

St. Joseph Parish

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Heaven and earth
will pass away,
but my words
will not pass away.*

MARK 13:31



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Mass Schedule

Saturday
5:00 p.m.
Indoor Vigil

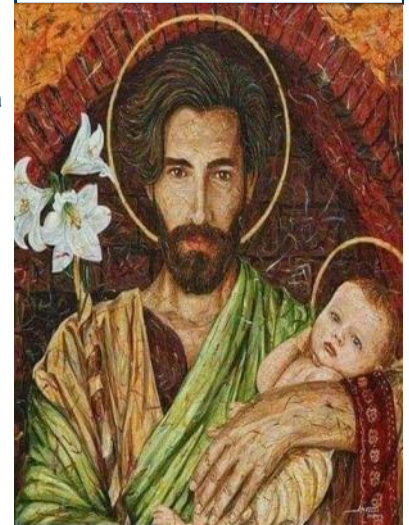
Sunday
Mass on the Grass
Outdoors
8:30 a.m.

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:

On behalf of Movement for a Better World, thank you for dropping off so many blankets last weekend that will provide warmth for the many families receiving Thanksgiving baskets.

Next Sunday we'll resume the weekly Sunday 12:30 PM Mass inside the Church with our contemporary musicians/singers. It's been 20 months and we look forward to coming together again on the last Sunday of the church year worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe! Our high school Confirmation candidates will also be attending and participating at this Mass.

Special thanks to Edward Steinhauser who has served as the cantor for our Sunday 8:30 AM Mass on the Grass for the past 18 months. This is Edwards last Sunday Outdoor Mass as next week he'll be indoors helping to lead us in song at the 12:30 PM contemporary Mass.

Mark your calendars - Our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on Thursday, November 25 at 9:00 AM in the Church! I'll be honored to bless any wine or bread that you will be using for your dinner and please keep any food items wrapped and with you in the pew. Please don't bring the turkey!

Have a Blessed week!

I'm praying for you and your families,
Msgr. Kevin



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MOVING TOWARD THE END OF HISTORY

The end is near! Many of us recall such predictions from religious sources, mostly small evangelical sects but even the larger Jehovah's Witnesses. Catholics, too. For instance, Pope Saint Clement of Rome declared the end is near for the year 90; his successor Pope Sylvester II for 1000; and Innocent III predicted 1284 as the world's end by adding 666 years to the date of Islam's beginning. *The end is near!* Today's Liturgy of the Word opens with Daniel's prediction of "a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began" (Daniel 12:1), for some "an everlasting horror and disgrace" (12:2). In today's Gospel, Jesus seems to describe precisely what Daniel's vision will look like: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken" (Mark 13:24–25). *The end is near!* Well, at least the end is certain, based on these scriptures proclaimed ominously midway through this month of All Saints and All Souls.

LISTENING WITH JOYFUL HOPE

If *the end is near* or at least coming for certain, Someone else is even nearer, indeed with us already! For one thing, today's Hebrews reading offers us this blessed assurance: "by one offering (Jesus) has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated" (Hebrews 10:14). So, by the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ, forgiveness is ours, our "consecration" having begun in Baptism. Christ's sacrifice, offered once and for all on the cross, is now made ever present in the Church's Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Mass. But even before we hear Hebrews proclaim such Good News, we need to listen with joyful hope to Daniel. For, at that very time Daniel declares "unsurpassed in distress," Daniel promises "at that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book" (Daniel 12:1). Recalling Hebrews again, the writing of Daniel's "book," namely the Book of Life, begins when our names are inscribed on the day of our baptism.

