St. Joseph Parish

From the beginning of creation,
God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall
leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and
the two shall become one flesh.

MARK 10:6-8



OCTOBER 3, 2021

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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





October 3, 2021



Let the children come to me;

do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Mark 10:14

GOD DOES NOT GIVE UP

Our readings today point to God's deep commitment to human relationships. Our passage from Genesis begins with the declaration that God created human persons to be social beings, who can only thrive when they live in deep connection with each other and with God. The author of Hebrews teaches that the coming of Jesus as one of us shows God's radical commitment to human life. Jesus' teaching about divorce, described in today's Gospel, shows God's deep investment in marriage and, implicitly, all human relationships. When our personal relationships with others are distant or broken, God seeks to heal them. When social structures serve to maintain oppression, or to keep groups in ongoing conflict, God is working to overthrow them. Even when we give up on each other, God does not give up. God will work ceaselessly, in us and through us, within all the pain and joy of the human situation.

LIKE A CHILD

Today's passage from Mark's Gospel is in the context of Jesus' teaching about the kingdom, or reign, of God. A common understanding was that entering the kingdom was based on family origin, or achievement, or status in the community. Jesus pushes back on this, and presents a child as a model of receptivity and openness.

This is not to suggest that adults must somehow reject the wisdom gained through adult experience and return to childhood. Adult maturity also includes the difficult journey, usually later in life, of letting go of illusions that we have built up about our own virtue, skills, and autonomy. Jesus' teaching pushes back against our culture, which honors energy and vigor, expertise and achievement. These valuable gifts can fail us if we cannot accept our dependence on God who provides and cultivates these gifts. We can accept God's graciousness in our life when we open our hearts as a child does.

PROUD TO BE HUMAN

This is the first of seven consecutive Sundays that we will share passages from the Letter to the Hebrews. The letter is an extended sermon by an unknown author directed to a Christian community where likely many were converts from Judaism. The author attempts to link Jesus to the story of the people of Israel, building toward an image of Christ as God's perfect high priest. Christ the High Priest is described as the central link between humanity and God.

When we reflect upon the life and death of Jesus, we can more deeply accept that through Jesus, God knows what we humans experience. Jesus the High Priest em-

braces his humanity. In today's passage, the author claims that Jesus is proud to be human, proud to be our brother in the family of God. The letter to the Hebrews is not only a celebration of Christ, it is an affirmation of the dignity of our own human life.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 2:18–24 Psalm 128: 1–2, 3, 4–5, 6 Hebrews 2:9–11 Mark 10:2–16 [2–12]

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OCTOBER 3, 2021



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)

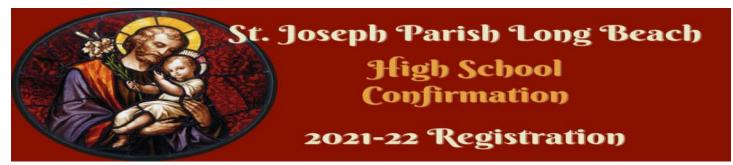
Parent Information Zoom Session: Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 7 pm Classes Start: Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 10:30 am

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)

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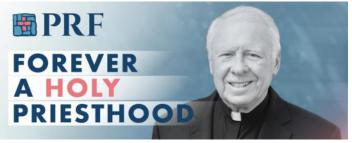
LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR MINISTRY

Liturgical Environment Coordinator (LEC) oversees the environment and decoration of the church and other St. Joseph Sacred Spaces based on liturgical principles and according to the church seasons. The ministry requires some familiarity with church scheduling procedures.

The ministry requires some physical labor and the person needs to be creative, proactive, flexible and work well with people of various skills. The LEC provides supervision during liturgical season preparation of church décor.

As the LEC you will be a member of the Liturgy Committee, and asked to attend meetings as requested. Time commitment varies according to the liturgical season. This ministry for the most part is seasonal, with busy times at Christmas and Easter, which will require a greater time commitment.

