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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 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend we're invited to have the trust and faith that Elijah had when he was hungry and thirsty. He had just caused over 400 prophets of Baal to be slaughtered and king Ahab's wife, Queen Jezebel, an ardent follower of this false god Baal, heard of this, and wanted Elijah to be killed. Elijah fled into the wilderness, he prayed for death, and while he slept, God intervened, sending an angelic messenger and providing bread and water for Elijah. How often we hear the phrase that, "God will provide," or "God will take care of us." Be renewed this Sunday, knowing that God always comes to our aid and let us pray that we may have a deeper sense that God, who loves us, is with us on our journey. Let your mantra be the Responsorial Psalm of this Sunday, "Taste, and see the goodness of the Lord"!

As I mentioned last, Sunday, Fr. Guillermo Alonso, a.k.a. Father Memo is with us for a couple of weeks before he commences his new assignment as Associate Pastor of Saint Joseph church in Winnetka. Welcome, Father Memo, and may Saint Joseph guide your journey among us!

This week, the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy day of Obligation. We have a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 PM and on Thursday, August 15, Masses in honor of Our Lady at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Next Sunday, I'll give an update on the progress of the renovation of the Hall/Gym. After all the Masses, I'll open the Construction gate and invite you to come in for a couple of minutes to see the progress that is being made. Please take care to observe all the caution tape. No photos this week as your eyes can see the progress next week!

A reminder that our Saint Joe's youth group will be hosting a worship concert on Saturday, August 24 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. The LATI2 music group will be here and please bring your lawn chairs for this concert on the field. This will be a worship experience for all ages!

Be safe and enjoy these final weeks of summer!  
Msgr. Kevin

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

He got up, ate, and drank;  
then strengthened by that food,  
he walked forty days and forty nights to the  
mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

### Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

### Second Reading:

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,  
as Christ loved us. (Eph 5:1-2)

### Gospel:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life  
of the world." (Jn 6:51)

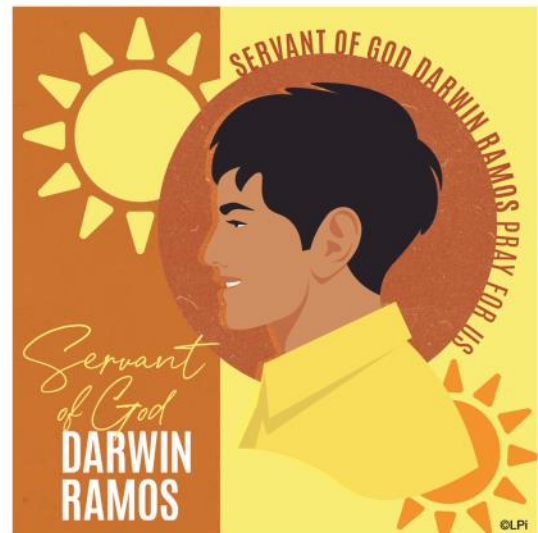
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus tells us that he is the living bread that came down from heaven. His actions, his example, his teachings — they are not just words on a page, stories from a moth-eaten history book. They are life. They are food for our journey, and they are forever.

## Observances for the week of August 11, 2024

- Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
**Tuesday:** Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs  
**Wednesday:** St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr  
**Thursday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Friday:** St. Stephen of Hungary  
**Next Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

Servant of God Darwin Ramos, a poor Filipino boy, died from muscular dystrophy at the age of 17. Never brought low by the disease, he spoke of his illness as his "mission for Jesus." Many were blessed by his smile and compassionate friendship. He was known as the Master of Joy.

## Prayer for Memory

Dear Lord,  
Don't let me forget the  
ways You've fought for me  
throughout history. You have  
been in my life in endless  
ways and words. May these  
memories comfort and  
encourage me now and always.  
Amen.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of August 11, 2024

### Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

### Monday:

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

### Tuesday:

Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### Wednesday:

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday:

*Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

*Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

### Friday:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

### Saturday:

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

### Next Sunday:

Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

This week we hear Jesus say, “*He that believes in me, has eternal life*” (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you’re like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this “good” possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let’s believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life.

— *Father John Muir*

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## 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](http://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.



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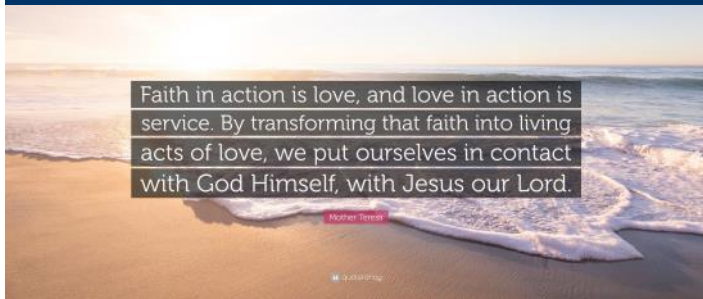
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Join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. 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.





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Pope Francis

**This Weekend, Food from the Heart:** Collecting food for families served by Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

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**Kim Marie San Jose**  
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