

St. Joseph Parish

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John 14:23



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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.

Indoor Mass

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m. Indoor

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

A Blessed 6th Sunday of Easter! Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension followed by the Solemnity of Pentecost and the conclusion of the Easter Season on June 5!

As you have heard or seen in the E-mail sent to you this past week, I'll be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of my Ordination as a Priest of Jesus Christ the weekend of June 18-19th. I was ordained on June 19, 1982. I wanted to keep it simple and just celebrate the Holy Eucharist with all of you, my parish family. The parish is having a dinner/barbecue celebration after the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 18th. Please RSVP so the committee can plan accordingly with enough food and drink. There will be a light reception after the Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 Masses until 12:15. I also want this weekend to be a Welcome Home Weekend for all of those who have yet to return to in-person Masses. We currently have 1014 families receiving our weekly bulletin and e-mails. If you don't receive this weekly communication from me, you can sign up on the home page of our website at stjosephlb.org. The flyer and information, as well as some of my favorite photos of 40 years of ministry is also on our website. Just click the link on the homepage.

You've seen the signs and placards on the lawns of homes advertising a home for sale, garage sale and political ads. Last weekend 59 young people celebrated their First Holy Communion and last Monday, Bishop Marc Trudeau conferred the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation upon 25 of our high school youth! The following signs were posted on each of the lawns, hopefully a tool of evangelization encouraging the young neighbors to become disciples of the Lord. Congratulations to our youth as they celebrated these Sacraments of Initiation.



Beginning this week, and continuing for the next two Sundays, Deacon Tom Halliwell is posting the summary of comments of those who participated in Synod on Synodality. Please see the first summary further down in this bulletin!

Next weekend the Red Cross will be here for the Blood Drive. If you would like to give the gift of life, see the article further down in the bulletin.

On Saturday, June 4, our former seminarian intern, Cesar Carrasco will be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ at the Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels. Admittance to the Ordination is by ticket only. Deacon Cesar has a few tickets available. If you would like to attend the Ordination, please call his home parish, St. Finbar in Burbank at 818-940-3921. Leave your name, address, phone number and number of tickets your requesting and the parish will mail them to you next week. Our parish will welcome the New Father Cesar as he celebrates a First Mass for us on Sunday, June 26 at the 8:30 AM Mass on the Grass!

I'm grateful to all of you for your prayers, love and support for my Priestly ministry and everyday I give praise to God for 40 years as a Priest of Jesus Christ.

Easter Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin



St. Joseph's participation in the worldwide Synod is now completed, and we have provided the Archdiocese with summaries of the comments made during our parish's listening sessions. I would like to thank all who attended the listening sessions, including the volunteers who moderated the sessions and recorded the comments. Over the next few weeks, we will be publishing the report we submitted to the Archdiocese. This week, we are publishing the comments from the first topic, Listening and Speaking.

Deacon Tom

Speaking and Listening

- We need to create an atmosphere whereby the LGBTQ (lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/queer) community feels welcomed and loved, and becomes more fully involved in the Church. The Church can learn how to be more supportive of women, LGBTQ and minorities. The Church teaching that homosexuality is "intrinsically disordered" and "objectively disordered" needs to be changed. There were more comments on this issue than any other in the Listening and Speaking category.
- The young people in our parish commented that the Church has ignored the LGBTQ community, and doesn't accept gay people for who they are. The gay community does not feel as welcome because they can't be married in the church.
- The Church does not value women as much as it could. There is a feminine voice. It would bring a deeper level of intimacy, hope and faith if women had more of a role. Patriarchal rules are no longer acceptable in today's world and are hurting the Church. Women's voices are not always respected and we lose their gifts and what they can bring to the community, e.g. preaching homilies, women as deacons and priests.
- Our young people commented that women have been excluded especially with leadership roles in the Mass, and asked "Can't there be women priests?"
- Many people who have divorced go on to marry again, including a large number of Catholic men and women. Annulment is the only option offered by the Church, but does not always apply. Sadly, a divorced and remarried person is now driven away from the sacraments and, practically speaking, from the Church.
- Our young people stated that the Church has ignored and excluded people who are divorced who are not able to receive Communion.
- The Church is interested in people on the margins and is concerned with social justice issues. We should have greater collaboration with secular organizations, e.g., helping out and promoting low income housing and safety nets for the homeless.
- The current political climate has also affected the perception of division based on stands/sides on various issues, which has also added to those who feel unwelcome. We are hesitant to speak "with courage and charity" because of the great divisions in our society and the desire to not bring further separation or to harm the faith of those who are comfortable.
- Our young people commented that the Church has excluded people from other religions. We have excluded people of color through racism. We exclude and ignore people who don't believe everything the Church teaches. We judge people when they are working out their faith and what we believe.
- We need more programs (such as summer programs) for middle school students/young teens and college programs (such as Newman Centers/Clubs) for 18-25 year olds to better understand, appreciate, and actively practice their faith. Rather than just honoring an obligation to please their parents, young Catholics need to be taught to love our God and be in communion with Him. The Church needs to nourish and focus on the youth to keep them engaged with the church. This could lead to more youth choosing consecrated religious life.

