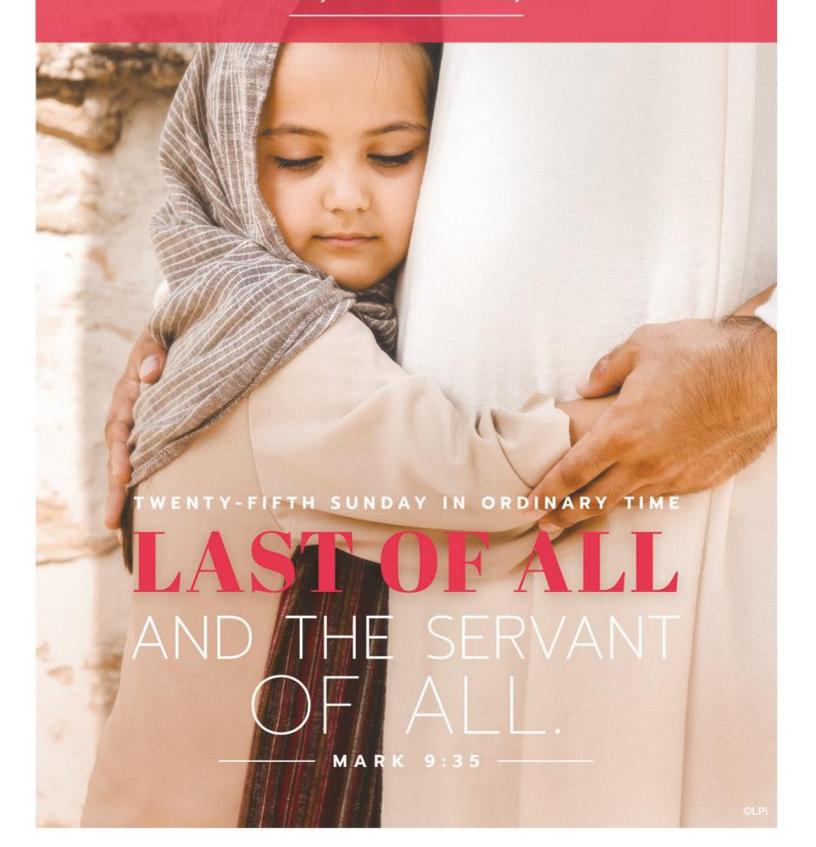
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024



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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.

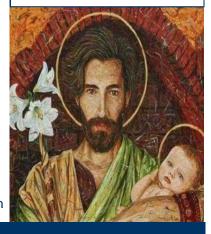
Daily Mass (M-W) 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:45-4:30 p.m. Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays 8:00-9:00 a.m.





Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This week, Jesus confronts the 12 about their ambitions and their desires to be the greatest. Jesus reminds us that "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all, and the servant of all." Jesus is always trying to rid us of any selfish ambitions so that we could be open to receiving His message of grace and love. Wherever there is in-fighting and arguing, a sense of peace or calm coexistence remains aloof. Ask and pray for peace in your life so that you can be a witness of peace to others.

This weekend Movement for a Better World offers its annual financial report. Please scroll down this bulletin to review the financial statement and program flyer listing the opportunities to serve. On behalf of MBW, thank you for all your generosity to support the many ways that our community takes care of the vulnerable and those in need.

The California Catholic Bishops have formed a new Initiative called Radiant Love, and its purpose is to inspire a new reflection on the joy and beauty of marriage, the blessings of children and family, and on the importance of marriage and family for the health of individuals and the well-being of society.

Please check out the new website with inspiring resources at cacatholic.org/radiatelove/

This week's photo of the construction progress shows the building moving out and up:



Today is the first day of Autumn. May the Lord Bless your Fall Season!

Peace, Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him. (Wis 2:20)

Psalm:

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

Second Reading:

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

Gospel:

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mk 9:35)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The apostles argue, each one claiming to be the greatest of Christ's followers. But Christ shows them who is truly the greatest — a child, one who has no thought of his own importance, one who has no ambition. Let's seek to be like that child.

Observances for the week of September 22, 2024

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest;

National Migration Week

Thursday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Friday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest r

Saturday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz

and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Priesthood Sunday



Saint of the week

Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory (540-604) became Pope in 590. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, the consolidation of papal power, and the conversion of England.

Prayer for Children

Dear Jesus,

Wrap the young members of our family in your love.

They know how to love BIG, even though they are still small.

Their trust can inspire, their faith can change hearts.

Help them to know you, now and always.

