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HIS HAND.

— MARK 7:32 —

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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

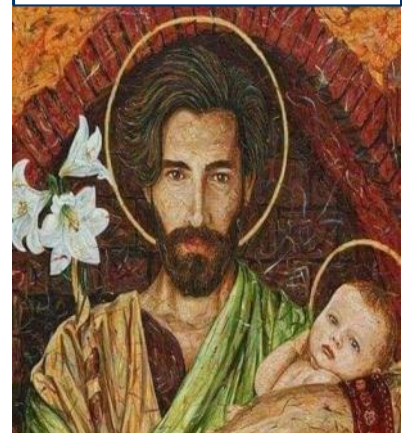
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Everything has a cycle. Our planet earth has seasons. All living creatures go through life, growth, and death. And you know our Church is divided into various liturgical seasons. Ordinary time will continue until the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time in late November, just before the Solemnity of Christ the King Sunday and the commencement of Advent. Ordinary time is a reminder that God is very much present in the Scriptures, teaching stories, and when Jesus is just doing ordinary things. Just think of the ordinary things you do; a drive along PCH down through Seal Beach and Huntington Beach, the aroma of that first poured cup of coffee in the morning, the planting of your fall garden, rearranging the garage, a special family gathering during the football season. Ordinary is noticing something new in the neighborhood and ordinary can often be overlooked. Look around! The ordinary can teach us something and it can be a great connection with God.

Your generosity was exceptional as I mailed a check to New Hope for Cambodian Children in the amount of \$21,555.00. Our Mission Co-Op speakers asked me to publish their letter to all of you:

“John and Kathy Tucker from new Hope for Cambodian children thank the parishioners of Saint Joseph Church for their love and generosity in responding to our mission appeal. Your loving donations will allow us to continue our care for orphans and abandoned children living with HIV/AIDS in Cambodia. Please pray for us and the children of Cambodia. Thank you, John and Kathy Tucker.”

Next Sunday is National Catechetical Sunday, and at the 8:30 AM Mass on the grass and at the 12:30 PM Mass we will offer a special Blessing upon all our catechists and teachers. Their ministry is to teach and evangelize the children and young people of our parish and help them grow in their discipleship with Jesus Christ!!! Pray for them!!

Next Sunday, Movement for a Better World will offer their brief annual Stewardship Report. Look for the Financial Report and Program Flyer in this bulletin!

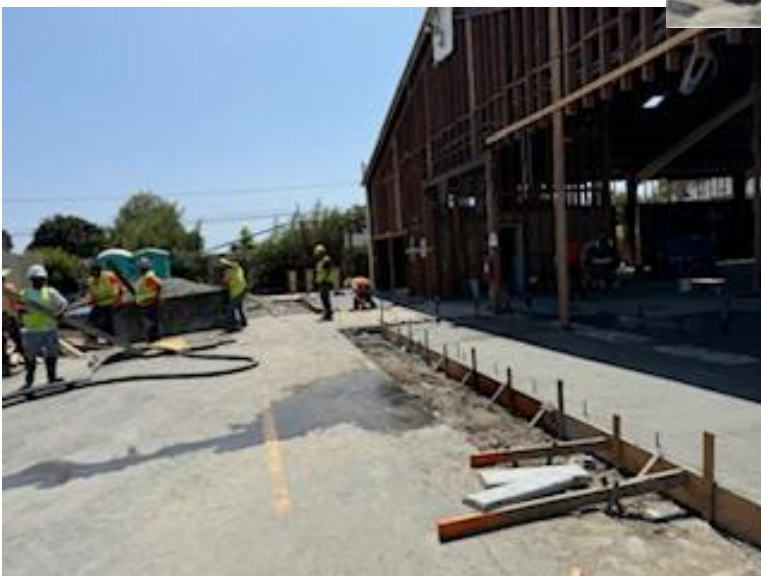
Please remember to pray for Pope Francis during these 12 days of the longest trip of his papacy. He's visiting four countries in Asia and Oceania: Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste and Singapore. Our Holy Father will meet, encourage and strengthen the Catholic communities in those countries. He will also promote friendship and respect among the followers of the different religions and call them to be a force for peace in our world.

Thanks for reading this and enjoy the pictures depicting the progress of the Hall!!

End of Summer Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin



Hall Construction Update



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom
that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

Gospel:

"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Be opened!" said Christ two thousand years ago, as he placed his finger in the ear of the deaf man. "Be opened!" he says to us today, laying his hand upon our hearts. May we always accept Christ's invitation to become a new creation.

