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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

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.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This weekend in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples and us, "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." God is relationship and God is love, and the Trinitarian nature of God is to share life with us. Invite Jesus to be the center that holds everything together for you. With all the ways that we must navigate through this changing world, let's find comfort and support, when Jesus says, and "And behold, I am with you always, until the end."

Thanks to everyone for making last weekend's First Communion Masses so special for the children and our parish. Special thanks to the teachers and catechists who prepared these little ones for the past two years. We are always looking for assistance in the classroom, so if you would like to offer some of your time to help build the foundational spirituality of those preparing for the sacraments of Holy Communion and High School Confirmation, please contact Marc Leon, our Director of Religious Education.

During this Memorial Day weekend, let's pause and remember all of those who sacrificed their lives for our country so that we could be free and celebrate our faith in freedom. May the beloved ones who gave their lives rest in eternal light and peace.

The hall/gym is coming down and we are moving forward. Thanks to so many of you who have made a pledge or gift to the campaign. Here are this week's photos:



Have a Blessed Memorial Day Weekend,
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"This is why you must now know,
and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God
in the heavens above and on earth below,
and that there is no other." (Dt 4:39)

Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you received a Spirit of adoption,
through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:15)

Gospel:

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt 28:19)

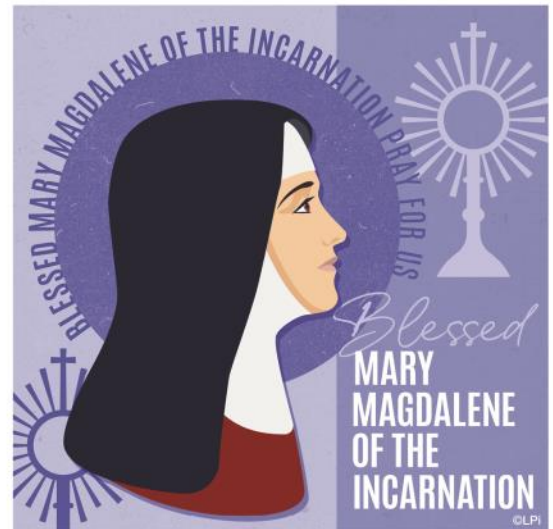
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are children of God, and as His children God shares with us a magnificent inheritance: suffering that becomes glory, fear that becomes strength, death that becomes life. With this mighty gift in our hearts, let us go confidently into the world.

Observances for the week of May 26, 2024

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
Monday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop;
Memorial Day
Wednesday: St. Paul VI, Pope
Thursday: St. Joan of Arc
Friday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Justin, Martyr
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Saint of the week

Blessed Mary Magdalene of the Incarnation was an Italian sister who founded the Order of the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. After many ecstatic visions of Jesus, she knew her life's mission would be to make Christ in the Eucharist available to everyone.

Prayer of the Trinity

What a mystery you are, God.
God the Father, help me to root
my identity in You as my father.
God the Son, help me to live as
Your beloved.
God the Holy Spirit, help me to
know You as closely as the breath
in my lungs.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 26, 2024

Sunday:

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Monday:

1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday:

1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147 :12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday:

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/
Mk 10:46-52

Friday:

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday:

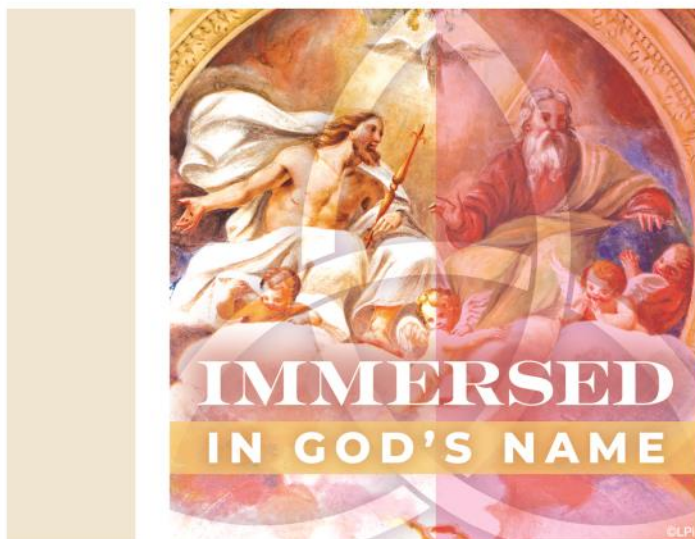
Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/
Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: "You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people." I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, "That's not what mine's about." His quizzical look begged for clarification. "Mine is about plunging into the life of God," I said.

Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, "**Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.**" (Matthew 28:19-20). The word "baptize" means "to immerse in, to plunge into." It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God's name? In the Bible, God's name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus' formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.

The Trinity isn't a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It's more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized ... inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people. Stranger, but much better.

— *Father John Muir*

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Congratulations First Communicants!

. May God continue to nurture and strengthen you with His precious Body and Blood of Christ! Always know that your parish family here at St. Joseph will continue to pray for you as you continue your faith journey. Thank you, St. Joseph parents and parishioners for your support and prayers.

-Marc Leon

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CALLED TO BE A ... **FAITH FORMATION TEACHER?**

HAS GOD GIVEN YOU TALENTS?

ANSWER THE CALL! ARE YOU FEELING A TUG ON YOUR HEART TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH? JOIN OUR YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM AND BE PART OF SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL. WE'RE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR FULLY INITIATED CATHOLICS READY TO EMBRACE THIS REWARDING JOURNEY. NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY – JUST A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND A PASSION FOR GUIDING OUR YOUTH TOWARDS FAITH AND GROWTH.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND, AND FOR THOSE EAGER TO DIVE DEEPER, CATECHIST TRAINING AWAITS. TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE AN IMPACT THAT LASTS A LIFETIME. JOIN US TODAY AND BE THE CHANGE OUR YOUTH NEEDS!

ALL IT TAKES IS A COMMITMENT OF THREE HOURS EVERY TWO WEEKS!

CONTACT: LIZ MORENO - (562) 598-0519 EXT 230
YOUTH MINISTER/ CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR ST. JOSEPH PARISH FAMILY!

STARTING THIS SEPTEMBER, WE ARE THRILLED TO BRING BACK CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL DURING MASS FOR OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS AGED 5 TO 8 YEARS OLD! THIS SPECIAL TIME WILL ALLOW OUR CHILDREN TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD IN A WAY THAT'S ENGAGING, FUN, AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE EAGER TO SHARE THE JOY OF OUR FAITH WITH THE LITTLE ONES. IF YOU HAVE A HEART FOR TEACHING AND LOVE WORKING WITH CHILDREN, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR TEAM AND MAKE A LASTING IMPACT ON THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. LET'S COME TOGETHER TO INSPIRE AND NURTURE THE YOUNGEST MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT MARC LEON AT MARC@STJOSEPHLB.ORG

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND DEDICATION!

When:

**Sundays, 8:30 Mass
Starting September!**

ACTIVITIES:

- READING THE WORD OF GOD
- FUN MULTI-MEDIA
- MUSIC & DANCE
- ARTS & CRAFTS

TO JOIN US!

**Please contact Marc Leon
to join our Team!**
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A Special Opportunity for
our Parish Women and Men



Do you sense that something's missing in your life? Do you feel that if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe even a better person?

Come to the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend! It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other people in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday to have fun, you will find what you are looking for – and more.

Women's Weekend
September 28th and 29th, 2024

Men's Weekend
October 19th and 20th, 2024

To learn more and to sign up, visit <https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-christ-renews/> or scan the QR code.



Hi everyone,

Thank you for all the wonderful
prayerful support while I was in Zambia.

Our OCIA (the Initiation of Adults into
the Catholic Faith) will be commencing
soon. So please be an evangelizer by
inviting anyone you think might be
interested in hearing about our church
and our faith. They could be neighbors
or colleagues at work. Just pray and
open the conversation: "Have you ever
thought of...?" I will be hosting a session
in the Parish Life Center. Come and see
9:30am - 11:00am on June 9th.

Peace and Blessings,
Sr. Eva

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Did You Know?



