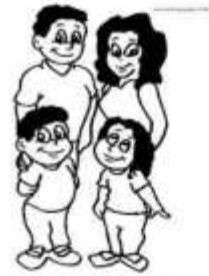
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