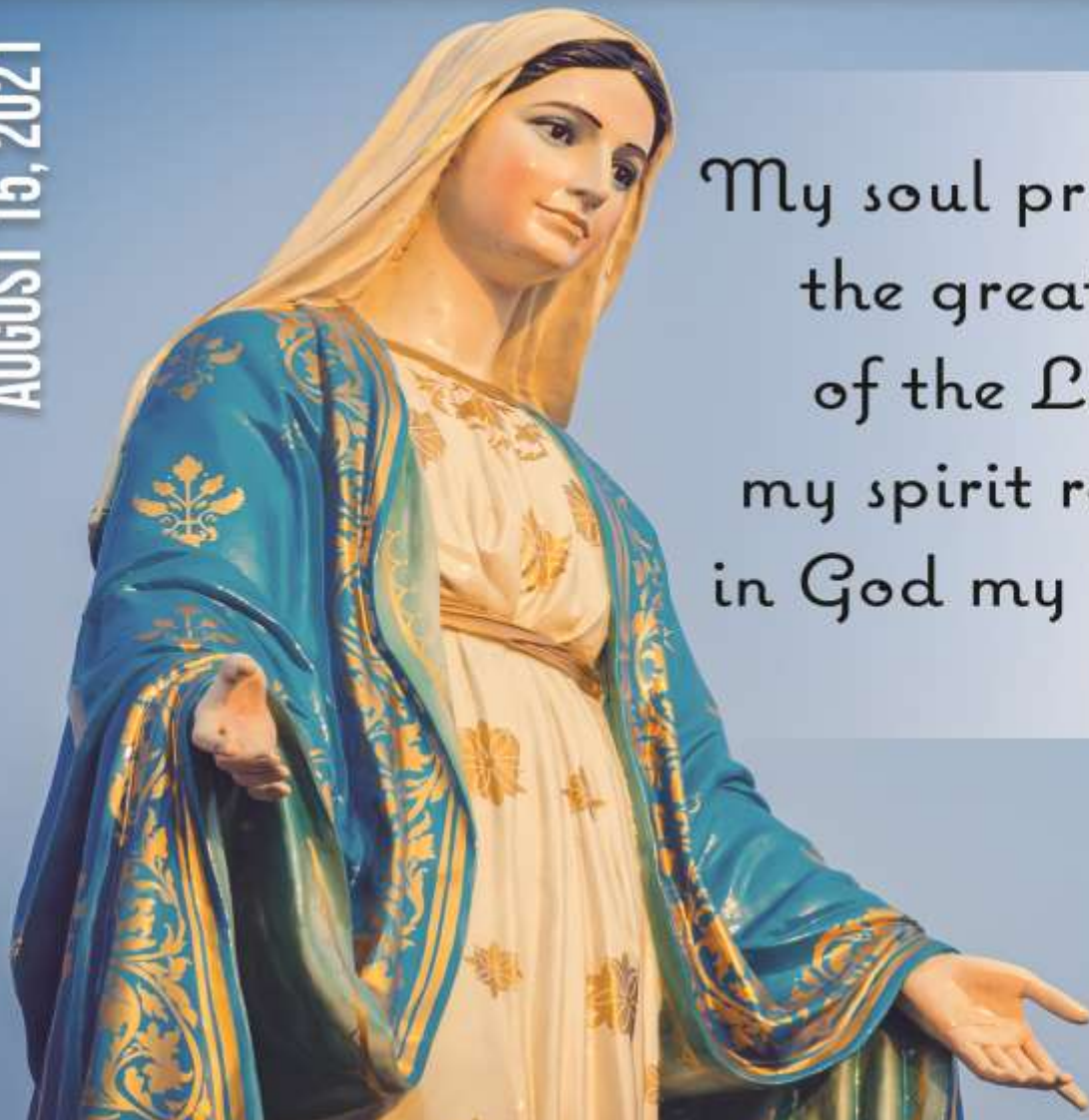


# St. Joseph Parish

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2021



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Luke 1:46

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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:

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Just as the Blessed Mother participated in the resurrection of Christ, Mary points to her Son and fills us with hope as we are also invited to participate in the resurrection of Christ. Not only the resurrection at the end of our lives, but the small resurrections, the small risings in our everyday ordinary lives. May our lives imitate the love of Mary so our lives may also magnify the Lord.

**Next weekend, you're invited to participate in Food from the Heart, our family food drive to support Catholic Charities of Long Beach. You're invited to bring nonperishable food items, (please make sure that they are not expired) and drop them off in front of the parish hall next Saturday or Sunday. You can also drop them off this week at the Parish life center. The times for drop off and all the information is found in this bulletin.**

As the Delta variant of the coronavirus continues to surge, we are invited to pray. Let us pray that those who can be vaccinated will do so and thus protect themselves, their families and the community. Let us pray especially for the safety of our children as they return to school during **the next few weeks. All of St. Joseph's children** will return to in-person learning on September 1. Once again, we publish the prayer asking our Blessed Mother to bring good health to others and through her Son, bring an end to this pandemic.

Summer Blessings,  
Msgr. Kevin

### Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus

**Most Reverend José H. Gomez**  
*Archbishop of Los Angeles*

#### **Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,**

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,  
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient  
and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and  
to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.  
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.





