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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024



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MY VOICE.

— JOHN 18:37 —

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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 Last Sunday of the Church Year. Our liturgical feasting concludes with the *“Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.”* We also say farewell to the Gospel of Mark and starting next week with Advent we journey with the Gospel of Matthew. When Jesus refers to the Kingdom of God among us, he’s not talking about a power play. The Lord is talking about service! Choose Jesus to be the King in your life and He will awaken you to amazing faith!

After every Mass this weekend, my parish gift to you is the little book, *“Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas – Waiting in Joyful Hope 2024-2025!”*

This annual guide will help you prepare for Christmas during a busy Advent season! Spend two minutes praying this with your family every day or zoom with a couple of friends, and these brief, down to earth reflections with prayer and scripture will bring you peace! This year’s author is Jesse Bazan, a theologian, spiritual writer, and oblate of Saint Benedict Monastery in Minnesota. She serves as the Associate Director of the Benedictine Institute and teaches a course on Benedictine Spirituality. These Advent books will be available after Mass and thank you for taking one per family.

Just a reminder that we hope you’ll begin your Thanksgiving Day this Thursday, November 28 by praying with your parish family. Our Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9:00 AM and please bring any bread or wine that will grace your home table for a blessing.

Thanksgiving Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin



CHRIST THE KING

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not be taken away,
his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14)

Psalm:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)

Second Reading:

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father,
to him be glory and power forever and ever. (Rv 1:5-6)

Gospel:

Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth." (Jn 18:37)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is only one king whose subjects can
choose whether or not they will serve him.
We choose Christ when we choose the
truth. When we serve the truth, we serve
Christ the King.

Observances for the week of November 24, 2024

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Saturday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) was an avid outdoorsman and has become a global patron for youth and young adults. He had difficulties with exams and problems with his parents, but he formed his life around Jesus. St. John Paul II declared him a patron for World Youth Days.

Prayer for Christ the King

King Jesus,
Thy Kingdom Come!
May thy Kingdom where
mercy and compassion reign,
come in haste.
Come, Lord Jesus, Be our
Lord and King.
Amen.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 24, 2024

Sunday:

Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday:

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:

Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:

Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday:

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday:

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, "Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? That's Phil." I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, "That man right there is in charge of everything in this store!" He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweatsuit. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.

To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. **"Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice,"** Christ the King proclaims. In Phil's store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it's all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let's rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom.

— Father John Muir

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Please join us for an Advent Reflection
with

Deacon Steve Greco
"The Joy of Advent"

(The same presentation will be offered on both dates)

When:

Tues. December 3, 2024 at 7:00pm

Wed. December 4, 2024 at 9:00am

Where:

St. Joseph Church

6180 E Willow St. Long Beach, CA 90815

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2024 THANKSGIVING FAMILY BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING: FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE:

AS HE WAS ENTERING A VILLAGE, TEN PERSONS WITH LEPROSY MET HIM.
THEY STOOD AT A DISTANCE FROM HIM AND RAISED THEIR VOICES, SAYING,
“JESUS, MASTER! HAVE PITY ON US!” AND WHEN HE SAW THEM, HE SAID,
“GO SHOW YOURSELVES TO THE PRIESTS.”

AS THEY WERE GOING, THEY WERE CLEANSED.
AND ONE OF THEM, REALIZING HE HAD BEEN HEALED,
RETURNED, GLORIFYING GOD IN A LOUD VOICE;
AND HE FELL AT THE FEET OF JESUS AND THANKED HIM.

Leader: That we may always appreciate the gift of family, we pray...
All: We give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: That our children will be safe and grow in God’s love, we pray...
All: We give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: That we may always share our blessings with those in need, we pray...
All: We give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: That we will always see and cherish the image of God in everyone, we pray...
All: We give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: For an end to violence in the world and for peace in the Middle East and
Ukraine, we pray...
All: We give thanks to the Lord.

Leader & All: God most provident, we join all creation in raising to you a hymn of
Thanksgiving through Jesus Christ, your Son.

