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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

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### Reconciliation

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



Sacristans

(562) 493-2198



Dear Parish Family:

As summer begins to wind down, we are gearing up for another year of RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian faith or are baptized Catholic and need to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation – THIS MAY BE YOUR TIME! Move forward with God and inquire about the RCIA by contacting Deacon Shane or Olga at olga@stjosephlb.org

This 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 this 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. 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 you and your family!

Msgr. Kevin



### I AM THE LIVING BREAD THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN; WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER.

JOHN 6:51

### THE BREAD OF LIFE

Chapter 6 in John's Gospel is often referred to as the Bread of Life discourse, perhaps because this is where Jesus makes his strongest claims for being the bread that has come down from heaven, bringing eternal life for those who believe in him. This is one source of our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In the first reading, the prophet Elijah has come to the brink of despair, but an angel comes with food and tells him to eat, "else the journey will be too long for you." The Responsorial Psalm is from Psalm 34; from very early on, the Church has applied the line, "Taste and see how good the Lord is" to the Eucharist. The second reading describes an ideal Christian community characterized by mutual love and service, which is the greatest fruit of its eucharistic celebrations.

### THE READINGS AT MASS DON'T ALWAYS SEEM TO FIT TOGETHER

On the greatest feasts and solemnities of the Church's liturgical year, the three readings are chosen to all apply to the theme or the event being celebrated. During Ordinary Time, however, only the Jewish scriptures/Old Testament selections are chosen to go with the Gospel. The second reading makes its way independently through the New Testament letters and often appears to have a very different message.

Today's readings, however, present us with that happy coincidence of a Sunday in Ordinary Time when all three readings are very much closely connected—a connection that we might describe as God's generosity in nurturing the people so that they can in turn "nourish" each other by their acts of service and charity.

#### BUT TODAY THEY DO

In John's Gospel, Jesus insists over and over that he is the bread of life; when he sees that some of his listeners find this hard to believe, he insists on it even more strongly. Note that centuries before the Christians celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life in the Eucharist, the psalmist sings, "Taste and see how good the Lord is!"

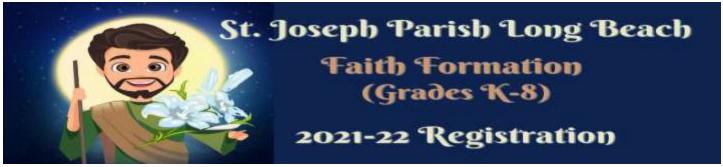
John's Gospel contains no blessing of the Bread and Cup that the Church uses to consecrate the bread and wine. What John does have is Jesus washing the feet of the disciples and commanding them to wash each other's feet, which is to say, to serve each other without regard to station or rank. He also gives a long, prayerful discourse in which he gives the "new commandment" to love one another. Receiving Holy Communion is much more than a "me and Jesus" moment, although that is undoubtedly a precious encounter. Ultimately, our reception of the Bread of Life attains its fullness only in our

mutual love and service in our communities and beyond.

God fed Elisha to strengthen him on his journey. God fed the Israelites with manna on their journey in the wilderness. Today, we receive from God the Bread of Life for strength in whatever journey we are on.

#### TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 19:4–8 Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9 Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2 John 6:41–51



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 (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

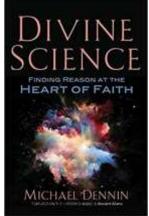
1st Holy Communion certificate must accompany all NEW candidates registering for St. Joseph Faith Formation for the first time. Former St. Joseph School and Faith Formation candidate's certificates will already be on file.

**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



**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.

## 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-familyreunification-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,

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.

c/o Catholic Charities, 123 E. 14th St., Long

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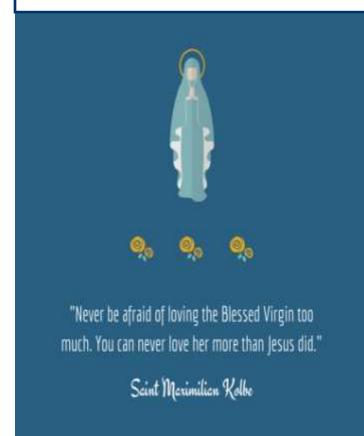
Beach, CA 90813. Include "Migrant Children"

"Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices."

### in memory of Don Gath and Jean Barbazette



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
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so register today at preciouslifeshelter.org.
Email maddy@preciouslifeshelter.org with any
questions or to get involved.



### Safeguard The Children



The importance of being a good example Parents often have an easier time enforcing rules if they are setting good examples for their children. When it comes to drinking, drug use, and other risky behaviors, it is not always enough to tell your children these behaviors are forbidden. Parents should model the behavior they want to see. Drinking in moderation and abstaining from drug and nicotine teaches children about boundaries and responsible behaviors and reinforces the message that dangerous substances really are dangerous. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "Ten prevention practices you may not have considered," at lacatholics.org/did-youknow.

# 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 <a href="mailto:frmckown@gmail.com">frmckown@gmail.com</a> or 310-633-1744



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