Summarize any points of view that varied from the majority of comments

- There are stories of children in school being pressured by LGBTQ peers to try out their lifestyle. How can we keep children safe from this type of pressure and but love and support the LGBTQ students?
- We would like guidance on how to not normalize the LGBTQ lifestyle or unknowingly encourage it in the church community, all the while loving them. How do we reconcile the bible teaching on homosexuality with the LGBTQ lifestyle, i.e., love the person but not the sin? How do we love them, but at the same time to let them know of the consequences of their actions. We can't pretend that Jesus is ok with their actions. He calls us to repent and sin no more.
- Some of our young people stated that we have ignored our own Catholic school teachers, and we need to support them financially so that their salaries can compete with public school teacher salaries.
- We don't seem to reach the people on the economic and social margins. We have inconsistent responses to the marginalized. While Catholic Charities and our parish's social justice group are good responses, our Church is not seen as a place for spiritual healing for all—particularly those who have not followed the rules. It seems like the Church isn't going after people that aren't making good choices and helping provide them a place to change and develop new ways. Jesus walked and was open to being with sinners, and the Church may not be as open to reaching out and talking to those that are not making good decisions. The Church may not seem that welcoming to all.

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PEACE

The sixth Sunday of Easter moves us toward the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early Church. Today's Gospel describes Jesus at the Last Supper, foretelling the coming of the Spirit to the community of Jesus. Jesus combines the promise of the Spirit with his gift of peace to his disciples. He foresees that the community must be grounded in his love, which provides peace, to face the tumult of the Crucifixion, and later, the trials of the early Church. Grounded in Jesus, the community can then be open to the Spirit who will continually guide, remind, and renew them in their life together. The gift of peace from Jesus is not a worldly peace through which the powerful crush opposition. It is not a complacent or private peace. The peace of Jesus instead seeks and works toward peace throughout the world, guided by the Spirit.

RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

Today's passage from Acts captures the beginning and the conclusion of what became known as the Jerusalem Council. It is well worth studying all of Acts 15, meant to provide an example of responsible leadership for the wider Church. There was substantial conflict within the community over what is necessary for unity in the diverse community of Jews and Gentiles. We can notice some key characteristics of the actions of the leadership.

The leaders acknowledged the reality of a significant conflict without minimizing it. They received and fully honored the diverse experiences of persons of different backgrounds. They worked with an accepted authority structure and a process to move toward resolution. They were committed to discern the action and will of the Spirit, with a deep respect for testimony about how the Spirit was working. They avoided placing unneeded burdens on anyone. And afterward, they continued to observe the ongoing action of the Spirit as the decision was implemented.

WHAT IS ESSENTIAL?

The issues weighed by the Jerusalem Council in our passage from Acts were related to circumcision as a requirement, and to table fellowship. A strong theological tradition held that traditional practices were essential, and the community genuinely sought to maintain continuity with the roots of their faith. Peter's observation about how the Spirit was actively working in their midst pointed the leaders in a new direction. Then James reminded them that the scriptural tradition also pointed to fully welcoming the Gentiles into God's community.

It is a profound challenge for leaders in our own parishes when encountering issues that can fracture a community. What is essential and what is not? What are we called to embrace, or called to lay down? Acknowledging conflict and working toward resolution is an essential function for our parishes, because Christ calls us to live in unity. We are called to open our hearts, mine our tradition, and observe the activity of the Spirit.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29
Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8
Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23
John 14:23–29

Safeguard The Children



Amusement park safety

Heading to a family amusement park this summer? Prepare your family with some easy safety tips. Amusement parks are crowded and exciting — and unfortunately, they can also be the perfect scenario for children to get distracted and separated from the family. Before you go, discuss the rules with your children: specify where they can go and who they can go with. Establish a buddy system and a family meet-up spot in case you get separated. For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Keeping Kids Safe at Amusement Parks” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

God of peace,
grant us the still calm and quiet
that comes from trusting in you.
When everything is chaos,
give us the grace
to hold on
to your still, small voice,
that we might find the courage
to bring a peaceful calm
into the storm.

PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
FROM WWW.CCCB.CA

Movement for a Better World

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Mt 25:40

June 11-12 – Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach. Shopping lists will be distributed at Masses June 4-5.

June 14 6:30 PM – Committee Meeting: Join us in the Parish Life Center for a very important, final meeting of this program year. We will decide what activities to promote and organizations to support in the program year beginning July 1.

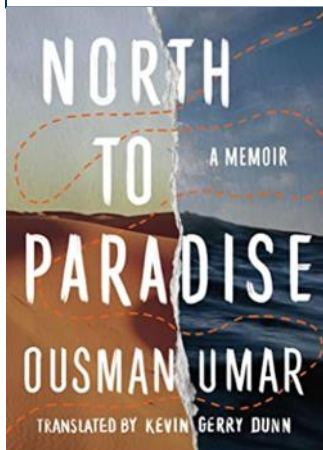
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God is peace:
let us ask him to help us to
be peacemakers each day,
in our life, in our families,
in our cities and nations, in
the whole world.

Pope Francis



Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, July 13th at 7pm. We will discuss:
North to Paradise
by Ousman Umar

The inspiring true story of one man's treacherous boyhood journey from a rural village in Ghana to the streets of Barcelona—and the path that led him home.

All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com

Knights of Columbus



St. Joseph Parish Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Sunday, May 29th from 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM
in the Parish Hall.

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For more information contact Knight Tony Diaz at bstdad2@msn.com

Memorial Day Mass



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MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Monday, May 30, 2022
10:00 am

Principal Celebrant
Bishop Marc Trudeau, D.D., V.G.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

JOIN ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ ON THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST FOR THE

Synod Celebration Mass



Come give thanks to God for the fruits of the Synod in the Archdiocese and ask the Holy Spirit to guide the Church forward in renewal

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 • 3:30PM

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
555 W TEMPLE ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012



¡Ven a dar gracias a Dios por los frutos del sínodo en la arquidiócesis y pide al Espíritu Santo que guíe a la Iglesia hacia la renovación!

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