

St. Joseph Parish

THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

November 7, 2021

*This poor widow put in
more than all the other
contributors to the treasury.*

Mark 12:43



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Mass Schedule

Saturday
5:00 p.m.
Indoor Vigil

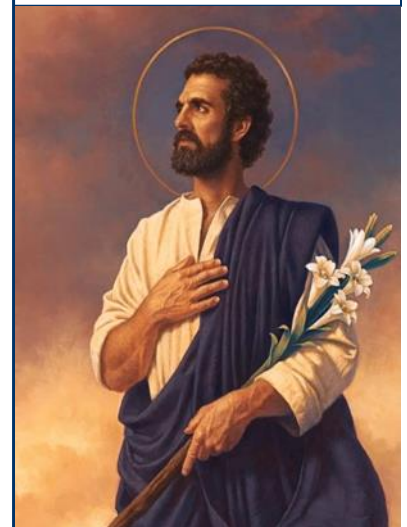
Sunday
Mass on the Grass
Outdoors
8:30 a.m.

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:

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross Blood Drive last weekend. The goal was to have 28 donors and we had 42 show up! We exceeded our blood drive goal by 150% and most importantly, helped save up to 126 lives! Special thanks to our parishioner and Knight of Columbus Tony Diaz who co-ordinated and set up this special project for us!

Just a reminder that our Annual Blanket Drive collection is this weekend and see the information in this bulletin about drop off times!

After nearly 20 months, St. Joseph's welcomes back Boy Scout troop 0120 from the Long Beach Area Council. They will be meeting in the hall/gym two Sunday evenings a month following all current COVID 19 safety protocols and guidelines.

Blessings upon you and your family,
Msgr. Kevin




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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 7, 2021

The LORD keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.

— Psalm 146:7



Jesus observed how the crowd
put money into the treasury.
Many rich people put in large sums.
A poor widow also came
and put in two small coins
worth a few cents.

MARK 12:41-42

THIRTY-SECOND

Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 2021

MOVING TOWARD THE END OF HISTORY

This year, it seems the Lectionary's scriptures not only reinforce the Catholic tradition of November prayer for our beloved departed, but also join with nature's storms and the pandemic as well as humanity's violent disasters to remind us that we are moving inexorably toward the end of history, both the world's and our own. Today's Old Testament reading prepares us for a fruitful hearing of the Gospel. The primary challenge set before us is an undoubted faith that prompts the total giving of self. That lesson is offered to us with an urgency matching November's eschatological motif: the End and the Judgment. Two widows are presented, the Old Testament's widow of Zarephath and the Gospel's widow of the temple. Both exemplify faith-filled people who quietly give what they cannot afford: their all, for the glory of God and in the service of others.

GREAT FAITH IS DEMANDED

We quickly come to admire the Old Testament widow whom Elijah asks for help. The Zarephath widow is carrying only "a couple of sticks," to cook her limited resources, "a handful of flour and a little oil," fulfilling her personal responsibility, "for myself and my son" (1 Kings 17:12). Elijah's request demands great faith and self-sacrifice of this poor widow, because providing such life-sustaining care to a "foreign" prophet puts the widow's survival and her son's at great risk: her religion is worshipping paganism's false idol, Baal; her king is father of Jezebel, now wife of Elijah's king Ahab. Elijah is fleeing the death-threatening wrath of both Jezebel and Ahab, whom Elijah infuriated by declaring that God had decreed a drought to punish them for corrupting Israel with Jezebel's Baal-worship. Elijah makes the widow's risk explicit by promising that her flour and oil will not fail by power of "the Lord, the God of Israel (not her god, Baal!)" (17:14). Therefore, faith is demanded both of the one who gives, the widow, and of the one who asks, Elijah.

SELF-SACRIFICING GIFT

Today's Gospel episode takes place just after Jesus enters Jerusalem immediately before his Passion. Trustfully and with self-sacrifice, like Zarephath's widow and the widow whom Jesus sees at the temple, Jesus will give his all for our redemption. Thus Jesus emphasizes of the widow he sees that her gift is unreserved: "from her poverty, all she had, her whole livelihood" (Mark 12:44). And, doubtlessly, Jesus saw himself and his self-giving in her and her self-giving. In Mark's next chapter Jesus predicts the downfall of this very temple. So the widow's unreserved giving from what she could not afford must have struck Jesus both as a victimization by others and, in the end, as a useless gift: the building controlled by the scribes' manipulation was destined for destruction. Her giving became a vivid prefiguring of his own victimization by others in the unreserved giving of his very life, which would seem to many a useless gift, for Jesus would die and be buried. Only Jesus' true disciples—are we?—believe that, by his resurrection, Jesus has become the Cornerstone of the new building, the Church, that replaces that torn-down temple. Therefore, we are to make our own gift of self to God in our unceasing gift of self-sacrificing love to others until Jesus comes again.