Observances for the week of September 8, 2024

- Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Grandparent's Day
- Monday:** St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Wednesday:** Patriot Day
- Thursday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Friday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Next Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday



Saint of the week

St. Caterina Volpicelli (1839-1894) left a life of elegant Neapolitan society to serve the Lord. She adhered to the Apostleship of Prayer, dedicating each day to the Sacred Heart. Her order, the Servants of the Sacred Heart, opened an orphanage, a lending library, and nursed cholera victims.

Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,
What a grace to live in a world
of all ages and stages.
Bless our grandparents, today
and always.
Thank You for their
experiences, wisdom, and
insight.
Thank You for the gifts they
bring the Church.
Thank You for the lessons they
teach the next generations
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday:

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday:

1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday:

1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday:

1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday:

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday:

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday:

Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "**Ephphata!**" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— *Father John Muir*

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Welcome Back to School St. Joseph Knights!



This week marked the first week of school at Saint Joseph School. We are thrilled to welcome 334 students to our campus this year, marking an increase from last year's enrollment of 313. It's exciting to see our community grow, and we're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Come Join us for our School Masses

Our growing family is a testament to the wonderful Parish community we have at Saint Joseph. We invite you to join us for the celebration of School Mass each week on Tuesdays at 8:00am. We look forward to coming together as a school community in faith and worship.





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St. Joseph Youth Group Schedule

Sept. 4	Youth Night	7:00pm – 8:30pm
Sat. Sept. 7	Beach Day Beach TBD Pot Luck	1:00pm – 8:00pm
Sept. 11	Youth Night	7:00pm – 8:30pm
Sept. 21	Worship Festival @Our Lady of Rosary	6:00pm – 10pm Bring Lawn Chair
Oct. 2	Youth Night PLC	7:00pm – 8:30pm
Oct. 16	Youth Night PLC	7:00pm – 8:30pm

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ALL ARE WELCOME

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We are currently preparing for our third, Welcome Christ Renew His Parish weekend retreat. The retreats will take place over two days and will be lead from men and women of St. Joseph with Monsignor Kevin as our Spiritual Guide. Participants will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and be renewed with the presence of Our Lord. It will be an amazing experience for all participants as well as the Lay Formation Team and the Support Team. It is our hope that the Parish will benefit from the love, joy, and excitement that this Renewal Retreat brings to our community. Together, we continue to grow in God's love and build a faith filled community of love and service to others.

The Women's weekend is full and registration is closed, however registration is still open for the Men's weekend which is

**Saturday, October 19th
& Sunday, October-20th, 2024.**

To learn more and to sign up, visit our parish website.

<https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-christ-renews/>

Did You Know?



Get to know your child's teachers

As your children head back to school, make it a priority to meet all their teachers in person if you can. Many of us get to know our child's classroom teacher easily, through back-to-school night, or parent-teacher conferences. But you should become familiar with all the adults that your child will spend a portion of their day with — art, science and special subject teachers, cafeteria workers, etc. To continue to keep our children safe, knowing the adults who are taking care of them is a great first step. For more back to school tips, read the VIRTUS® article "Three Things that Simply Must Be Done" on lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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**. Register at www.griefshare.org/groups/241498. Contact Liz Ferletic-Frith at elizfrith@gmail.com or 714/488-4524

Seniors Group



Our next get together will be at the El Dorado Restaurant on Monday, September 9th 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.

WISHING YOU A DAY THAT IS AS GRAND AS YOU ARE



HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' DAY!

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-Jn 13:35

Sept 17 6:30 PM - Committee Meeting: As we begin our 39th year of channeling the generosity of our St. Joseph parish community to the poor and marginalized of Long Beach, please help guide our upcoming activities.

Sept 21-22, Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: We will collect non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, and New Life Beginnings 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.
 - Weekend food drives
- For many fulfilling ways to serve, big and small, call **Tim Clark: 562-431-4385**



Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is **Wednesday, November 20th at 7pm on Zoom**

Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount by Richard Rohr O.F.M. (September 6, 2022 updated edition)

"Acclaimed spiritual leader and Franciscan priest Richard Rohr explores the implications of Christ's best-known teachings in the Sermon on the Mount, offering a fresh perspective on what it means for Christian life today." [Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount: Rohr O.F.M., Richard: 9781632534163: Amazon.com: Books](#)

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