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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 Parishioners,

I get the privilege this week of speaking to you from the Pastor's desk! Msgr. Kevin, we hope you rest, relax and enjoy your little break.

Thank you for all the lovely cards, kind thoughts and gifts over the Christmas Season. I wish you all a New Year full of abundant graces, peace, health and Blessings.

January is that time of year when most of us plan to do something good for ourselves, i.e. attend the gym, and go dry for January! May I suggest you ask yourself how might you get involved or MORE involved in your participation at Mass? Maybe you can read - why not learn to proclaim the Word of God, maybe you can sing - ever think of joining the choir? Many voices make a joyous sound. God might be asking you to help distribute His Body and Blood as a Eucharistic minister!

Just reflect over the next few weeks and see if God is touching your heart. None of us are worthy but God works in mysterious ways. Just pray and reflect.

If you know anyone who is not fully initiated into our Catholic Faith and is interested in having a conversation do not hesitate in telling them to call me. In fact, if you know anyone with concerns or inquiries about their faith and think I might be able to help them on their faith journey call me. Let us pray for each other as we begin this New Year. We have so much to be thankful for already.

Love and Blessings,
Sr.Eva



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

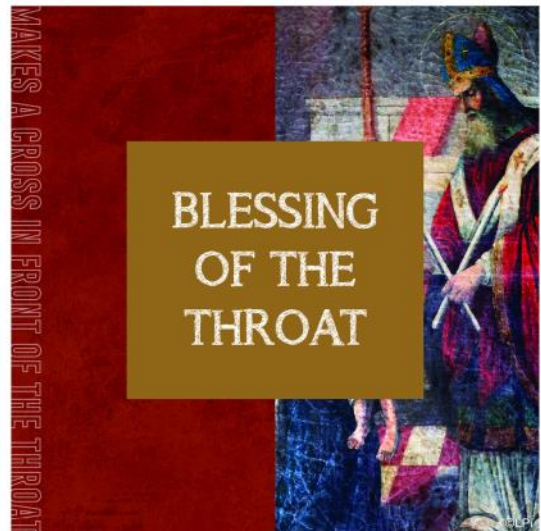
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"The people were filled with expectation," writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.

Observances for the week of January 12, 2025

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday: St. Anthony, Abbot
Saturday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat.

Prayer for Baptism

Oh God,
You desire each of us to
be a part of Your sacred
family, called and invited into
relationship with You. May
the grace of our Baptisms
surround us anew, who are
beloved and chosen by You.

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday:

Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/
Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words '**You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased**' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir

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Would you like to strengthen your faith?

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"I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love." -St. Mother Teresa

Next Weekend, Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to people experiencing homelessness. Shopping lists will be available Jan. 11.

Feb. 22-23 Book Drive: Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our supported families for Easter.

Home Furnishing Special Needs: Our Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions provided feedback of *many* basic home furnishing needs; refrigerator repairs, beds, tables, dressers, heaters, imminent loss of utility service, etc. We have begun to fulfill these needs as a parish. Are you able to help us in this urgent ministry? For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.



The gift of marriage necessarily entails a real responsibility—to grow together. How does that happen? It certainly is not by magic. The weaving of two people's souls is by grace and shared commitment. We will discuss the tools of this endeavor and celebrate your progress.

Fr. Jim Clarke Ph.D. is a consultant for the Spiritual and Human Formation for the Permanent Diaconate candidates and their wives for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

He is also an Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests. With a rich academic background in Theology, Depth Psychology, Counseling, Education, and Mythology, Fr. Clarke is the author of five books and two CD/DVD series. He is a popular Retreat Director and Conference speaker throughout Southern California.

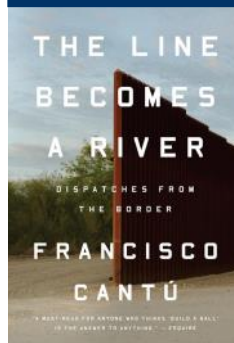
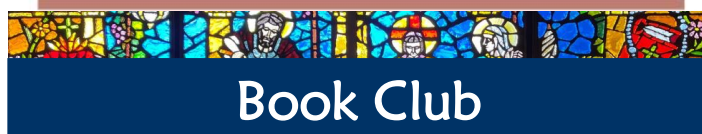


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Our next get together will be at the
El Dorado Restaurant on
Monday, January 13th at 9:30 am.

Lets welcomer in the new year together. 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!

St. Joseph Grief Support

Grief support



If you think you can't survive grieving, and
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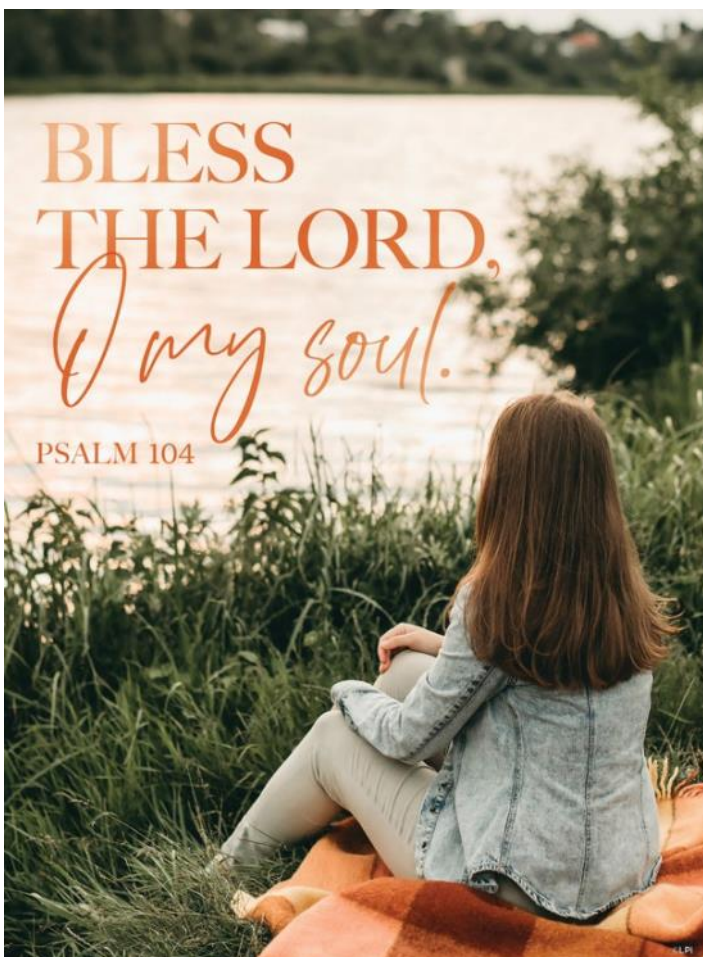
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The REPORT Act protects minors online

A bipartisan bill passed last year is helping internet platforms protect children from abuse and enticement in their online interactions. The REPORT Act, passed in May 2024, requires U.S.-based online platforms to report child sex trafficking and online enticement to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). To assist with this, NCMEC has issued guidelines intended to help online platforms play a crucial role in protecting children by recognizing key signs and indicators of child sexual exploitation. For more information, visit missingkids.org/blog/2024/first-line-of-defense-guidelines-to-help-online-platforms-detect-sexually-exploited-kids





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