

St. Joseph Parish

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS ASKED THEM,
"BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"
PETER SAID TO HIM IN REPLY,

"You are the Christ."

~ MARK 8:29

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Mass Schedule

Saturday
5:00 p.m.
Indoor Vigil

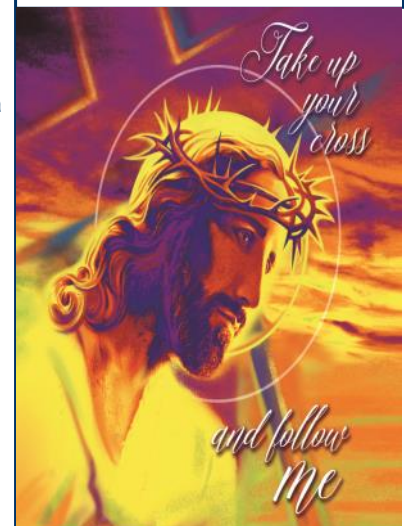
Sunday
Mass on the Grass
Outdoors
8:30 a.m.

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,

Recently the Archdiocese of Los Angeles shared its annual report: *LA Catholics Make an Impact*. During these unprecedented months of the pandemic, record numbers of people donated to local parishes, schools and food pantries, including St. Joseph's. Many more volunteers offered their time to ensure the well-being of their neighbors and those in greatest need. These are just a few of the Archdiocesan outreach numbers:

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul –

\$745,000 in utility and other financial assistance

\$156,000 in-kind goods and services

Cardinal Manning center in downtown Los Angeles:

Provided 12,142 nights of shelter for homeless man

Served 41,398 meals.

In healthcare/hospitals:

Providence has six Catholic hospitals in the Archdiocese and served 7,741

Covid - 19 patients

Dignity Health has four Catholic hospitals and served 7,091 Covid patients.

The Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity:

Assisted 1,100 families

Reimbursed parishes \$1 million for financial assistance to parishioners in need.

Priests of the Archdiocese were encouraged to donate a portion of their salary for three months in support of the COVID-19 relief fund:

Clergy raised \$139,000.

Catholic schools:

Raised nearly \$9,000,000 to support high needs students to continue their Catholic school education.

Served nearly 3,000,000 meals at 50 school sites to needy students, without reference to faith or connection to Catholic schools.

Over 85,000 pieces of personal protective equipment was distributed to Catholic schools.

These are just a few of the ways that people came together from all walks of life to bring mercy and hope during this most difficult year. You can read the full report at lacatholics.org/impact

Thanks for your generosity and for blessing so many in need.

Late summer prayers,

Msgr. Kevin



If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.

Mark 8:34

SUFFERING, HOPE, AND LOVE

Our readings from Isaiah and from the Gospel of Mark confront us with the fact that the invitation to faith leads us into suffering. In Isaiah, the prophet accepts pain and shaming from others, as he trusts in God. In Mark, Jesus is blunt about this: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” When we embrace faith, we are confronted with our own fears about suffering and about losing comfort, status, and control over our lives. Life has plenty of suffering already, so why choose to add to it? Jesus points to a response: avoiding our fears and clinging to illusion and superficial comforts will not give us what we really want from life. Jesus offers a better, deeper life, a life grounded in God’s love. It is lived in hope of resurrection and the final triumph of this love.

A DIFFERENT LIFE

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today’s passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus’ disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel’s oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A “LARGE” FAITH

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today’s passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one’s faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a “large” faith is to move from apathy toward others’ sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering.

