

# St. Joseph Parish

*Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

JANUARY 23, 2022

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Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks,  
and allot portions to those  
who have nothing prepared;  
for today is holy to our Lord.

Nehemiah 8:10

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**Saturday**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Indoor Vigil**

**Sunday**

**Mass on the Grass**

**Outdoors**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Indoor Mass**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Indoor Mass**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Daily Mass (M-W)**

**8:00 a.m. Indoor**

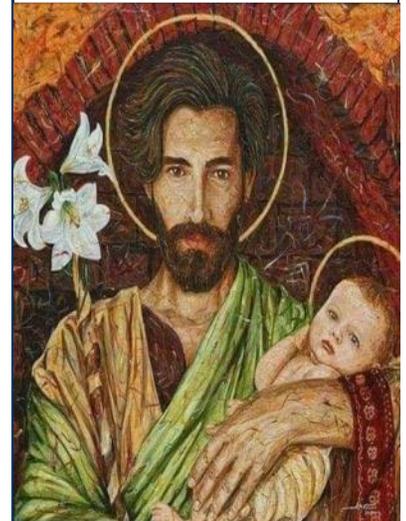
## **Reconciliation**

**Saturdays**

**3:45-4:30 p.m.**

**By the East Church**

**Door parking lot**





# Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

This past week in the mail I received the 2022 Together in Mission pledge card. I thought we just did Together in Mission! In 2021, due to the Pandemic the annual mission was postponed from last January to the Spring.

Here are some amazing statistics from the 2021 Together in Mission Leaderboard summarizing the results of the 290 parishes that were all required to participate in Together in Mission.

Last year’s St. Joseph’s parish goal was \$71,733.00. You pledged \$103,049.00 and we met our goal by 144%! St. Joseph’s ranked #36 in donors with 286 families participating. For parishes that were 144% over goal with commitments over \$100,000.00, St. Joseph was ranked #4 on the Leaderboard! That’s amazing and thank you! Once again, you responded generously to the call to support the parishes and schools that are most in need, exacerbated by the Pandemic.

This year’s in pew solicitation for Together in Mission will take place on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. If you received the pledge card in the mail this past week or during the next few days, you may complete the pledge card and mail it back to the Together in Mission Office (Please credit your pledge/gift to St. Joseph’s-Long Beach) or save it and bring it to Mass on February 19<sup>th</sup> and we’ll all do it together!!

During the next few weeks, you’ll hear about our parish participation in the Synod, a call by Pope Francis to participate in listening sessions to reflect on the Church’s life and mission. I’m grateful that Deacon Tom Halliwell has agreed to serve as the Facilitator for our Parish Response to the Synod on Synodality. Please read the weekly bulletin excerpts on the Synod!

We continue to pray for a lessening of the current Coronavirus surge and healing for our parish/school families and parish staff affected by the virus.

I’m praying for you and your families!  
Msgr. Kevin

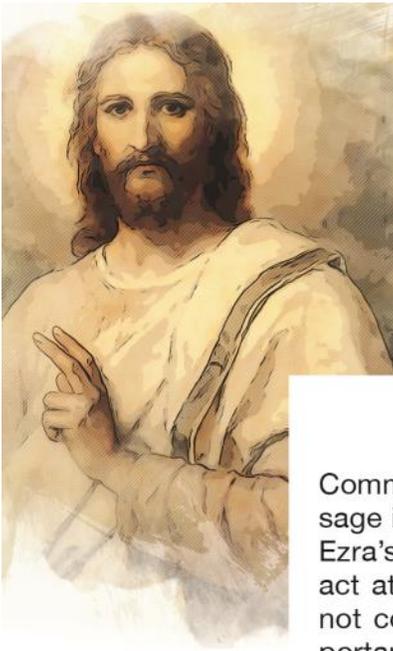


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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23, 2022

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

— Luke 4:18a



# THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,

because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

LUKE 4:18

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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## COMMUNITY

Community is important. Community is essential. Community is crucial. This message is the foundation of today's readings from Nehemiah, Corinthians, and Luke. Ezra's reading of the scroll is done in front of the community, including—a radical act at the time—women, and children old enough to understand, groups usually not counted among those hearing God's promise proclaimed. Community is important. The mystical Body of Christ, like the human body, functions best and most fully when all members are playing the role for which they were meant. Community is essential. God's word is fulfilled when the community has heard it, and witnessed it. In Luke, the baptism and desert trials of Jesus lead to the synagogue scene, which will then lead Jesus to his public ministry of proclaiming the reign of God. He eventually will journey to Jerusalem and his crucifixion. Community is crucial.

## ONE BODY, ONE JESUS

Our liturgical calendar separates different Gospel scenes, which can sometimes do them a bit of a disservice. The liturgical year, of course, has its own rhythm and purpose, into which the stories of the life of Jesus are placed. However, when Luke was organizing his Gospel (for "Theophilus" the lover of God whom we encounter in today's Gospel introduction), today's scene was part of a three-fold structure: the baptism of Jesus; the temptation in the desert; the announcement of the public mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. Linking these is the Holy Spirit, who descended on the body of Jesus at his baptism, who filled his body as he endured his forty-day trial, and who is upon his body to announce and to bring about God's reign, a mission he fulfills with his body on the cross. The incarnation (the "in-flesh-ing") of Jesus, which we think of in connection with his birth, remains central to his story.

