St. Joseph Parish



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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

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

Saturdavs 3:45-4:30 p.m. By the East Church Door parking lot





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Lent commences this week with Ash Wednesday, March 2: Here is our parish schedule for the Distribution of Ashes during Mass/Service.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

8:00 AM - Mass Indoors

12:00 PM – Mass Indoors

5:00 PM – Mass Outdoors in the Courtyard – please bring a lawn chair

6:30 – 7:00 PM - Drive Thru Distribution of Ashes in the Parking lot

Thanks to the 35 people who attended our **Synod Listening Session**. It was described as energetic, faith-filled and people appreciated being listened to as they shared their vision of Church.

Our next listening session is this Tuesday, March 1 in the hall/gym. It's Fat Tuesday so we'll have food and drink at 6:30 PM followed by the listening session at 7:00. To set-up and have enough food and drink, please RSVP by Sunday night of this weekend. Just e-mail stjoseph@stjosephlb.org and tell us the number in your party who will attend. No names or phone numbers needed. Thank you for planning to join us and let your voice be heard!

Thanks to all who made a pledge/gift to **Together in Mission** during our recent Commitment weekend. The in-pew solicitation and mail in generated almost \$40,000 in pledges. Our parish goal is \$75,020 and please mail in the envelope or give online at togetherinmission.org/give (Remember to credit your gift to St. Joseph's – Long Beach). Thank you for supporting our neediest schools/ parishes.

Our parish gift to you is the booklet, "*Daily Reflections for Lent, Not by Bread Alone 2022.*" May your daily offering of a few minutes a day with the Lord illuminate your Lenten journey. The booklets will be available after all Masses this weekend and thanks for picking up one per family.

Let us pray for the safety of the Ukrainian people, for an end to this war and for peace to prevail!

Let's make it a GREAT LENT!!

Lenten Blessings, Msgr. Kevin



Nocturne: Furnace 1879/80 James McNeill Whistler American, 1834–1903 Art Institute of Chicago

PREPARING FOR LENT

As we approach the season of Lent, Paul's first letter to the Corinthians gives us a sneak peek of Easter, waiting for us on the other side: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" Paul's conclusion, telling us to remain steadfast and devoted to the Lord's work, could serve as a Lenten motto. The reading from Sirach provides a series of adages regarding discipline of the tongue, and of our speech. Maybe not a bad Lenten practice to observe. Even Jesus in Luke's Gospel gets into the act, encouraging a cleansing of the heart ("A clean heart create for me, God" we will sing in Psalm 51 during Lent), so that from the goodness of our heart we will bring good into the world. Of course, these insights from Sirach, Paul, and Luke serve us quite well year-round. What we truly do "in the Lord" is never done in vain.

IS THIS ON THE TEST?

Today's reading from Sirach reminds us not to praise others before they speak, "for it is then that people are tested." Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, takes it a step further, reminding us that we are also known by the fruit borne in our lives. It doesn't take long to think of a person or group of people who speak beautiful, praiseworthy words, and yet their lives are unfruitful, or their lives outright contradict their speech. This is the class of people we call "hypocrites," and it's clear in all the Gospels that Jesus has no time for them. Our speech does test us, but the test is really to demonstrate that there is a connection between what we say and how we live. Expressed another way, this is the age-old discussion about faith and works. A truly deep-rooted faith will bear fruit in the works, in the actions of our lives. As happens so often in discipleship, we are dealing with the both/and, not either/or.

TALKING HEARTS

As disciples who follow Jesus, we believe that we are following God's very Wordmade-Flesh. The theological term for this is In-carn-ation, the "in-flesh-made" second person of the Trinity. As followers of the Word, our words are truly important. Our hearts and mouths are wired together, as Jesus tells us today: "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." This is yet another echo of the wisdom of Sirach: "Speech discloses the bent of a person's heart." Eventually, our words—and the other actions of our lives—will convey what is truly in our hearts. Perhaps the ultimate test of our

discipleship is not merely our words, or even our actions, but on a deeper level the test is whether or not others will find in us God's word "in-flesh-made." Our mission is to be the Word-made-flesh, in the flesh again in our own place and time.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 27:4–7 Psalm 92:2–3, 13–14, 15–16 1 Corinthians 15:54–58 Luke 6:39–45

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Sirach 27:5

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022



Please join us for our live Synod Listening Session, which will take place in the parish hall on Tuesday, **March 1 at 7:00 pm**. Since March 1 is also "Fat Tuesday," we will also host food and drink in the hall beginning at 6:30. Pope Francis' has said that the intention of this process is "to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts and restore strength to our hands for our common mission."

