

St. Joseph Parish

Blessed are you
who are poor,
for the kingdom
of God is yours.
Blessed are you
who are
now hungry,
for you will
be satisfied.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Indoor Vigil

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m. Indoor

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

By the East Church

Door parking lot





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

This past week Deacon Tom and I held a zoom meeting with over 20 parishioners who volunteered to help serve at our upcoming Parish Synod Sessions. We will be holding two Synod listening sessions:

Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 PM
In Person Meeting in the hall on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 PM

As your Pastor, I'm inviting and encouraging you to participate in one of these sessions. Your voice is important and the intention and purpose of the listening session is to inspire us to dream about the Church we are called to be. Pope Francis is encouraging us to invite anyone who is practicing their Catholic faith, disenchanted Catholics and fallen away Catholics. Sometimes we only need to look in our own household. Please see this and last week's bulletin section on "Synod" to review some of the questions that will be presented at the sessions. Let's all gather together and let your voice be heard!

Next weekend is our Annual Together in Mission Announcement Sunday. Here is a summary of the mission of the campaign as I shared with you last week:

"This year's Together in Mission theme is ***"AS ONE WE BELIEVE"***. Together in Mission is the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal by all 288 parishes to support our neediest Catholic Schools and Parishes. Many of them have suffered great losses due to the Pandemic. Those parishes that are designated as recipients of Together in Mission funds also have a goal for their parishioners to pledge and support. This is the only appeal in the nation that goes to fund those most in need. This year's gifts will support 75 schools and 64 parishes in our local Church. Because we are one and we believe, we have the opportunity to provide parishes and schools with resources needed for the Sacraments, education, hope, and inspiration while building stronger families, faith communities and neighborhoods.

This year our parish goal is ***\$75,020!*** Please help us meet our goal by discerning and praying about your gift. The weekend of February 19-20 is Together in Mission Sunday and as in years past, we'll conduct the in-pew solicitation process. If you received the pledge card in the mail, please bring it to Mass in two weeks so we can fill out the pledge cards and make our gifts together. We'll have plenty of pledge cards available. (If you already mailed in your pledge card – thank you!) For the five years I've served as Pastor we've always exceeded our parish goal and thank you for your generosity.

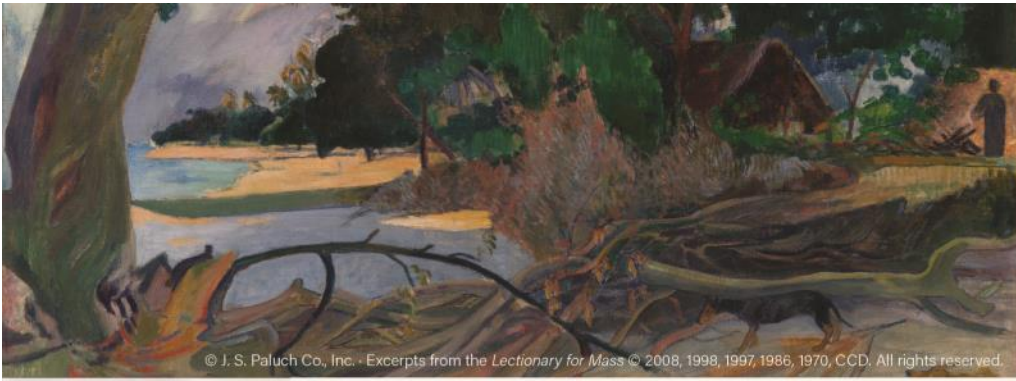
This week, in a separate e-mail, I'll be sending out the 2022 Together in Mission Video which connects you with the children and families who will receive our Together in Mission gifts. I encourage you to spend the 7 minutes watching this inspiring video!"

Please help us meet our parish goal of ***\$75,020*** by planning to make a pledge. ***TO GIVE IS WHO WE ARE!***"

I look forward to seeing you at one of the two Synod sessions!

A BLESSED AND HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL OF YOU!

Thank you and I'm praying for you and your families!
Msgr. Kevin



Te burao (The Hibiscus Tree)
1892
Paul Gauguin
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Jeremiah
17:7–8

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is in the LORD.
He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream.

Sixth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

February 13, 2022

BLESSINGS AND WOES

Today we hear once again of the deep connection between Jesus and Israel’s prophets. In the reading from Jeremiah, God’s curses at the opening are counterbalanced by God’s blessings in the second part. In Luke’s version of the Beatitudes, Jesus begins with blessings, then counterbalances with a “woe” section. The point is clear: the way we live our lives has a direct connection to whether we will experience curses and woes, or blessings instead. Of course, being among God’s blessed ones (in Latin, *beati*, from which “beatitudes” comes) doesn’t necessarily mean a life free of woe. Jesus, in his fully human nature, knew this. He also knew that when we seek happiness through our own devices, and trust only in ourselves, the woes are guaranteed to come. Let us follow the wisdom of Jeremiah and Jesus, along with the opening of the book of Psalms (echoed by Jeremiah today): “blessed are the ones who trust in the Lord.”