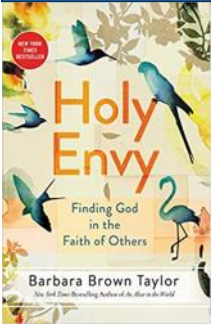
TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 17:10–16
Psalm 146:7, 8–9, 9–10
Hebrews 9:24–28
Mark 12:38–44 [41–44]

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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



Grief Support

Grief Share: Surviving The Holidays
Will be held on Thursday,
November 18, at 6:30 PM in the
St. Bartholomew Parish Hall.

The Seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and other people who have experienced the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays after their loved one's death and who offer practical suggestions and reassurance.

To attend please call 562-438-3826 ext. 253
or email Sr. Paulyne at:
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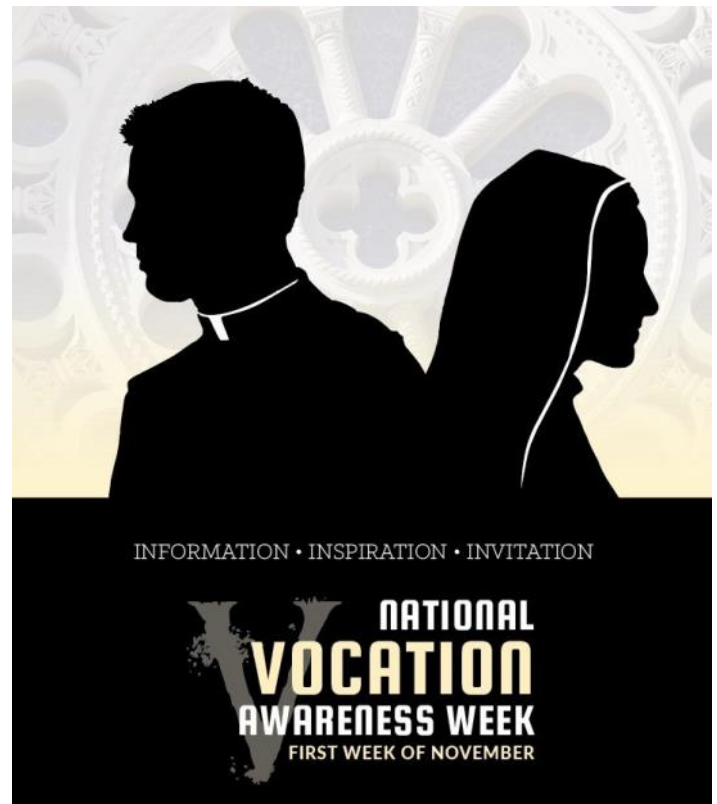


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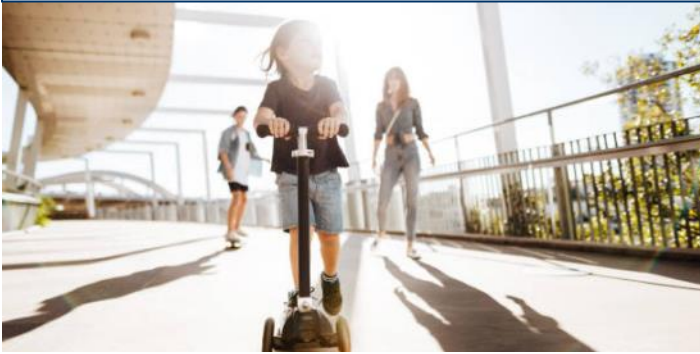
Do you play an instrument or sing?

Are you called to share your gift of music with the St. Joseph Community? The Music Ministry at St. Joseph's is looking for confident and talented musicians and singers to support the band at the 12:30pm Sunday Mass as well as to Cantor at other Masses. If you are interested, please reach out to the Parish Music Director, Vivian Doughty, before or after Mass, or call the Church and leave a message (562) 594-4657





Safeguard The Children



Use concrete visual rules to help children stay safe

Parents in a crowded place, like a playground or store, will often tell their children, “Stay where I can see you.” While the parent understands that this means, “Stay close,” a child does not necessarily understand the limit — when can a parent see or not see them? A clearer direction would be to tell your child, “Stay where you can see me.” This gives them the boundary — they must be able to see you no matter where they go. Now, your child can check in frequently, all while staying in eyesight. For more tips, request the VIRTUS® article “Communication Tip No. 5: Stranger Danger,” at: lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Movement For A Better World

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

Weekend – New Blanket Drive: Collecting new blankets for our Thanksgiving Food Distribution to 68 supported families 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.

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 !

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