If you would like to learn more about this volunteer ministry, please contact Brenda, the Office Manager at 562-594-4657 or email her: brenda@stjosephlb.org



Dear Priest Retirement Fund Friend,

As we emerge from this pandemic together as a community of faith, I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well and safe.

This year's **Priest Retirement Fund** annual appeal theme, "**Forever A Holy Priesthood**," was intentionally chosen to provide a reverent opportunity to honor in person or loving memory our faith fathers.

The diversity of our archdiocese is vast and so are the backgrounds and heritages of our priests. Ireland, Croatia, Vietnam, Spain, Mexico, and Columbia are just a few countries that represent our retired priests' origins. God has called them, they have served Him well, and now it is time for some to rest or lead in less strenuous capacities.

The **Priest Retirement Fund** provides a financial opportunity to show our gratitude for our retired archdiocesan priests. They have selflessly given years of faithful service to us as individuals, families, or faith communities.

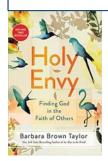
This year, we have **146** retired priests in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, of which **26** are living in assisted living or nursing home facilities. The average age of our retired priests is 81, and most live alone.

Please consider renewing your generous gift today so that we can assist our Fathers of Faith with the burdens of rising medical expenses and increasing costs of living.

Your eternal gift to our aging, holy men who have served the people of God with charity and dignity in our archdiocese will be forever cherished.

Blessings of care, Dee Smith Director of Annual Appeals

Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Tuesday, November 9th at 7pm. We will discuss:

> Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor

It is a series of vignettes on Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islamism and Judaism which have influenced the author's view on Christianity.

All are welcome! For more info, email: agoodlife@msn.com



Talking about stranger danger

The idea of "stranger danger" is often too broad a concept for children to grasp as not all strangers are dangerous, and children will always be meeting new people and on occasion may need to ask a stranger for help. Instead of issuing a blanket warning, try these tips for keeping children safe around people they do not know. If an unknown adult approaches them, have them check with a parent or known and trusted adult before engaging in conversation. This can be as simple as a quick look to the parent followed by a nod indicating that it is okay to interact. As an adult yourself, you can set a good example by talking first to parents, then to children in their care. This helps your own children see how trustworthy adults engage with children around their parents and helps them learn caution for adults who do not act in the same way. For more tips, request the VIRTUS® article "Communication Tip No. 5: Stranger Danger" at lacatholics.org/did-youknow.

Movement For A Better World

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. " Jn 13:35.

Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: Thank you for your generous support of last weekend's Feed-a-Baby Food Drive for the benefit of Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach! We collected 12 shopping carts of baby food and products and \$1,450. From cash donations we purchased additional baby supplies as requested by Catholic Charities. Nov. 6-7 – New Blanket Drive: Collecting new blankets for our Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution and Homeless Ministry. Nov. 20 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: As a parish community, we will support 65 families for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Can you help us deliver? Please contact Tom and Marie Newton (562) 209-1298 or tjn8343@gmail.com.

Family Adoptions: Can you adopt a family on a family-to-family basis for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Questions? Please call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Amy Ford at amyford6331@yahoo.com. Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest. For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.





St Joseph School News

About St. Joseph Catholic School

St. Joseph Catholic School, serving as a ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Parish, is dedicated to celebrating and educating the whole child. Recognizing parents as the primary educators of their children, we work collaboratively to foster a love for all that is genuinely true, good and beautiful.

We are committed to providing a rigorous curriculum that motivates students toward an intrinsic love of learning, leading them to an understanding that learning is desirable for its own sake. We seek to immerse our students in a

Christ-centered environment, so they may develop the courage to seek the Wisdom to trust in and cooperate with God's grace in their lives, thus empowering them to use the gifts that God has given them to live happy integrated lives as disciples of Christ in our diverse and technological world.

For more info please visit:

https://sjknights.net

PRAYER FOR THE **Jubilee Year**

Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of Mission San Gabriel Arcángel by St. Junipero Serra

Most Reverend José H. Gomez Archbishop of Los Angeles

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary September 8, 2021

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your servant, St. Junípero Serra, and for all the missionaries, native peoples, and immigrants who established Mission San Gabriel Arcángel, that Your Kingdom might extend to the ends of the earth.