For generation upon generation, peoples of this land have sung of your
bounty; we too offer you praise for the rich harvest we have received at your hands.
Bless us and this food and drink which we share with grateful hearts. Continue to
make our land and lives fruitful, and let our love be shown to others as we gather
around this beautiful table of abundance.

Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now and forever!

AMEN



Parish Year-end Giving

Thank you all for your continuing generosity to St Joseph and its ministries. Many of you will be considering your Christmas and year-end giving. In addition, to traditional contributions through envelopes or Faith Direct, please keep in mind other opportunities available to you such as:

Gifts of appreciated assets – Gifts of securities, stocks and bonds directly to St Joseph's may provide tax advantages when transferred to a St Joseph Church – Long Beach before they are sold. If you have held your securities for more than one year, you may find that your gift may provide a twofold tax benefit—creating an income tax deduction and avoiding the capital gains tax that would have been due upon their sale. For more information see <https://lacatholics.org/stock/>.

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Please be mindful of distribution request deadlines required by your custodial institution.

Your St Joseph Finance Council



Come to the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend. It is an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other Men or Women in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday to have fun, you will find what you are looking for and more.

The next Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreats will be on Saturday March 1st and Sunday March 2nd 2025 for the Women. And the Men's Retreat will be Saturday March 15th and Sunday March 16th 2025

Please visit our parish website to learn more and to sign up. Registration is now open.



www.stjosephlb.org/welcome-Christ-renews/

THANKFUL

Thanksgiving Gratitude

This month, our students came together in their TAF Families (Together as Faith Families) to create a special craft reflecting the many things for which we are grateful.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our parish community for your steadfast support, prayers, and generosity. Your care and encouragement empower us to continue our mission of fostering faith and knowledge in our students.

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!





Join the St. Joseph Catholic School Alumni Database!



Are you a former student of our school?
We want to hear from you!



Join our Alumni Database to stay connected and receive updates on school events, reunions, and all the exciting things happening in our community. Don't miss out on the chance to reconnect with old friends and stay involved!



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

Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution:

THANK YOU for your generous support of 108 very grateful families including 316 children! An abundant amount of food, blankets, blessings and hope were provided.

Dec. 7-8 – Christmas Present Drive: Envelopes will be available at Masses for the children of families we will support for Christmas: a child’s name, age, sex, sizes, and instructions. Please return gifts to the Parish Life Center or church by Dec. 15 at 12:30 pm.

Dec. 22 - Christmas Food and Present Distribution: As a parish community, we will support 79 families for Christmas, and Easter. **Can you help us deliver? We will meet at St. Cornelius.** So meaningful to kids! Please contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or jmsalinaz@yahoo.com.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest. For many fulfilling ways to serve, please 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

All are welcome!

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Senior Group



**Our next get together will be at the
El Dorado Restaurant on
Monday, December 9th at 9:30 am.**

This will be our Christmas get together, and we have a few little surprises planned. Please 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. For future reference, we meet there on the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Please Note: The Senior Group members are asked to bring new baby clothes, blankets and toys for children from newborn to 18 months to our breakfast gathering on December 9. These are for the families we support through Movement for a Better World. Thank you for your generosity.



In Memoriam

Anita Garza

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church
Monday, November 25th at 10:30 am

Joan Fitzpatrick

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church
Thursday, December 5th 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 CHRISTMAS IS SOMETHING YOU'RE
DREADING BECAUSE YOU LOST SOMEONE DEAR TO
YOU, CONSIDER JOINING OUR GRIEF SUPPORT
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Many child abusers maintain a “collection” of pornographic materials, including images, either real or fake, of their victims or intended victims. Abusers will often manipulate these images for their own purposes — for example, cropping or editing a photo or a video in a suggestive manner, or adding other elements to create a preferred image. While this is not new behavior, it has become increasingly more dangerous with the introduction of artificial intelligence. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Artificial Intelligence – Deepfakes and Child Abusers” on lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



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