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SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THERE IS A
BOY HERE WHO HAS
FIVE BARLEY LOAVES
AND TWO FISH.

— JOHN 6:9 —

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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 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time! It's the middle of summer and I hope that you have had some opportunity to vacate or recreate. As you know, this year we are listening to the Gospel of Mark. Because Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four Evangelists, the church fills in the next six Sundays, with the Sixth chapter of John's Gospel called the Bread of Life series. Today we hear the Story of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish. A young boy with a snack pack offers all that he has to Jesus and everyone is fed!

This weekend we celebrate our annual Mission Cooperative Sunday and we welcome John and Kathy Tucker, lay missionaries who take care of the needs of orphaned and abandoned children living with HIV/AIDS in Cambodia. Thank you for listening to their stories and responding to their needs.

As we embark on the Bread of Life series, what does Jesus want to teach us? Jesus blessed the child's generosity and everyone was satisfied!

Our two construction photos show the new wall footings beginning to form in the expanded hall!



May you have enough this week!
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"For thus says the LORD,
"They shall eat and there shall be some left over." (2 Kgs 4:43)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

One body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-6)

Gospel:

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,
and distributed them to those who were reclining,
and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" Jesus asks Philip, testing him. And so, too, he asks us: "Where do you go when you are hungry? Afraid? Dejected? Confused?"
Let us always answer: "Jesus. Jesus is where we can find what we need."

Observances for the week of July 28, 2024

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Katharine Drexel (1858–1955), is one of the first American-born saints. Giving up her inheritance, she founded a religious order which established 63 schools and 50 missions for African and Native Americans, including Xavier University of Louisiana.

Prayer for God to Work

Dear Jesus,
You and I know that what I bring to you is small pieces — small faith, small gifts, small generosity. But I also know that you are not bound by that.
Two fish and five loaves can feed 5000, when placed in your hands. So, I place everything I have in your hands, too. Complete your work, Lord.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 28, 2024

Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18
(see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday:

Jer 13:1-11/Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21/Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday:

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday:

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
(24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, "**The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs**"? Does he? What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again —especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey. What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails.

— *Father John Muir*

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HAS GOD GIVEN YOU TALENTS?

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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!**

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For information: Liz Moreno- Youth Minister
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ST. JOE'S YOUTH POST

Dear Parishioners,
We had a blast at our "Holy Bowler Night"! Our teens bonded and enjoyed some fun together. It's wonderful to see them grow in faith and friendship, sharing not just scripture and prayer, but also their teenage joys.



Stay tuned for more exciting news!

Blessings,

-Liz Moreno - Youth Minister
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*Testimonials From Parishioners
who have attended
Welcome Christ Renews His
Parish at St. Joseph Church*

"I attended the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish at St. Joseph in Long Beach. The witnesses that I heard on my retreat were so moving. The men really opened up and shared their backgrounds that made them the men they are today. It was truly an amazing experience. I've never been in a retreat like that where the men were so authentic and so open with their experiences. It is definitely a retreat all men of God should attend and be a part of the renewal of the church."
-Michael Mantong

"When I signed up for the first WCRHP at St. Joseph Parish, I had no idea what to expect. It was going to be the first retreat I had ever attended. From the minute I walked through the gate after being greeted by smiling faces and being seated at a table with women I had seen at mass but didn't really know, I felt so comfortable and welcome. The entire two days were a totally spiritual renewal for me, and I had 30 new friends." -Marilyn North

*Men's Weekend
Register Now
October 19th and 20th, 2024*



Adoration



Come and spend an hour with our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Experience what Catholic author Matthew Kelly calls "The Classroom of Silence," and respond to Jesus' call: "Could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40).

Deacon Tom & Pat Halliwell will lead Eucharistic Adoration this **Friday August 2nd** at **8:00 am**.

Women's Silent Retreat



Ladies of the parish! Our annual silent retreat weekend is upon us! Join your sisters in Christ for a refreshing and peaceful weekend at Sacred Heart Retreat House with the Carmelite sisters. The dates are September 13-15, 2024 and spaces fill up quickly. Signing up is easy. Go to www.sacredheartretreathouse.com to register. Please call Marie Newton at 562-209-1298 or Madeline Majick at 562-596-6219 if you have questions or need assistance.

St. Joseph Grief Support

Grief support



If you think you can't survive grieving, and Your dreams feel shattered, consider joining

Our support groups:

Tuesday 9:30-11:30 a.m. each week beginning **July 30- October 29**. Contact May Pace, Bereavement Minister, maypace@gmail.com Or 562/833-6370

OR

Wednesday 7-8:30 p.m. each week beginning **July 31st**. Contact Liz Ferletic-Frith at elizfrith@gmail.com or 714/488-4524

BOTH CLASSES ARE HELD AT THE PLC BUILDING.

Seniors Group



Our next get together will be at the El Dorado Restaurant on Monday, August 12th at 9:30. 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.



Movement for a Better World



Love cannot remain by itself - it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service.

— Mother Teresa —

AZ QUOTES

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” 1 Jn 3:18.

Aug. 3-4 Food from the Heart: Collecting food for families served by Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

Coordinators Needed: *Helpers are available!*

- Christmas Present Drive
- City of Long Beach, Multi-Services Center. Monitor support opportunities. Coordinate monthly, Coffee in the Park at the facility.
- Food Buyer, Holiday Food Distributions

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In Memoriam

Marta Lia Garcia
Funeral Mass at St. Joseph
Monday, July 29th at 11:00 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~

Book Club



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

The Exvangelicals by
Sarah McCammon

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