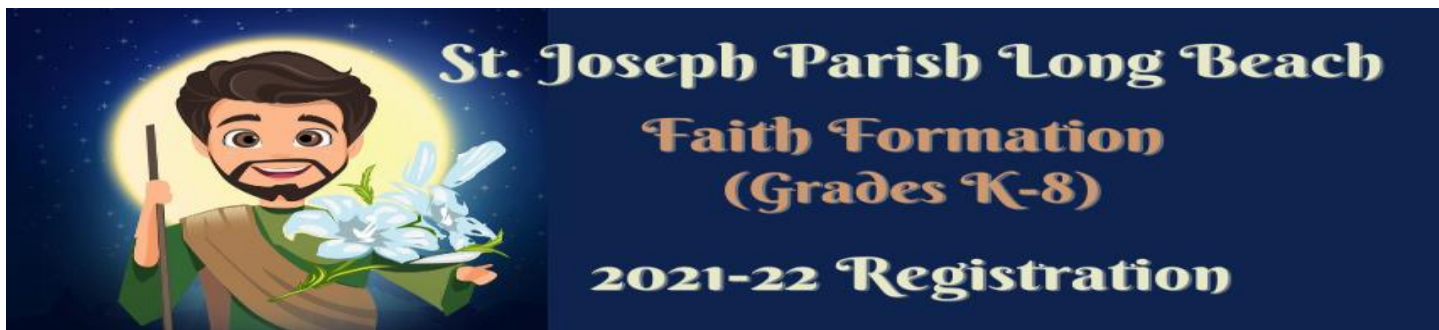
TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 50:4c–9a
Psalm 116:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9
James 2:14–18
Mark 8:27–35

September 12, 2021

Twenty-fourth
Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

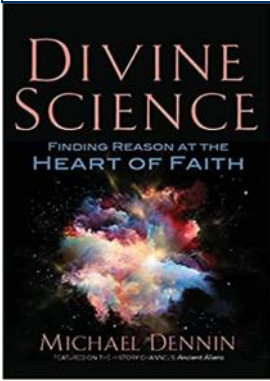
Confirmation meets on selected Sundays from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., September through June. Open to all high school students Grades (9 – 12)

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



Understanding the VIRTUS® “Protecting God’s Children” program

Child sexual abusers often target nurturing, child-friendly environments, where parents and participants assume that no one would ever want to harm a child. Religious organizations are prime examples. The Catholic Church has adapted the VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children program to send a message to potential predators that child sexual abuse is not tolerated. Through this program, adults learn that through early identification, awareness, and education they can be “proactive” in protecting children and young people from child sexual abuse. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Protecting God’s Children” 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.



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 !

25 SEPT 2021

A NEW Beginning

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**Saturday
September 25
8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

3 Tracks to Choose From

A NEW Beginning

Focusing on "A New Beginning" and the Emotional and Spiritual Needs of Parish Catechetical Leaders, Catechists, and Families

| PCL Track | | Catechist Track | |
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| Paul Brogan—9:15 to 10 am <i>Doing Well to do Good: Emotional Wellness Ideas for the PCL</i> | Fr. Casey Cole—10:15 to 11 am <i>The Beatitudes: Living with Hope After Affliction</i> | Joe Paproki—9:15 am to 10 am <i>Re-gaining and Proclaiming Hope: The Emotionally Healthy Catechist</i> | Dr. Art Miller—10:15 to 11 am <i>Keeping the Embers Hot</i> |
| Dr. Xavier Cagigas—11:15 am to 12 pm <i>Finding a Way Forward Through the Renewal of the Mind in Christ Jesus.</i> | | Fr. David Loftus—11:15 am to 12 pm <i>Forward with Faith & Hope</i> | |

Keynote Speaker
Mari Pablo
A New Beginning
With degrees in Theology and Psychology, Mari is a presenter for Ascension Press, and a speaker for the Steubenville Youth Conferences.

| Family Track | |
|---|---|
| Dr. Sean & Nicole Tobin—9:15 to 10 am <i>The Emotional Needs of the Family</i> | John Rinaldo—10:15 to 11 am <i>Passing on Our Catholic Faith to Our Kids</i> |
| Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre—11:15 am to 12 pm <i>Families Moving Forward</i> | |

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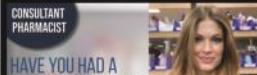
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