

St. Joseph Parish



**TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

August 29, 2021



Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this:
to care for orphans and widows in their affliction.

James 1:27

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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:

This weekend we remember and pray for the children of our parish community who have or will return to school during these final weeks of summer. We'll offer a special Blessing over all our children at this weekend's Masses.

Thank you for your generosity to our Mission Co-Op Appeal. A total of \$8,921.83 is being sent to Fr. Ernest and the Apostles of Divine Charity in Cameroon, Africa. Fr. Ernest has sent a message to all of the generous St. Joseph's parishioners and it's printed in this bulletin.

Our School Construction Project has moved forward. Last week saw the completion of the new LED ceiling mounted lights and new fans installed in all of the classrooms. They're state of the art and eco-friendly. There have been significant delays in the manufacture of the new windows and screens for the school. Many of you know that these are unprecedented times in the construction industry. There are ongoing and significant material and labor shortages. The management team is working to mitigate these challenges. We hope to install the school windows in late September, weekdays after the children depart school and Saturdays. Thanks for your prayers for this project.

Thank you for shopping and filling 35 large boxes with family food. Pictured are some of the many volunteers who collected your gifts last weekend in our FOOD FROM THE HEART DRIVE. An additional \$730.00 in donations was collected to purchase additional provisions. I know that Catholic Charities Long Beach offers a big THANK YOU for helping them to take care of needy families in our Long Beach community.

As the summer days are winding down, be safe, protect one another and know that I'm praying for you and your families!

Summer Peace,
Msgr. Kevin



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



AUGUST

29

2021

Humbly welcome the word that
has been planted in you and
is able to save your souls.

James 1:21b

GOD'S LAWS

Today's readings provide some interesting parallels and contrasts. The first reading is an account of Moses who, having delivered the Law to the Israelites, admonishes them to "observe them [its statutes] carefully." The author of the Letter of James likewise instructs fellow Christians to "welcome the word" they have received, that they may become "doers of the words and not hearers only." The psalmist praises "whoever walks blamelessly and does justice" by listing a few examples of what is required for that—descriptions that apply equally to both Jewish and Christian traditions. On the other hand, when the scribes and Pharisees point out that the disciples have not properly washed their hands before eating (which is, as Mark explains, the usual Jewish practice) Jesus scolds them sharply for being too focused on human rules—even ritual ones—instead of God's laws.

MOSAIC LAW: WHAT GOD WANTS OF THE PEOPLE

Moses gives the Israelites their Law, which provided the structure for daily life. As recorded in the Bible, over half of the Law is about rituals for worship and sacrifice. A related concept is the concept of a person's ritual purity (or cleanliness), which is required for participation in both social and religious activities, since persons become unclean by physical contact with other unclean persons, animals, or objects. Other ways a person becomes unclean include the presence of skin lesions, bleeding, or a bodily discharge. Unclean persons are required to purify themselves to be again considered clean. Despite the Law's complexity, observant Jews considered it a privilege, not a burden, to observe its precepts, and they continue to do so today.

ON THE OTHER HAND . . .

The scribes and Pharisees are focusing on the disciples' failure to properly wash their hands prior to eating. But nowhere in the biblical texts of the Law are there regulations regarding the washing of hands before or after meals. These regulations, as described by Mark, are merely practices like those that arise in all societies; if they continue long enough, they can seem like sacred duties, sanctified as "the traditions of their elders."

This distinction is the source of the tension in these three readings. Moses and James both tell their people that they are recipients of a divine gift that requires special care, while Jesus is practically livid when the scribes and Pharisees react harshly to the disciples' failure to wash their hands according to Jewish practices.

Such a distinction between divine law and human practices is valuable for our own lives. When we hear of another's misdeeds, we should evaluate the seriousness of the offense before forming our own impression. Is this truly a serious moral matter? Or something less weighty? Carefully discerning the seriousness of such matters might reveal that things are not as grave as they first appear. Such care is an exercise in Christian charity, one way of acting on the word we have received as members of the Body of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
James 1:17-18; 21b-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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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: Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 7 pm

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



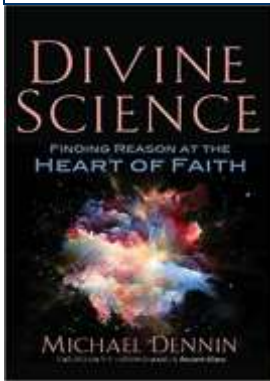
Current and new students need to register. Remember, it is an Archdiocesan requirement to have two consecutive years of religious education to receive sacraments. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate and 1st Holy Communion certificate must accompany all NEW candidates registering for St. Joseph Faith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

Safeguard The Children



Teach children how to answer the door safely. You would never knowingly let someone dangerous or unsafe into your home. But it is impossible to fully vet every stranger, maintenance worker, new neighbor, salesperson, etc. who shows up at your door. Teach children a few tips about answering (or not answering) the doorbell. Consider these rules, or something similar, for your family: Always look to see who is at the door first. If the person is a stranger, get an adult to answer the door. Do not open the door to someone you do not know. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article “Beware of inviting other people – and vulnerability – into your house,” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Movement For A Better World

“You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.” 2 Cor 9:11.

