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— MARK 12:29 —



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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**

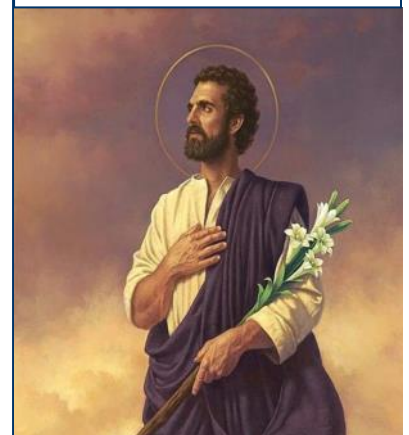
**3:45-4:30 p.m.**

**Inside Church**

## **Adoration**

**First Fridays**

**8:00-9:00 a.m.**







## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time! The church's liturgical year is winding down. Just as these November days will decrease in daylight, so the church is calling us to be ready and awake, to be prepared for the end times and to place all our hope in Jesus Christ who is saving us. The beautiful Season of Advent is just around the corner.

Last night the LA Dodgers took home The World Series Trophy! It was a great week of made for TV and congratulations to the organization, players who offered thrilling and record setting moments and all Dodger fans!!

One of the highlights of the approaching Advent Season is our formation as a community of faith through our St. Joseph Speaker Series. We have secured our next speaker, Deacon Steve Greco, the Director of evangelization and information for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, our neighbor to the east! The theme of his presentation will be the Joy of Advent – preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ. You'll hear more about Deacon Steve in the coming weeks but for now reserve his presence and presentation on your calendar for Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 PM or Wednesday, December 4 at 9:00 AM. He will offer the same presentation on both days.

The Wednesday event is offered for those who don't like to go out or drive at night, however, All are Welcome!

The Annual School Fundraiser was recently held at the Long Beach Petroleum Club. The themed event was titled Socktoberfest, calling us back to the 1950's and 60's! The event netted a record breaking \$160,000.00 and still counting! Thanks to the school parents' leadership team for all their hard work and to all who participated in person or through the online auction – thank you!!! Here's yours truly and our Principal Margaret Alvarez, **SERVING IT UP:**



Fall Blessings,  
Msgr. Kevin

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God,  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength." (Dt 6:5)

### Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

### Second Reading:

But Jesus, because he remains forever,  
has a priesthood that does not pass away. (Heb 7:24)

### Gospel:

"The second is this:

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

There is no other commandment greater than [this]." (Mk 12:31)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ tells us that we must love  
God with all our heart, all our soul,  
all our mind and all our strength.  
Live that love loudly. Hold nothing  
back. Give God all you have.

## Observances for the week of November 3, 2024

- Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Daylight Saving Time Ends;  
National Vocation Awareness Week
- Monday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- Tuesday:** Election Day
- Friday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Next Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

Venerable Marthe Robin (1902-1981) was a French layperson and mystic who was paralyzed as a young adult and survived for thirty years on the Eucharist alone, unable to take any other nourishment. She is the foundress of the Foyers of Charity.

## Prayer for Vocations

For our married couples,  
strengthen their covenant.  
For our religious sisters,  
surround them with Your love.  
For our priests, support them as  
they guide.  
For our parents, sustain them in  
Your grace.  
For our religious brothers, draw  
them nearer to You.  
For our consecrated singles, be  
everything they need.  
For those discerning, be with  
them as they journey.  
Amen.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of November 3, 2024

### Sunday:

Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/  
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