I DON’T KNOW

There are times when the smartest, but most difficult, thing we can say is, “I don’t know.” While we often think of this as a sign of weakness, the amount of humility it takes to say this means that the word of God is alive and well in us. To say “I don’t know” means that we look outside of ourselves to learn, and to find those who do know, and—ultimately—accept that we have to look to others and to God to help us, to guide us through life. To place our trust and hope only in this world, Paul tells the Corinthians (and us!), makes us people to be pitied. Jesus echoes this in the “woes” section of Luke’s Beatitudes, when he points out that trusting in earthly wealth, full bellies, entertainments, and reputation will, eventually, not be enough when we are called beyond this life.

LOOK ’EM IN THE EYE

Prior to delivering the blessings and woes of his “Sermon on the Plain” in Luke, Jesus had been on top of a mountain in prayer, after which he selected the Twelve to go on his mission with him. Coming down from the mountain, the first thing Jesus does is show them what is at the heart of his—and their—mission: preaching to the multitude, healing all who were in need of it, no matter where they had come from. Luke then carefully notes that Jesus raises his eyes, not to look toward heaven again in prayer, but he raises his eyes to look directly at his disciples, to share the message of blessings and woes. This scene echoes Moses coming down from the mountain to give Israel its command as to how they should live in God’s covenant. As followers of Jesus today, we are called to live out his mission to the world, while we also look beyond this world to trust in God, our only hope.

TODAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah 17:5–8
Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20
Luke 6:17, 20–26



Safeguard The Children



How to help children cope with school shootings in the news

School shootings are in the news often, and children can understandably develop major fears about them. Keep up with what your children are talking about — if they seem to be focused on school shootings, it can be helpful to talk about these types of violence in a balanced context. For more ideas about how to discuss this with your children, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Helping Young People Cope” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Prayer on St Valentine's Day

Loving Father,

I pray for an open heart and mind, so that I may recognise and be grateful for all the love in my life.

I pray that I might find a new sense of wholeness, joy and peace in your love. Remove all obstacles

so that I may grow in love throughout my life.

Give me the grace to trust in your loving plan for me,

so that whatever my circumstances over the course of my life, I may know that I am not alone, that I am

loved by You, my Loving Father, who is full of tenderness, mercy and compassion.

AMEN



Synod



As Pastor of St. Joseph’s I’m excited about our “Journey Together” in the Parish Synod Process. WE NEED HELP to plan the parish listening sessions, so please see Deacon Tom’s message below and contact Deacon Tom if you can serve our parish family. Blessings, Msgr. Kevin

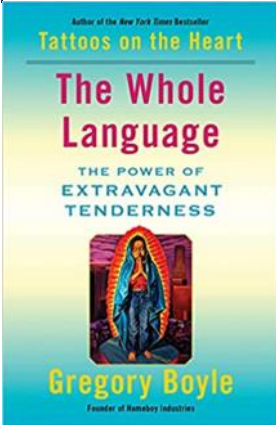
Pope Francis invites the whole People of God to participate in the synod—to “journey together” with our brothers and sisters in Christ along the path of renewal, guided by the Holy Spirit. Everyone will be invited to join us from for a synod listening session to take place in February. In advance of the listening sessions, and in addition to those I included in last week’s bulletin, I offer some questions you may wish to consider in the area of Celebrating:

- In recent years, how have experiences of prayer and the celebration of the liturgy (Mass and the sacraments) deepened our communion with God and with each other?
- In recent years, how have experiences of prayer and the celebration of the liturgy (Mass and the sacraments) guided our common life and mission?
- How might the Holy Spirit be inviting our Church to “journey together” more fully through a richer celebration of the liturgy in the years to come?
- How might the Holy Spirit be inviting us to promote Sunday Mass attendance and active participation in the celebration of the liturgy?

If you are interested in helping with the synod process at St. Joseph, please email Deacon Tom at Tom.Halliwell@la-archdiocese.org.



Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm. We will discuss:

The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness by Gregory Boyle

Fr. Boyle's moving stories challenge our ideas about God and about people, with a call to witness the transformative power of tenderness, rooted in his lifetime of experience counseling gang members in Los Angeles.

All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com



Meditation Group

St. Joseph's Meditation Group now meets as a Zoom meeting every Tuesday at 7:00PM.

No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to experience both the prayerful and calming benefits of this ancient Christian practice.

