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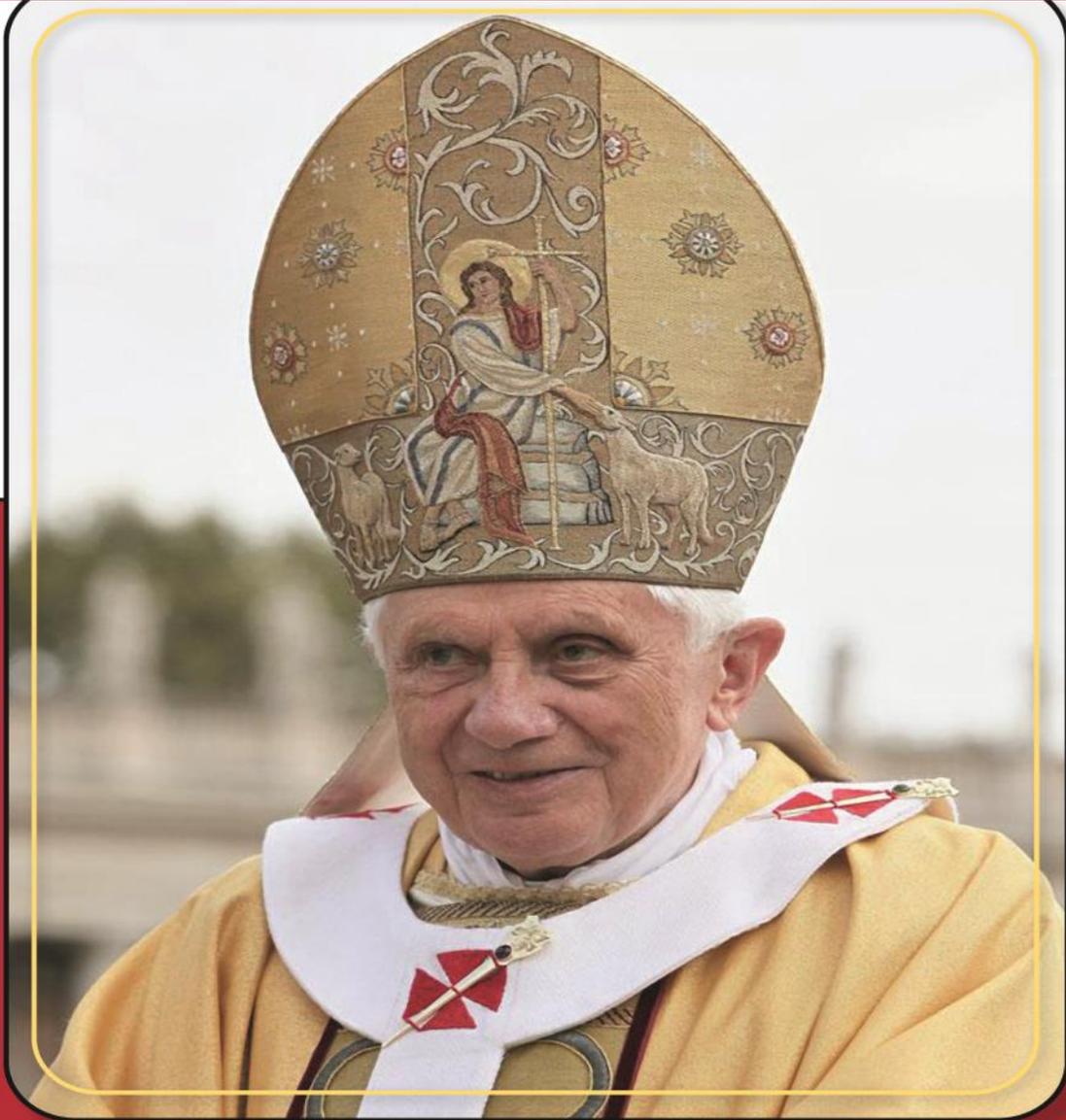


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POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

APRIL 16, 1927 – DECEMBER 31, 2022

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IN MEMORIAM

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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.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





Then they opened they treasures and offered him

GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

Matthew 2:11

January 8, 2023 • The Epiphany of the Lord

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Epiphany is a day when popular customs mostly overshadow scriptural accuracy. Matthew's Gospel never refers to kings coming to see Christ, nor to their number (only the gifts are enumerated), nor to their names. Matthew tells us only that some "magi" came with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Magos referred to members of the Persian priestly class; later it had the connotation of magicians and astrologers. Matthew's magi report that they have seen a star rising; its light was visible to them far beyond the boundaries of Israel, an early and significant symbol for Jesus, the Light of the World. At the end of Matthew's Gospel (chapter 28), the followers of Jesus worship him, an act foretold in the actions of the Magi today. The eleven are told to make disciples of "all nations," nations symbolized by the Magi. Today we hear our own mission: to worship Jesus Christ, and to spread his Good News everywhere, every day.

