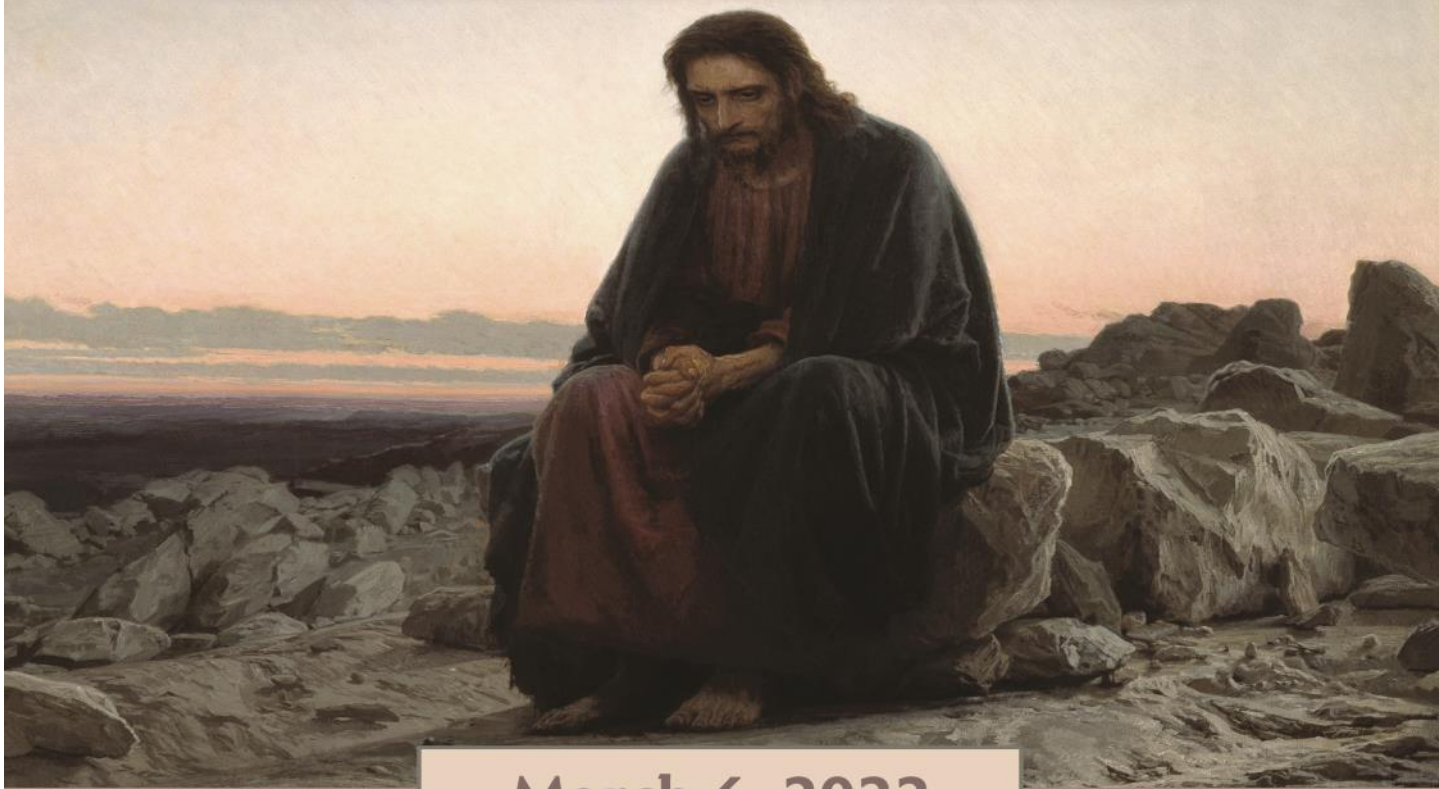


St. Joseph Parish

First Sunday of **LENT**

Filled with the Holy Spirit,
Jesus returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into
the desert for forty days,
to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2



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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:

Happy Lent! As we enter the First week of Lent, our Sunday Scripture readings are filled with hope as Jesus models for us how to deal with temptations in our lives. Let's pray for one another that we might resist the temptations of the devil and be strong in our faith, especially during these 40 days of Lent!