For more information please contact group leader, Frank McKown, at frmckown@gmail.com or 310-633-1744



Movement for a Better World

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.” Mt 18:5

March 5-6 – Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: Collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

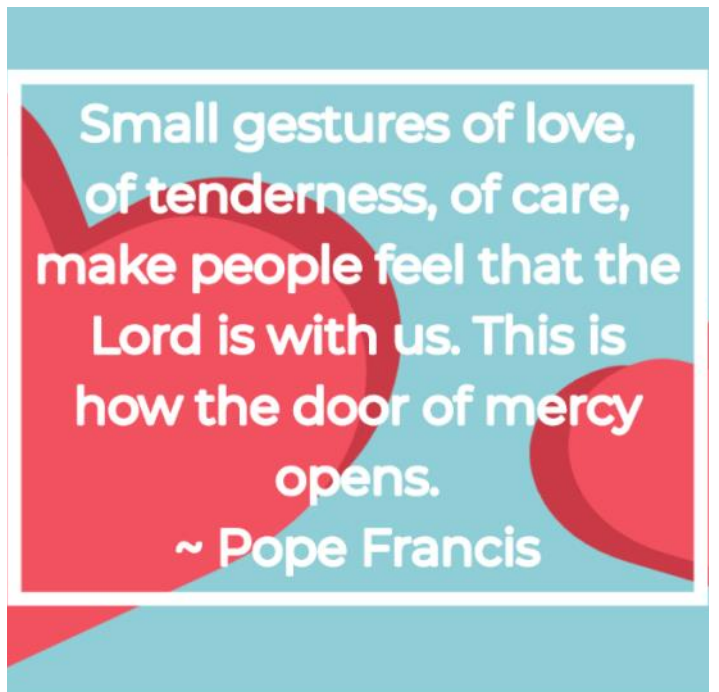
March 9, 6:30 PM – Online Committee Meeting: Join us online to celebrate and learn from our past initiatives and coordinate a successful Easter Food and Book Distribution. Share your insights for future activities.

Zoom meeting ID: 240 652 8835.

March 26-27 – Book Drive: Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our supported families for Easter.

April 9 - Easter Food and Book Distribution: As a parish community, we will support 72 families for Easter. Easter is our most challenging holiday to staff our deliveries! Please contact Tom and Marie Newton (562) 209-1298 or tjn8343@gmail.com to help.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest. Can you help make a difference? Please call Tim Clark (562)431-4385.





Blood Drive



Help save lives. Give blood.



St. Joseph Parish Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Sunday, Feb. 20th from 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM
in the Parish Hall.

Sign up online at redcrossblood.org;
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You can also sign up on Feb. 13th after the
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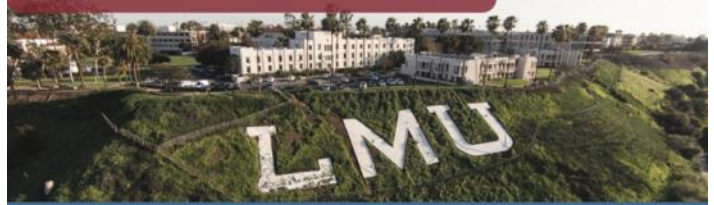
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Please email Program Administrator
Jennifer Scott to register:
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Commune with Yourself and Your God

6:00pm Sunday, March 20 to
1:30pm Friday, March 25, 2022

5-Day Silent, Directed Retreat

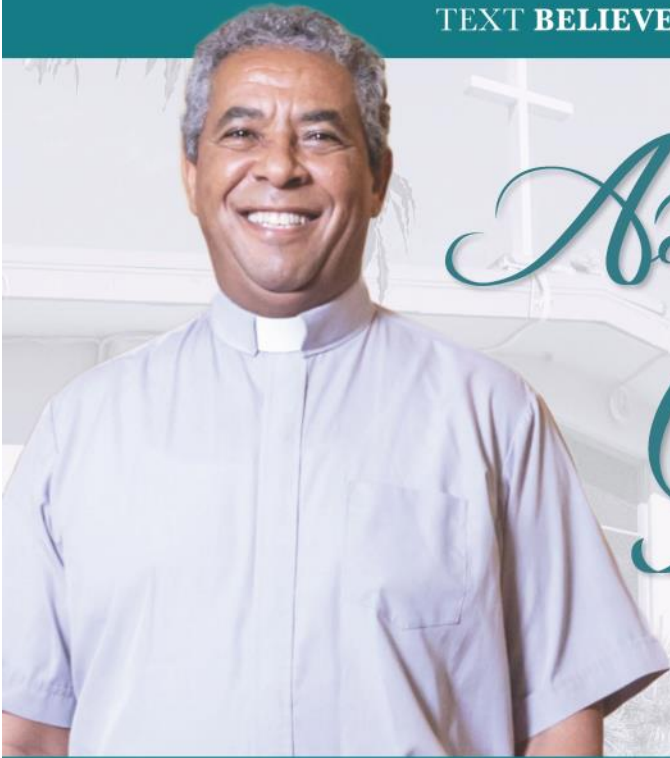
Spiritual Directors:
Sr. Pascazia Kinkuhaire, DMJ;
Sue Ballotti; Fr. Joseph Miller, SVD