STAR OF WONDER

In our day-to-day lives, we can experience epiphanies: new perceptions, unexpected insights, sudden changes in direction. In the liturgical year, Epiphany celebrates the appearance of a star in the heavens, a remarkable star followed by the Magi to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are not so different, our daily epiphanies and the Epiphany celebrated today. The arrival of the Magi certainly changed Mary and Joseph's perceptions of the world, the same way a helpless, tiny baby likely altered the Magi's insights as to what a star in the heavens would reveal. The story of the Magi—and the story of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—is filled with unexpected changes in direction, as God's plan continues to vary when it encounters people who cooperate with it, and others who attempt to thwart it. A deep and long reflection on this day we call Epiphany will uncover numerous epiphanies.

STAR OF LOVE

Like all of the Christmas season, Epiphany celebrates God's eternal and infinite love. In a special way, this day shows how God's love is truly all-inclusive. The magi were not Jews, not part of the Chosen People who expected that the Messiah was coming to save only them. Early on in his Gospel, Matthew tells us that God's love will not be limited by our human presumptions or boundaries. We still struggle with the fact that God is constantly epiphany-ing us to grow beyond the limits of our experience or expectations, to move beyond the boundaries of the world around us. Let us pray that we might be given epiphanies to help us find grace where we didn't believe it existed, to aid us in understanding that God's love is most often shown by who is included, not who is excluded. May we open our eyes and hearts to know that the Christ-light shines everywhere.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1–6
Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13
Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6
Matthew 2:1–12

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

I hope that all of you had a wonderful New Year. This weekend our Christmas season ends as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Our Scriptures remind us that the Child that was born in Bethlehem came into the world as the Light to be manifest to all the nations. May Jesus Christ be the Light that dispels all darkness in this new year of 2023!

2023 is the final year of our Called to Renew Campaign. Most of us, including yours truly, will be paying off our fifth and final payment of the pledge we made to our parish community almost five years ago. To those who have completed their pledge, a big THANK YOU! You've seen many of the fruits of your CTR payments in the construction projects and upgrades to our campus of Saint Joseph's. During the last few months, our Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee and Finance Council approved our next project – a new Baptismal Font in the church. The current font is almost 30 years old, the marble is chipped and cracked and there is a leak in one of the underground pipes. The committees have approved the design and choice of materials and construction should start in the next few weeks. We will continue to have all our services in the church.

Below is further information regarding Called to Renew pledge payments. Please remember to mail your final payment to the address in Connecticut. As of December 31st, 2022 these are the current numbers.

Called to Renew numbers for our parish:

Goal —\$935,000

Pledge —\$2,929,862

Paid — \$2,508,517

Thanks for all your good care and I'm praying for you and your families.

Gratefully in Christ,
Msgr. Kevin



The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2023

They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— *Matthew 2:11b*



Called to Renew Campaign Important Information

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Kensington, CT 06037-0486

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On the memo/subject line of the check include the parish name

For questions about a Called to Renew pledges, pledge balance, payments, updating credit card, cancelations, pledge increases, please contact:

Called to Renew General Phone Line:
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Email:

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In Memoriam

Coach Robert Fitzpatrick

**Funeral Mass: February 4, 2023
at 11:00 am**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
~Amen~

**"EACH OF US IS
THE RESULT OF
A THOUGHT OF GOD.**

**EACH OF US IS WILLED.
EACH OF US IS LOVED.
EACH OF US IS NECESSARY."**

-BENEDICT XVI

St. Joseph Catholic School is now accepting applications for Alpha K and Kindergarten for next school year. We also have limited spots available in select grade levels from 1st Grade through 8th Grade. Our 2023-2024 Early Acceptance Pool is now open and we will be offering rolling acceptances to applicants who apply before February 1st. After February 1st, 2023, applicants will be placed into our General Applicant Pool and will be notified regarding acceptance in March 2023.