Amen.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 22, 2024

Sunday:

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/ Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday:

Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday:

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:

Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/ Lk 9:18-22

Saturday:

Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be in Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in me. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

Father John Muir

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, . . naked and you clothed me." Mt 25:35



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- ❖ Holiday Gift Drives
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- ❖ Feed-a-Baby Food Drives (3) ✓ Catholic Charities ✓ New Life Beginnings Opportunities: drive coordinator, volunteer coordinator, baby food donations, distribute to charity organizations, purchase food from cash donations.
- ❖ Food from the Heart Family Food Drive ✓ Catholic Charities of LB Opportunities: drive coordinator, volunteer coordinator, family food donations, distribute to charity organizations, purchase food from cash donations.
- ❖ Homeless Kit Drives (2)
 ✓ 120 homeless, 4 times/year
 Opportunities: assemble kit information packets, donate supplies.
- ❖ City of Long Beach Community Outreach ✓ Multi Service Center Opportunities: meal service for homeless, <u>Welcome Home</u> new housing provisions
- ❖ Community Clean-up
 Opportunities: clean-up coordinator, clean-up crew
 ✓ Our common home



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St. Joseph Movement for a Better World Program Year Financial Summary

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Available Funds – July 1, 2023	\$6,346		
<u>Donations</u>			<u>For</u>
Skip-a-Meal Donations	\$27,693		- Movement for a Better World
Feed-a-Baby (2 drives)	\$4,063		- Catholic Charities, Long Beach - New Life Beginnings
Food From the Heart Drive	\$1,091		- Catholic Charities, Long Beach
Homeless Support	\$575		- Catholic Charities, Long Beach - Multi-Services Center, Long Beach
Other Donations, Christmas	\$3,357		- 104 local families
Special Needs & Emergency Aid	\$2,217		- 15 local families
Other Donations St. Joseph Church Campaign Human Development Blanket Drive Cardinal McIntyre Fund	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$316 \$230		- Movement for a Better World
Parish Support, St. Joseph Family	\$3,750		- St. Joseph family in need
Total Donations	\$45,292		
On-going Activities Wednesday Lunches Special Programs		-\$10,318	- Catholic Charities, Long Beach
Holiday Food Distribution Thanksgiving Christmas Easter		-\$8,157 -\$6,379 -\$6,006	- 104 local families
Organization Support and Grants		-\$3,595 -\$1,850 -\$545 -\$500 -\$500 -\$487	 Catholic Charities, Long Beach Concern America New Life Beginnings, Long Beach St. Athanasius Parish Families of Holy Innocents Parish Multi-Services Center, Long Beach
Sp'l Needs & Emergency Aid Local families in need Support, St. Joseph Family		-\$3,599 -\$3,750	- 15 local families - St. Joseph family in need
Operating Expenses		-\$88	Movement for a Better World (0.2%)
Total Expenses		-\$45,774	
Available Funds – June 30, 2024	\$5,864		



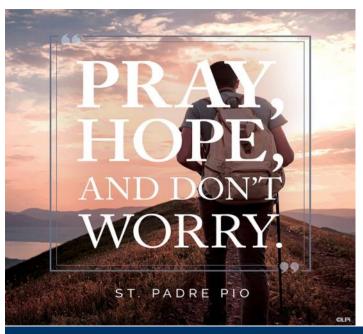
"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God."

- 2 Cor 9:11

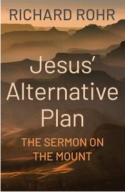
This weekend - Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: We are collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

<u>Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution</u> – Prayerfully discern your availability to help us bless the holidays of over 100 Long Beach families! <u>Many</u> fulfilling ways to serve, big and small. Call **Tim Clark**, (562) 431-4385

- Skip-a-Meal donations!
- Family Adoption (please advise asap)
- Oct. 26-27: Blanket Drive
- Nov. 23: Thanksgiving distribution (from St. Cyprian). DRIVERS NEEDED



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)

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St. Joseph School Knights for a Better World



Our Knights for a Better World program provides students from Alpha K through 8th grade with meaningful opportunities for charitable giving. Each Tuesday, students are encouraged to bring donations to Mass, where the items are then collected and counted by the Student Council. This initiative directly supports our parish's larger community service project, Movement for a Better World, fostering a spirit of generosity and service among our students.



We are Disciples of Christ

Our Disciples of Christ brought in hundreds of diapers, formula, wipes and other baby items in the month of September. These donations will support Long Beach families in need, embodying the spirit of the Corporal Works of Mercy.





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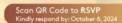
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Men's weekend is October 19-20, 2024.

Visit the parish website to sign up or find out more information.

https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-christrenews/

Welcome Christ Renews His Parish

Please pray for our women's retreat team as they make final preparations for next weekend's retreat. May the retreat planning go smoothly and the team be blessed with energy, wisdom, grace, and joyful spirits as they prepare. Please also pray for all of the women attending next weekend's retreat. May they each experience renewal through Christ and feel a stronger connection with one another and with St. Joseph Parish.





Shop safely with your children

When you are with your children in a crowded shopping area — think mall, grocery store, farmer's market — it is important to have a plan of action to keep your group together and your children safe. Keep children as close as possible, ideally either in a cart or holding hands. Always go as a group to the bathroom, or at least in pairs, and have a designated spot to meet back up. For more tips,

visit missingchildrensnetwork.ngo.





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



Our next get together will be at the El Dorado Restaurant on Monday, October 14th 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.



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