## ONE CHRIST, ONE BODY

Last week's reading from Corinthians concerned the one Spirit who gives many gifts, yet is the source of our unity. Paul continues this theme today using the image of the body, whose different members each have an important and distinct role to play. The Spirit of baptism forms that one mystical Body of Christ. The Spirit of baptism fills the many members, but unites them always as one. The Spirit of baptism is on each member, as it was for Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. That Spirit of our baptism anoints each of us as a member of Christ's Body to be glad tidings, proclaim liberty, bring clearer vision, lift the oppressed, to announce God's reign to all. As different members of Christ's Body, we are each called upon to do this in our own way. We may face opposition or rejection, as Jesus did, but we can always turn again in faith to the Spirit of our baptism who is still with us.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Nehemiah 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10  
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
1 Corinthians 12:12–30 [12–14, 27]  
Luke 1:1–4; 4:14–21

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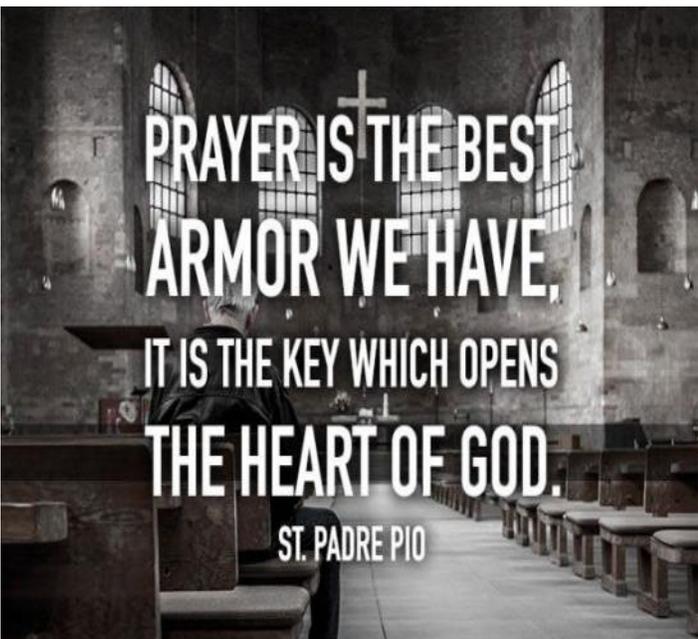
## Safeguard The Children



Instagram

### Talk to your teenagers about Instagram

Teens and social media have been in the news a lot over the past several months, as research shows how damaging social media sites can be for self-esteem, productivity, and overall well-being. Instagram has been called out, with research citing harm done by filters and by bullying in private messages. How can parents protect their children from the negative impacts such a popular and prevalent site cause? Experts recommend keeping open lines of communication with your teenagers, talking to them often about what they see and how they feel about it. Use age and activity limits or monitoring to keep tabs on how your teens are using Instagram and other social media sites. For more information, read the Associated Press' "Instagram and teens: How to keep your kids safe," at [apnews.com/article/technology-social-media-instagram-parents-guide-d5124f7229bbd6a892d9ac487cc04f96](https://apnews.com/article/technology-social-media-instagram-parents-guide-d5124f7229bbd6a892d9ac487cc04f96).



## Esther Ministry

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Men, women, and children all over the world and including So. California are being deprived of their freedom by being trafficked into the sex trade, forced labor, and other situations of exploitation for commercial gain.

As a faith community, we can help bring awareness of this human rights issue by becoming educated on some of the indicators of a trafficking situation and by knowing the products you purchase are fair trade. These are just a couple of ways we can help promote an end to this crime. ESTHER Ministry can provide extensive information on where you can go to receive more detailed resources. Just go to our email address at [estherministry1@gmail.com](mailto:estherministry1@gmail.com) and request the contact information.

Please remember to pray for the victims of trafficking that they will find peace and healing and that the traffickers will convert to a change of heart.



## Synod

The Holy Father Pope Francis has summoned the Church to participate in a worldwide synod with the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." Instead of an assembly of bishops in Rome only, Pope Francis invites the whole People of God to participate in the synod—to "journey together" with our brothers and sisters in Christ along the path of renewal, guided by the Holy Spirit. Everyone will be invited to join us from for a synod listening session to take place in February. We will conduct a live in person session as well as a session via Zoom. We encourage all to participate: young adults and seniors, active parishioners and those who have drifted away, as well as those who feel marginalized from the Church. We will pray and reflect together on where we are as a Church and how the Holy Spirit is calling us to move forward. If you are interested in helping with the synod process at St. Joseph, please email Deacon Tom at [Tom.Halliwell@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:Tom.Halliwell@la-archdiocese.org)

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