Students enrolling in Alpha K must be four years old by September 1st, 2023. Students enrolling in Kindergarten must be five years old by September 1st, 2023. Parents can apply now online to schedule a campus visit and student pre-screening. Go to our website (www.sjknights.net) to apply and learn more today.

Save the date to visit our classrooms, book fair, and art fair at our annual Open House on Sunday, January 29th after mass! You can follow us on Instagram [@sjknightslongbeach](https://www.instagram.com/sjknightslongbeach) for more information on the latest happenings at St. Joseph Catholic School.



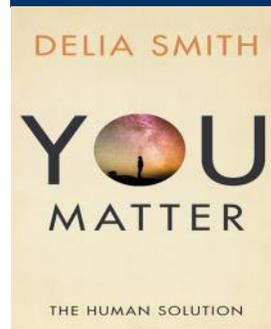

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All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com



Safeguard The Children



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Meditation Group

St. Joseph Meditation Ministry
 will meet in person Monday January 16
 in the PLC at 7PM-8PM
 (Knights of Columbus room - upstairs)

No meditation experience is necessary.
 For more information contact Frank McKown
 at 310-633-1744.



Movement for a Better World

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

Jan. 21-22: Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to people experiencing homelessness. Can you help? For these and many other fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.

- Prepare 250 homeless kit supplies envelopes for distribution Jan. 14-15
- Receive homeless kit donations at Masses Jan. 21-22
- Inspect donated homeless kits in preparation for Jan. 29 homeless encampment visits Shopping lists will be available at Masses Jan. 14-15.

Holiday Food Distribution: *Service opportunity!* Distribution driver coordinator

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest.



St. Joseph Grief Support



St. Joseph Grief Support Seminars help and offer Encouragement after the death of a loved one.

WE KNOW IT HURTS, HEALING STARTS HERE.
 Next 13 week seminar starts January 10, 2023 at the PLC each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Contact May Pace, Bereavement Ministry @
 maypace@gmail.com or 562/833 6370

In Memoriam
POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

April 16, 1927 – December 31, 2022

Papacy:

April 19, 2005 – February 28, 2013



Joseph Alois Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, on April 16, 1927—Holy Saturday—and baptized that same day—the first person baptized in the new Easter water. It was a sign of blessing, he wrote in a memoir, that his life from the beginning was thus immersed in the Easter mystery. He entered the minor seminary in 1939 at the age of twelve, but his studies were interrupted by World War II, when the seminary was closed and Joseph, along with most of his class, was drafted into the army at the age of sixteen.

After the war he resumed his education in philosophy and theology, and together with his brother, Georg, was ordained a priest in 1951. During the course of a twenty-year career as a professor of dogma and theology at several German universities, he earned a reputation as a gifted lecturer and learned scholar, and was present as a *peritus*, or theological advisor, at all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