### Monday:

Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

### Tuesday:

Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c,  
31-32/Lk 14:15-24

### Wednesday:

Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

### Thursday:

Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

### Friday:

Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/  
Lk 16:1-8

### Saturday:

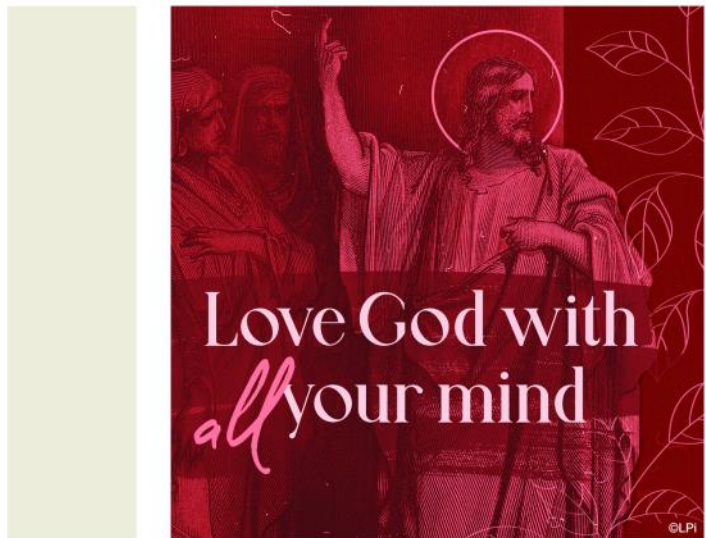
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1  
Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

### Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/  
Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, **“And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’”** Jesus’ brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with **“all your mind.”** Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let’s commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024 | 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*In loving memory of*



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*Thank  
you*



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**Team Members;**

Hugh Menton, Tim Clark, Brian Katz, Vincent Zabukovec, Matt Hastert, Noah Scott-Metoyer  
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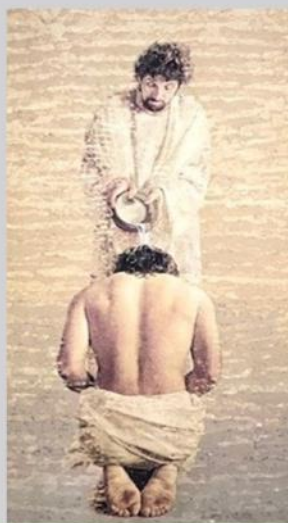
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*Our Vocation as Christians begins  
with baptism.*

*A vocation as a deacon flows  
through baptismal grace in  
service of others.*

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**Sunday, January 12,  
2025 | 2 pm—4 pm**

**The Voice of the Lord is  
mighty (Ps 29:4)**

**Let us help discern with  
you a possible vocation to  
the diaconate.**

*Next Sessions: April 6, 2025*

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**Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: DRIVERS NEEDED.** As a parish community, we will support 70 families for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Can you help us deliver? **We will meet at St. Cyprian.** Please contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or [jmsalinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:jmsalinaz@yahoo.com).

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## In Memoriam

### Rose Lozano

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church  
Friday, November 8 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~



IF THIS THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY IS SOMETHING YOU'RE DREADING BECAUSE YOU LOST SOMEONE DEAR TO YOU, CONSIDER JOINING OUR GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP. YOU WILL BE THANKFUL YOU DID. **WHY?** BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU.

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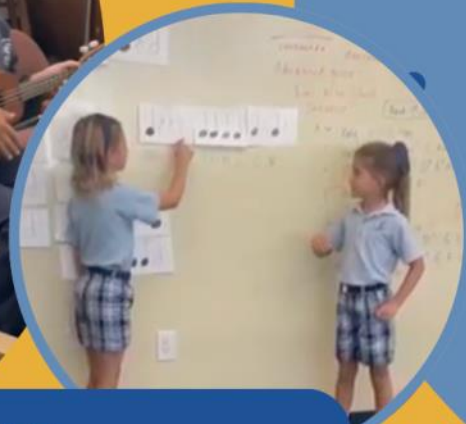
Our next get together will be at the  
El Dorado Restaurant on

Monday, November 11, at 9:30 am.

Please join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. Also, we will be announcing our plans for our Christmas breakfast which will be on Monday, December 9. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St.

Joseph and he/she will direct you to our group. 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. Looking forward to seeing you!





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