These are the topics Pope Francis has asked us to consider in the Listening Sessions. Under each topic are reflection questions you can use to help you address the topics:

"Listening and Speaking"

- Who is and who is not walking together with Jesus Christ in the Church today?
- In recent years, how has our Church "journeyed together" by providing opportunities for people to be heard?
- In recent years, how have we ignored or even excluded the voices of people on the margins of society and the sidelines of the Church?
- What keeps us from speaking with courage and charity on what matters to us for the life of the Church?
- How might the Holy Spirit be inviting our Church to "journey together" more fully through intentional listening and speaking to one another in the coming years?

"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?

"Going on Mission"

- In recent years, how have we called every baptized person to participate in the mission to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- In recent years, how have we encouraged people to use their spiritual gifts for mission in the world? the coming years?

- How might the Holy Spirit be inviting our Church to "journey together" more fully with a clear sense of our common mission to proclaim the Gospel in
- How might the Holy Spirit be inviting our Church to focus on forming people as missionary disciples of Jesus?

"Dialoguing"

- In recent years, how have we dialogued with people of other religions and people with no religious affiliation?
- In recent years, how have we learned from and contributed to other sectors of society (culture, politics, and economics)?
- In recent years, how have we collaborated in mission with Christians of other traditions and denominations?
- How might the Holy Spirit be inviting our Church to "journey together" more fully through intentional dialogue in the years to come?
- To which issues in society might the Holy Spirit be inviting our Church to pay closer attention?

"Discerning and Deciding"

- In recent years, how have we intentionally listened to the voice of the Holy Spirit as a Church?
- In recent years, how have we identified needs within the Church and the world and how to address them?
- In recent years, how have our decision-making processes encouraged or discouraged wider consultation within the Church?
- How might the Church be invited to "journey together" more fully through individual and communal listening to the Spirit in the years to come?
- How might the Holy Spirit be inviting our Church to "journey together" more fully through consultative decision-making in the years to come?

"Growing in Synodality"

- What are you learning about communion through the Synod process?
- What are you learning about participation through the Synod process?
- What are you learning about mission through the Synod process?
- How might the Holy Spirit be inviting our Church to form people to "journey together" to live communion, to achieve participation, and to be open to mission?

As you think of possibilities, perhaps pay attention to the ideas that give you clarity, enthusiasm, peace, and hope (these may be an indication of the promptings of the Holy Spirit).

-Deacon Tom

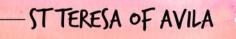
Safeguard The Children



Decide on online safety rules for your family

If your children use the internet or social media, you will want to decide how, when, and where they can use it. Review privacy settings on apps, games, and websites, and talk to your children about how to keep their information private and safe. Check in often to make sure your children are following the rules and update accordingly as apps update or technology changes. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Revisit Online Safety Practices" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

> "LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU. LET NOTHING MAKE YOU AFRAID. ALL THINGS ARE PASSING. GOD ALONE NEVER (HANGES. PATIEN(E GAINS ALL THINGS. IF YOU HAVE GOD YOU WILL WANT FOR NOTHING. GOD ALONE SUFFICES."



Movement for a Better World

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

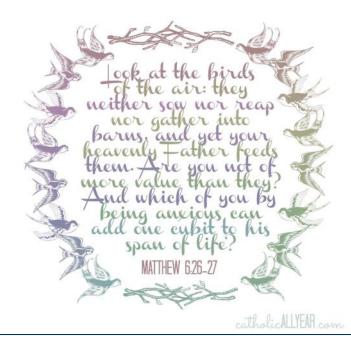
March 5-6 – Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: Collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

March 9, 6:30 PM – Online <u>Committee</u> <u>Meeting</u>: 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.