This week we'll resume in-person Stations of the Cross in the Church on the Fridays of Lent. Join us this Friday, March 11 at 7:00 PM and we'll journey to Jerusalem and meditate on the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection.

Let's pray that we can be faithful to Lent's call to pray, fast and give alms. Our parish provides many opportunities to give alms and this weekend we invite you to participate in ***Movement for a Better World's Feed a Baby Food Drive***. Please bring any non-perishable baby food items to the hall/gym. Our care for the little ones will support Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach. For further information please see the notice in this bulletin.

There are a few more openings for the parish Zoom Bible Study called ***"No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion"***. Please see the notice in this bulletin.

The world is united with the people of Ukraine as they struggle to protect their loved ones, freedom and homeland. The cry of Moses and the people in the First Reading of this Sunday's Mass resonates around the world: "When we were maltreated and oppressed, we cried to the Lord, the God of our Fathers and He heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil and oppression." Let's pray that the strong hand of God will free His people and all may live in peace!

I'm praying for you to be steadfast during this 40 day sojourn!

Lenten Peace,
Msgr. Kevin



First Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2022

*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.*

— Romans 10:8

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE THROUGH THE CHURCH

As the world watches in horror and disbelief over the atrocities being levied against the peaceful loving people of Ukraine, we are all praying and perhaps you want to offer some material assistance. Three Catholic organizations you can trust are on the front lines helping the people in Ukraine and the estimated more than 1 million refugees who are being accepted into neighboring European Countries. You can find further information and donation links for the following:

Catholic Relief Services – Help families in Ukraine at crs.org

Knights of Columbus – The Knights of Columbus in Poland are collecting supplies including medicine, sleeping bags and other necessities and are delivering them to the Archdiocese of Lviv in Western Ukraine. You'll find a donation link at kofc.org

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops – The collection is providing emergency relief to the people of Ukraine. Donation link can be found at usccb.org

Thank you for your prayers and any assistance you may offer. May the world respond generously to the spiritual and material needs of the Ukrainian people and may the Prince of Peace bring an end to this war.

Peace,
Msgr. Kevin

A prayer of *peace*

Merciful God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine and their family members around the world. We ask that all those involved respond with wisdom and courage and that a peaceful resolution may be achieved. Lord, during these challenging times please lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust and lead us from hatred to love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen



“YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TO THE TEST.”

LUKE 4:12

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RELYING ON GOD

Face it, the last couple of years have worn us all down. Sometimes we don't know how to pray, or we don't seem to find the words we want. It is easy to falter and waver. Lent is a time to get back to the basics. There is much hope and strength in our readings as we begin our Lenten journey. The letter to the Romans tells us today that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and this is an idea we hear throughout the scriptures. Psalm 91 shows us exactly how to cry for help, “Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.” In Deuteronomy, Moses teaches the people to bring their firstfruit offerings to God, and put their faith and trust in God, and Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we find our life in the word of God.

GOOD ZEAL AND TEMPTATIONS

In the chapter of Luke preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan and began his adult ministry. Immediately afterward he was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tested. While this might seem almost surreal as we imagine the devil taking Jesus from place to place, it is really much more simple and common than that. For many of us, as we strive to live our lives, we deal with many temptations. Sometimes it is a matter of having the zeal and desire, but not the practical experience or knowledge to carry out a goal. Other times, we are afraid to ask for the assistance that we need to carry a project through to completion. Or we might think that we deserve more, or that our results should be happening more quickly. Our egos can be destructive.