Come join us on a special Silent Retreat that will give you time to commune with yourself and with your God. In the busyness of daily life, it is essential to find time to listen deeply to our own inner world and to discern God's voice inviting us to intimacy. This retreat offers a unique, contemplative opportunity to commune with God in the solitude of our hearts. An experienced Spiritual Director will accompany you through these five days as you seek to discover the subtle movement of the Holy Spirit within you. Come deepen your relationship with God which will be enhanced by solitude, nature and a labyrinth walk. Sr. Pascazia Kinkuhaire, DMJ is a Daughter of Mary and Joseph of Ugandan Origin. She specialized in Social Ministry in Mission and is a Spiritual Director. She has served in her Order as a Teacher, Social Worker, Formator and in Leadership on the Africa Province level. Sue Ballotti is a spiritual director, retreat facilitator and a docent for labyrinth walks at MJRC. She is a Master Catechist for the Los Angeles Archdiocese & a past director of RCIA at St. Margaret Mary in Lomita. Father Joe Miller, SVD, works in Spiritual Formation, retreat ministry, hospital chaplaincy and Mission Animation.

Cost: single room \$600; Commuter \$425
For information or to register call José at (310) 377-4867 ext 250
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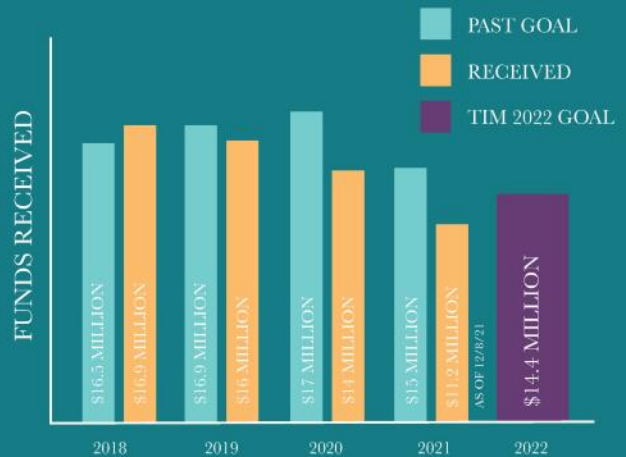


As L.A. Catholics, we believe as one holy Catholic family in hope.

We pray together, sing together, volunteer together, and believe together. We lean on one another as followers of Christ as he sends us on a mission to evangelize and be holy examples of generosity in the world.

Together we turn to Christ and gather as one family of faith and support parishes and schools that face great challenges.

In 2022, please help us renew our sense of unity and make a generous gift today! Your support gives our struggling parishes and schools much needed hope.



“LET US PRAY, LET US PERSEVERE, LET US BELIEVE.”

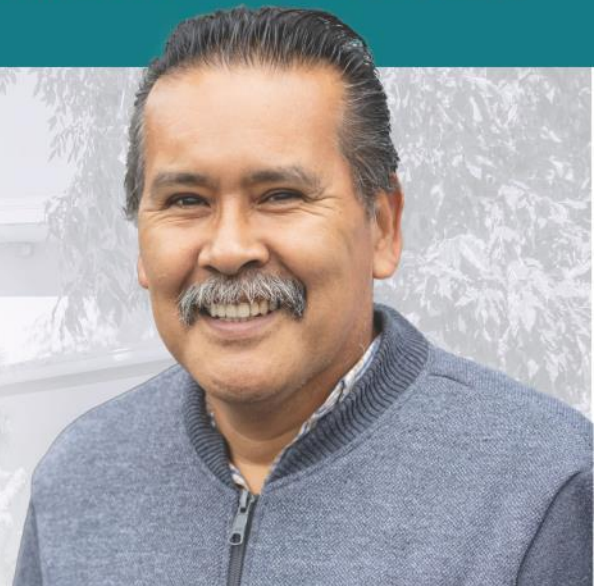
The Together in Mission Annual Appeal provides essential faith-based and educational funding to struggling parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. By seeking to serve God, these foundations of faith and learning strengthen families and communities, enrich parish life, and educate future generations.

How to make a gift?

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