Food from the Heart, Thank You! Many thanks for the parish’s generous support of last weekend’s Food from the Heart family food drive. We donated 35 large boxes of food and \$1,130 from which additional food items were purchased for Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

Sept. 25-26 – Feed-a-Baby Food Drive:

Collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach. **Can you help?** Please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please skip a meal weekly, donating that savings in support 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.

**The proof of love
is in the works.
Where love exists,
it works great
things.**

—❤—
St. Gregory the Great



RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



**Sunday, Sept. 12th
9:30 AM in the Hall**

For more info, contact Olga
at olga@stjosephlb.org

RCIA is a program for any non-baptized adult interested in becoming a Catholic. It is also for adults baptized in the Catholic faith (or in another Christian faith), who would like to complete the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

RCIA begins with a period of Inquiry, where you can find out what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. If you, or anyone you know, would like to find out more please come to our **RCIA Open House** on Sunday, Sept. 12th at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall (immediately following Mass on the Grass).

All parishioners who have gone through RCIA at St. Joe's are invited to join us – bring a friend!

Come-and-See what RCIA is all about !

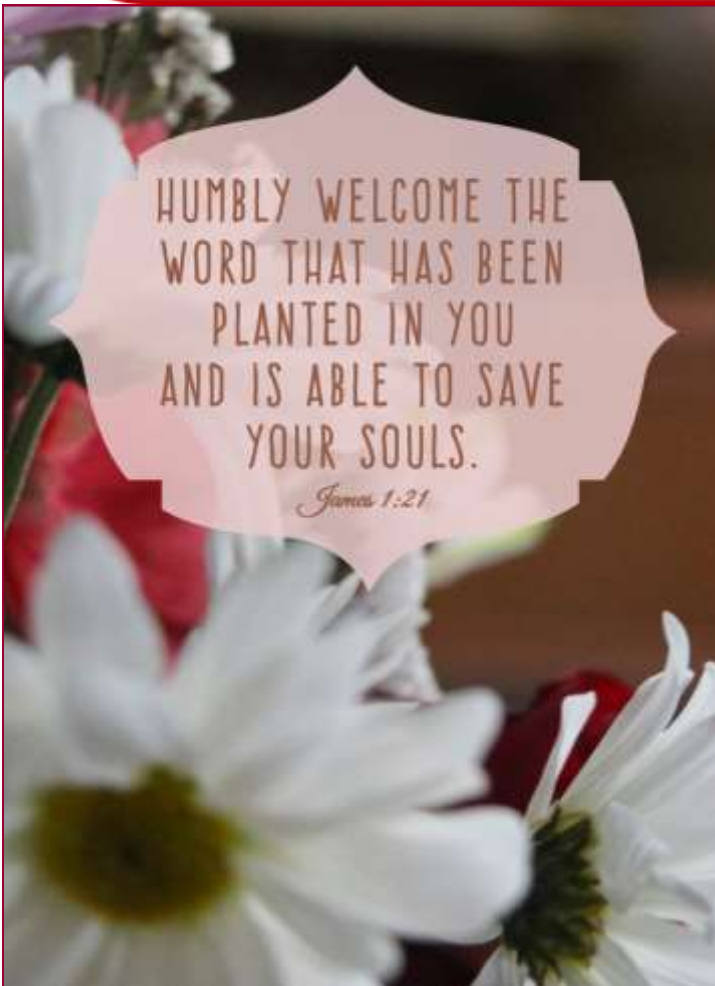


July Collection

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Faith Direct	\$14,857.38
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Regular Envelopes	\$30,538.00
Collection-Loose	\$3,850.00
Total:	\$50,630.38

Thank you for being good stewards in favor of your St. Joseph Parish family.

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August 19, 2021.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Vote of Thanks from the Apostles of Divine Charity

Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all both now and forever.

On behalf of the entire family of the Apostles of Divine Charity (Charitan Missionaries) headquartered in the Catholic Diocese of Obala, Cameroon, I would like to use this opportunity to express our heartfelt and profound gratitude to the parish community of **St. Joseph's Church in Long Beach, CA**, for your prayers and monetary donations toward our Charitan mission on the weekend of August 7-8, 2021, during our remote mission appeal at your parish. Many thanks to Rev. Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik for accepting to conduct the mission appeal on our behalf.

May God replenish your pockets and continue to meet you with his grace, mercy, and love, at every point of your spiritual and material needs. Be assured that your donations will be used exclusively for the benefit of the less privileged. Please, continue to pray for us and our mission as you all will always be held in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ & Mary,

Rev. Fr. Ernest E. Ukwueze.

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