GOOD NEWS IN THE END

Seen then as positive, Daniel's predictions blossom even more beautifully in Jesus' Good News. Indeed, Jesus invokes that very image: "Learn a lesson from the fig tree" (Mark 13:28). Consider well: Jesus does not predict produce that comes forth withered, or even worse, poisoned, ending in (for many of us) winter's forthcoming thick clouds, deep snow, and brutal cold. Placing before our eyes instead a gloriously lovely and positive image, Jesus declares: "When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near" (12:28). So where is the "Gospel good" in today's passage? Precisely in what happens after "that tribulation" and "the powers being shaken" in the Gospel's opening lines (12:24–25). For Jesus promises that we will "see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory'" (12:26). Jesus "will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky" (12:27): Jesus' whole family gathered together, the little and lowly lifted up, the lost sheep found. Tender indeed is Jesus' mercy; blessed fruit that endures and nourishes us into eternity! So, we hope indeed that *the end is near!*

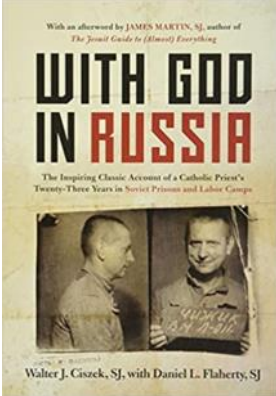
TODAY'S READINGS

Daniel 12:1–3
Psalm 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11
Hebrews 10:11–14, 18
Mark 13:24–32

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Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Tuesday, January 11 at 7pm. We will discuss: **With God in Russia** by Walter J. Ciszek

It is the inspiring story of a Catholic priest's 23 years in Soviet prisons and labor camps and his faith in God's goodness to allow him to live through his ordeal.

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: srmpubick@la-archdiocese.org

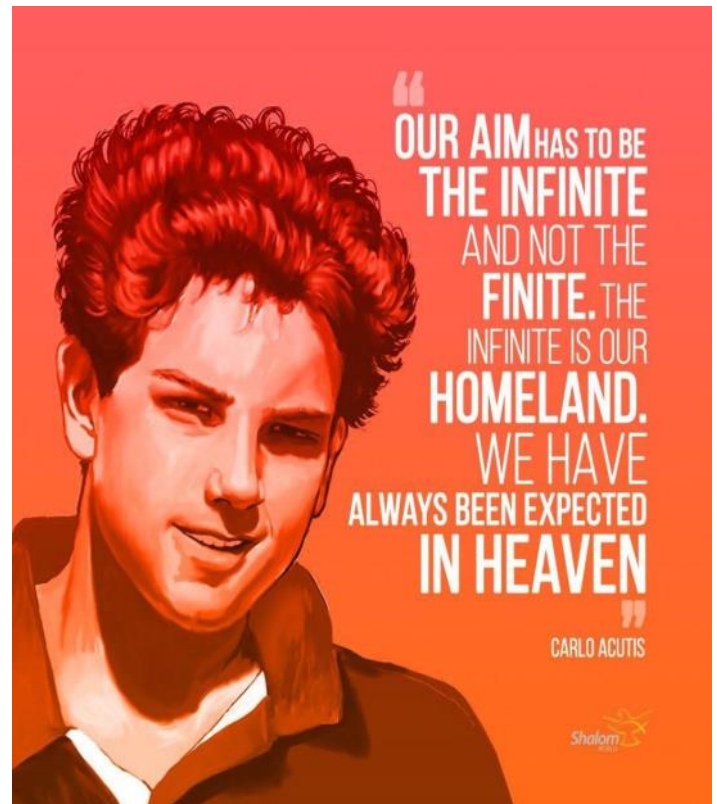


Music Ministry



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



Tips to keep our school communities safe

As children settle back into regular (for the most part) school routines, parents can help keep their school communities safe by following a few simple guidelines. 1: Be aware. Read up on the school’s COVID-19 safety plans, and prep your children for what to expect. 2: Be charitable. Understand that everyone in school may not share the same views, and remind yourself and your children to be kind. 3: Be consistent. Help your children build healthy habits at school and at home. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Back-to-school during the pandemic,” 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

New Blanket Drive: A HUGE Thank you to all of you for a successful Blanket Drive this past weekend!

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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