Maintaining a good social media presence
Social media activity is never truly hidden, even on private accounts. If you are working or volunteering with children, it is a good idea to keep a clean profile online. Read through the rules about social media usage for your organization — it may prohibit staff from contacting or friending children involved in the program. Consider your profile usage, including the things you post or share and the profiles you follow. For more tips, read the VIRTUS® article “Social Media Rules to Follow with Children” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

In Memoriam

Earl Glover

Funeral Mass at St Joseph
Tuesday, June 4th at 10:00 am

Charles Roehrig

Funeral Mass at St Joseph
Monday, June 10th at 10:00 am

Teresa Landers

Funeral Mass at St Joseph
Tuesday, June 11th at 10:00 am

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

Seniors Group



The St. Joseph Senior Group will meet for breakfast at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant on **Monday, June 10, at 9:30 am**. Join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there. And for future reference, we will be meeting there the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time, until the hall is finished.

FAMILY ALTAR SERVERS WANTED



We are looking for additional families that would like to be altar servers at all Masses! Catholic Liturgy is meant to be the Work of the People. Families who attend Mass together are encouraged to serve together in this ministry of service. All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families who apply will receive appropriate training in the ministry and will meet with Monsignor Kevin prior to serving. Then they will be added to an Altar Server schedule. We hope that you will join in this special ministry!

Please email the Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, Monica Wissuchek, at stjfamilyaltarservers@gmail.com to register for the next training in early February. Monica will work with each family to help meet their individual needs, and to train and schedule them for liturgies throughout the year.



Movement for a Better World

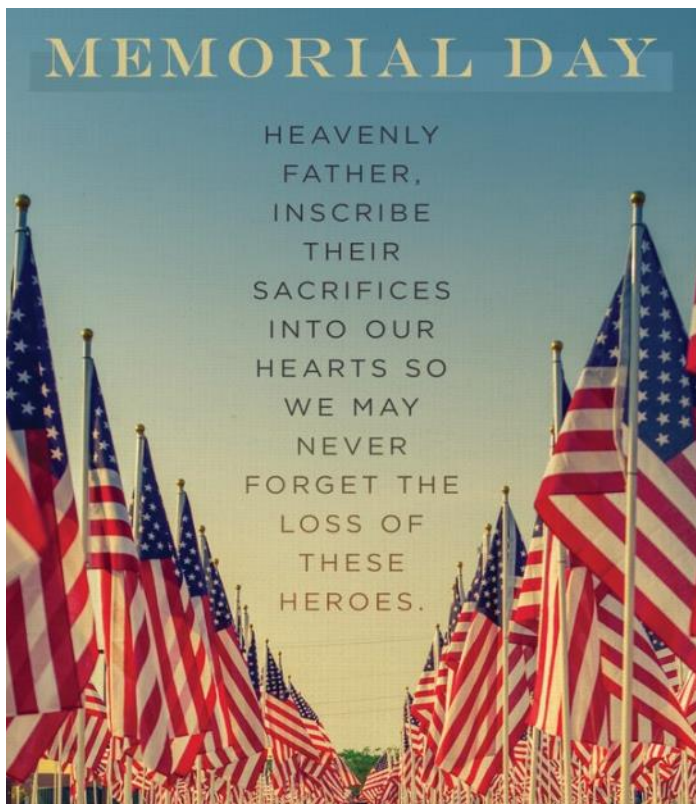


"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you that will be happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." Albert Schweitzer

June 4 6:30 PM: Committee Meeting: Join us in the Parish Life Center. We will decide what activities to promote and organizations to support in our program year beginning July 1.

June 22-23: Homeless Kit Drive. Provide daily necessities and hope to people experiencing homelessness.

Opportunities! Can you deliver food to Catholic Charities once per month for people experiencing homelessness? Coordinate our Christmas Present Drive? For many fulfilling ways to serve, big and small, call Tim Clark, 562-431-4385.



St. Joseph Grief Support



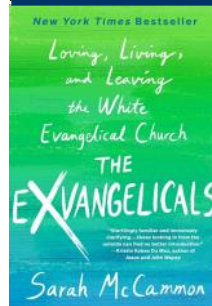
Bereavement classes will resume after a short recess for the summer.

We will continue for another 13-week session on July 30th.

Please feel free to call May Pace at (562) 833-6370 for any questions.



Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is **Wednesday, August 21st at 7pm** on Zoom

The Exvangelicals by Sarah McCammon

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