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POINTING THE WAY

Today we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The readings give us much to ponder as we reflect on Mary, her special place prepared by God for eternity, and all that resulted from her “yes” to the angel’s message that she was to bear the Christ, the anointed one of God. Mary is “blessed among women,” the vessel for the life and salvation of Christ for all generations. Mary always points us to her son, Jesus. Through her witness, we are inspired to proclaim the greatness of the Lord with our lives. In her Assumption, we are assured that Mary is in the presence of God, pointing the way to all who live as God’s good and holy people in this life while we await ultimate fulfillment in the next.

BLESSED ARE YOU

Elizabeth had waited a long time for the child she carried. She was beyond child-bearing age by the time she conceived the baby who would be known as John the Baptist. We can only imagine her joy and amazement when the baby leaped in her womb at Mary’s arrival. Elizabeth was old and Mary young, yet both trusted in the goodness of the Lord; both relied on the Holy Spirit to be with them in the perplexing, exciting, and anxious time in which they found themselves. They show us what it means to put God at the center of our lives. Their story may inspire us to believe that God’s loving mercy awaits in every moment of our lives. Elizabeth calls Mary and the child in her womb “blessed,” holy. Mary’s holiness is found in her belief in God and her willingness to carry out God’s plan by carrying the child Jesus in her womb. How are you called to holiness? In what ways are you willing to carry out God’s plan?

MY SOUL PROCLAIMS

Mary’s response to Elizabeth, which we hear in today’s Gospel, is known as the Magnificat. Mary “magnifies” the greatness of the Lord—through her, we see God’s mercy clearly. Mary’s canticle is a declaration that God cares for the lowly and vulnerable, for the humble and hungry. This, Mary says, is the God for whom the people of Israel had long waited. This is God in whom we believe. Like Mary, the Almighty has done great things for us. As followers of Mary’s son, Jesus Christ, we are called to make this merciful, caring God known to those who are in need. How will you glorify, magnify, the Lord by your life?

TODAY’S READINGS

Revelation 11:19a, 12:1–6a, 10ab  
Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16  
1 Corinthians 15:20–27  
Luke 1:39–56

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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



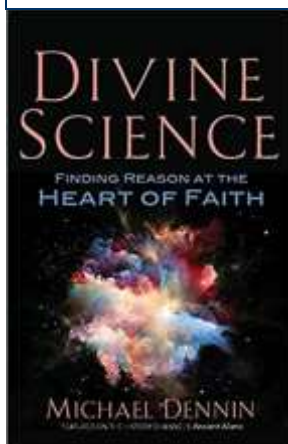
Current and new students need to register. Remember, it is an Archdiocesan requirement to have two consecutive years of religious education to receive sacraments. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate and 1st Holy Communion certificate must accompany all NEW candidates registering for St. Joseph Faith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

## Movement For A Better World

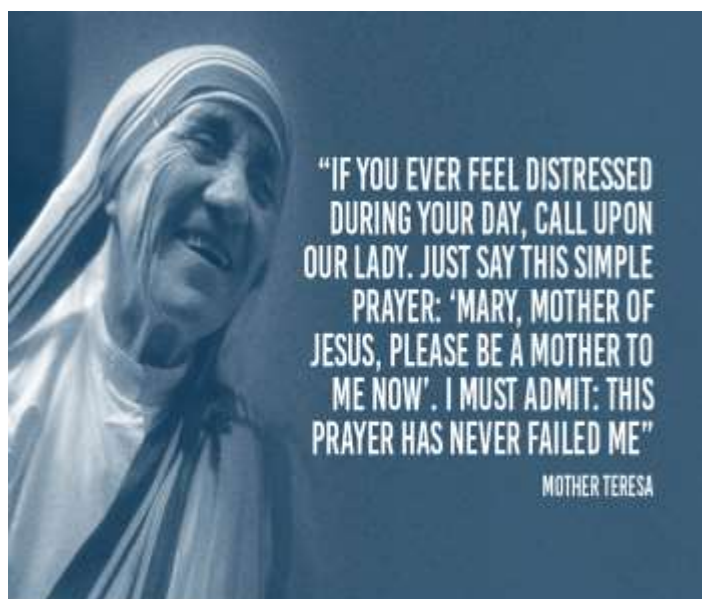
**“The things we pray for Lord, give us the grace to labor for.” St. Thomas More**

**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-family-reunification-efforts](http://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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



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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](http://preciousliveshelter.org). Email [maddy@preciousliveshelter.org](mailto:maddy@preciousliveshelter.org) with any questions or to get involved.



**ASSUMPTION**  
of the blessed virgin Mary

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven. I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favor: *(Mention your request)*.

When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you. Amen.



## Safeguard The Children



Prep your children with scripts to stay safe. Role-playing with your children is a critical step in keeping them safe from abuse, peer pressure, and other dangerous situations. Prep your children with the language they need to say “stop,” or “no thanks,” or to express any discomfort. Talk through different scenarios with them and have them practice how they would respond in their own words. Arming children with strong, confident responses to uncomfortable situations will help them draw on those words when they need them. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article “Ten prevention practices you may not have considered,” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).



## 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



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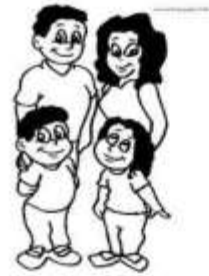
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