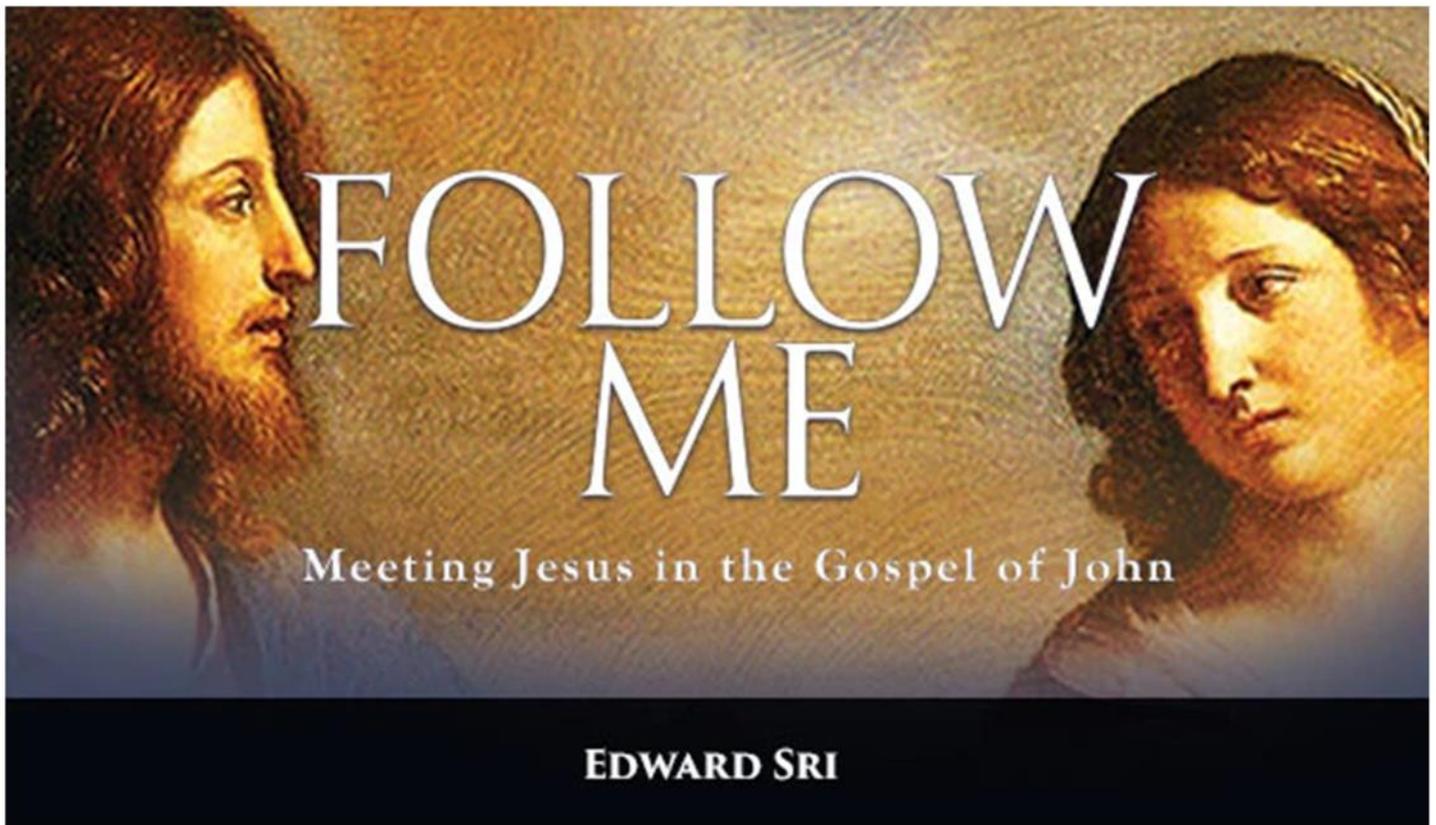
He was ordained an archbishop in May of 1977 and elevated to the College of Cardinals a month later. He settled in Rome in 1981 and went on to become one of the most influential men in the Roman curia. Of the many offices he held, he was best known as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, an authoritative advisor on doctrinal issues during his predecessor's pontificate. When he was elected the 265th successor of Peter in 2005 at the age of seventy-eight, he became the first German pope since Victor II in the eleventh century. A central theme of his papacy was the staunch defense of core Christian values against what he saw as moral decline across much of Europe. At the same time, he sought to improve relations with other religions, trying to determine if a “cultural synthesis” was possible without losing the identity of the faith while engaged in discourse with the Lutheran World Federation, Judaism, Islam, the Anglican Communion, and Christian Orthodox Churches. He also spoke out against human rights abuses and ongoing political conflicts and warfare, and advocated better protection of the environment. He called for a radical rethinking of the global economy, criticizing the growing divide between rich and poor, and pressed for a “true world political authority” to oversee the economy and work for the common good.

Ever true to his episcopal motto, “Fellow Worker in the Truth,” Pope Benedict XVI's teaching and prolific writings always defended traditional Catholic doctrine and values.

On February 11, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI announced that on February 28, 2013, he would resign as supreme pontiff due to his advanced age and deteriorating health and that a conclave would be convened shortly thereafter to elect a new pope. He returned to Rome and remained there as Pope Emeritus after Jorge Bergoglio succeeded him as Bishop of Rome.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to deeper friendship with Christ, St. Joseph Long Beach will begin Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John on Thursday, January 12th at 7:00pm in the PLC and on Zoom. For more information or to register, please contact Mike Santy at 562-370-0769 or mike@stjosephlb.org. Cost of the materials and online video is \$20. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

Follow Me invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. You will learn what it takes to follow him. You will experience the joy of divine friendship, and you will see how God— and only God—can satisfy the deepest desires of your heart.

Participants of Follow Me will receive a workbook and will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The eight 30-minute videos, presented by Dr. Edward Sri, will guide you through the Gospel of John. Dr. Sri will explain how Christ's encounters with others in the Gospel are examples of how he lovingly and persistently calls each of us to a more intimate and life-changing relationship with him.

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