<u>Skip-a-Meal Donations</u>: 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.



Book Club

Tattoos on the Heart

THE POWER OF

EXTRAVAGANT

Gregory Boyle

The Whole Language

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 <u>frmckown@gmail.com</u> or 310-633-1744



January Collection

Collection	
Faith Direct	\$14,959.07
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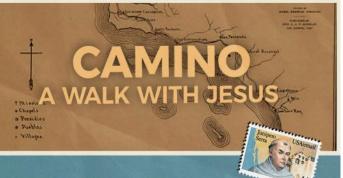
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FEBRUARY 27, 2022



Walk - Pray - Witness

Join an 11-mile spiritual pilgrimage from Mission San Gabriel Arcángel to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

Saturday, April 2, 2022

9:00 a.m. - Camino kick-off at Mission San Gabriel Walk to the Cathedral, with rest and water stops at:

- All Souls Church All Saints Church Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (Rose Hill) Our Lady Help of Christians Church St. Peter Church La Placita Church

Lunch will be provided at Cathedral High School 2:30 p.m. - Closing prayer service at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

Learn more and register at forwardinmission.com



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 there find due ner us poll the discuss the newthere of the action. 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 or email jsalas@maryjoseph.org or register online at www.maryjoseph.org Please see website for Cancellation Policy.





Discover God's call for your life! Called and gifted is a three-step process that discerns your charisms, or spiritual gifts.

Step One ONLINE SELF-STUDY: Begins March 7, 2022 one month to complete

What you will learn from the initial workshop:

- The five steps of discerning the charisms that God has given you
- How discerning your charisms can change your life
- The signs and characteristics of 23 of the most common charisms of the Holy Spirit
- · How discerning your charisms can change the world and help spread the Gospel
- How discerning and using our charisms together can help transform and renew our parishes
- The ancient teachings of the Church on how the charisms of the Holy Spirit work in your life and in the life of your parish community





SMALL GROUP MEETING EVERY OTHER WEEK: Begins the week of April 24, 2022

- six-to eight-week guided experience of intentional discernment
- Choose one weekly group:
 - Tuesday Group: 7:00pm-8:30pm (4/26, 5/10, 5/24)
 - Wednesday Group: 10:00am-11:30am (4/27, 5/11, 5/25)
 - Thursday Group: 6:30pm-8:00pm (4/28, 5/12, 5/26)



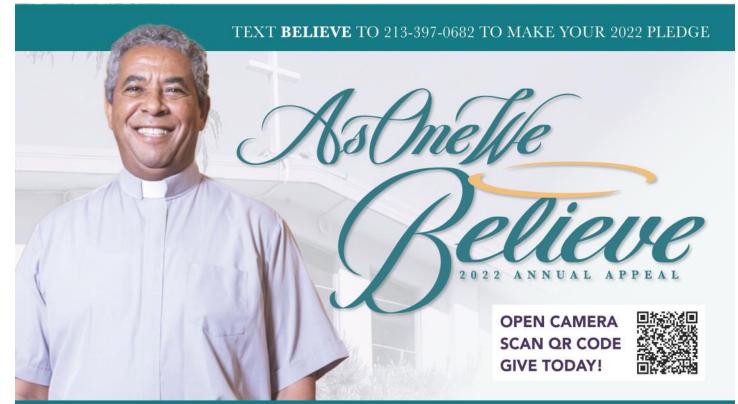
FEBRUARY 27, 2022



Come Journey with Us During Lent as We Experience the Unconditional Love Christ Has for Us!

We often hear about Jesus' passion and death but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk stepby-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that begins Thursday March, 3rd at 7:00pm on Zoom. The cost for the materials and online video access is \$20 and zoom information will be provided to registered participants.

For more information or to register, please contact Mike Santy at 562-370-0769 or email mike@stjosephlb.org.



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 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





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?

Visit togetherinmission.org/give or call 213-637-7672



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Where friends and family come to play April 29- May 1, 2022

Captains needed:

Food Booth (Mexican or other) Sponsorship Games/Prizes

Join a fun, creative committee and be part of the biggest community event in Long Beach.

Please contact Conny Frost: sjparishfair@gmail.com 562-673-4610



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