Help us to walk in their footsteps as missionary disciples. Guided by their example, may we be always faithful and courageous in proclaiming the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father, look upon Your family here in Los Angeles with mercy.

Taught by the Word of Truth and fed with the Bread of Life,
may Your Church here always seek to do Your will, and be the sign of
Your love for all peoples, who are sons and daughters of God,
all of us loved and desired by You, and born for greater things.

Renew us and strengthen us, and cleanse our hearts. By Your grace, may we follow Jesus with joy and holiness of life, and together with Him build a new world of faith and a city of saints.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, may we continue always forward in the mission of St. Junípero Serra, making Jesus Christ known to every heart in every nation.

We ask this, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN.



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RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



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 contact Olga Cuda at olga@stjosephlb.org

Come-and-See what RCIA is all about!







Buy Tickets Now Online Auction Begins Oct. 2

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For questions, please call (562) 596-6115

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"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me." Mt 25:35



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- Weekly Sandwich Lunches Opportunities: buy food; make, deliver lunches.
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 ✓ 65 local families in need Blankets, Christmas Presents, Books
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- ❖ Holiday Food and Gift Distribution
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 Contact Tom or Marie Newton (562) 209-1298 or tin8343@gmail.com
- ❖ Holiday Family Adoption ✓ A local family in need Opportunities: adopt a family; provide food and gifts for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Please let us know right away. Please contact Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Amy Ford at amyford6331@yahoo.com
- ❖ Feed-a-Baby Food Drives (3) ✓ Catholic Charities ✓ New Life Beginnings Opportunities: drive coordinator, volunteer coordinator, baby food donations, distribute to charity organizations, purchase food from cash donations.
- ❖ Food from the Heart Family Food Drive ✓ Catholic Charities of LB Opportunities: drive coordinator, volunteer coordinator, family food donations, distribute to charity organizations, purchase food from cash donations.
- ❖ Homeless Kit Drives (2)
 ✓ 120 homeless, 4 times/year
 Opportunities: assemble kit information packets, donate supplies.
- ❖ City of Long Beach Community Outreach ✓ Multi Service Center Opportunities: meal service for homeless, <u>Welcome Home</u> new housing provisions
- ❖ Community Clean-up
 Opportunities: clean-up coordinator, clean-up crew



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Available Funds – July 1, 2020	\$9,592		
<u>Donations</u>			<u>For</u>
Skip-a-Meal Envelopes	25,492		Movement for a Better World
Feed-a-Baby	1,515		- Catholic Charities, Long Beach
		- 6	- New Life Beginnings
Food From the Heart	1,465	2	- Catholic Charities, Long Beach
Homeless Support	3,708	9	- Catholic Charities, Long Beach
			- Multi-Services Center
Special Needs & Emergency	6,543		- 27 families, special needs & emergency
Other Donations	235		- Movement for a Better World
CRS Rice Bowl	1,500		
Knights of Columbus	200		N N
Expenses		-00	
On-going Activities	1		
Wednesday Lunches		-8,141	- Catholic Charities, Long Beach
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Coffee in the Park	- 17	-1,077	- Multi-Services Center
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Special Programs	- 1	1 /	
Holiday Food Distribution	\		
Thanksgiving	1	-6,444	58 local families
Christmas		-5,496	58 local families
Easter		-6,030	58 local families
Organization Support		-5,403	- Catholic Charities
and Grants		-1,200	- Multi-Services Center (homeless support)
		-2,000	- Concern America
		-200	- New Life Beginnings
		-1,000	- Other Grants
Sp'l Needs & Emergency Aid		-6,108	27 local families (\$950 paid in July)
Operating Expenses		-154	Movement for a Better World (0.3%)
Available Funds – June 30, 2021	\$6,997		

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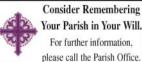
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