KNOWING YOUR TOUCHSTONES

When Jesus found himself tested by the devil, he was given several different scenarios. The devil brought up situations that he knew could specifically test Jesus, but similar situations would test any of us. Physical hunger is a real need, and many of us might yearn for success, or better paying jobs, or power, or the like. The difference is that when Jesus was tempted, he had some strong “touchstones” to hold onto, secure answers to lead him. He went to simple, basic scriptures that he could call upon in his time of need. For many, one of those basics would be Jeremiah, “I know the plans I have in mind for you—plans for peace and not disaster.” For another it might be the Beatitudes or the twenty-third Psalm. Whatever it may be, have ready those touchstones, those “go to” prayers or phrases that you can hold onto during the times when you are sorely tested in your life. Let those stones be your firm foundation.

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:4–10
Psalm 91:1–2, 10–11, 12–13, 14–15
Romans 10:8–13
Luke 4:1–13

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 6, 2022



Safeguard The Children



Buckle Kids Right: Know the Car Seat Stages

Check your car seats

Parents are — rightly — focused on car seat safety from the minute they bring their children home from the hospital. But as children grow up, things change. They get taller, they weigh more, the family may change cars or add siblings. It is important to periodically check your car seats and make sure they are still safe for your children’s current ages, weights, heights, and the vehicle they ride in. For a quick list of starter questions, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Car Seat Safety” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Movement for a Better World

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

This Weekend – 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.

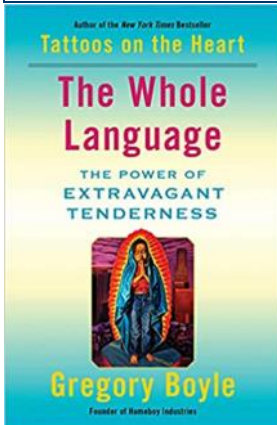
March 26-27 – Book Drive: Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our supported families for Easter.

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.

LENT & EASTER		
ASH WEDNESDAY LENT BEGINS Emphasizes our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.	DAYS OF FASTING ASH WEDNESDAY GOOD FRIDAY WHAT IS FASTING? One full meal and two smaller meals.	
PALM SUNDAY Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.	DAYS OF ABSTINENCE ASH WEDNESDAY GOOD FRIDAY EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT WHAT IS ABSTINENCE? No meat.	
HOLY THURSDAY Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and Passover.	40 The 40 days of Lent are based on two accounts: the 40 years of wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.	Prayer of Lenten Solidarity God of All Peoples, As we look ahead to our Lenten journey, may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms an offering of peace, and our prayers a reflection of humble and grateful hearts.
GOOD FRIDAY We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.		EASTER SUNDAY HE HAS RISEN! Alleluia The principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Jesus has risen! Easter is an 8 day celebration leading to Easter Season, which ends on Pentecost.
PILLARS OF LENT PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING	The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: Baptism.	Amen

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



Knights of Columbus



HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS! OUR BLOOD DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS!

The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the people who donated to the Blood Drive on Feb. 20th. We had 41 blood donors who saved 123 lives! Our next Blood Drive will be on May 29th. You are a blessing.

Tony Diaz
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PRAY FOR OUR ELECT AND CANDIDATES!

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Chrissy



Alyssa

Candidates:



Derrick



Kevin

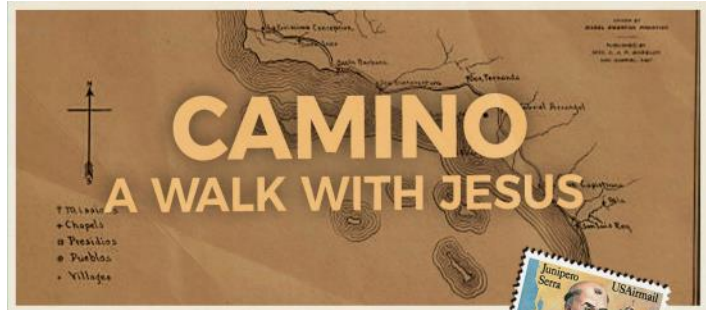
RCIA Prayer

Lord, we pray for those in the RCIA process who journey to you.

Strengthen their faith.

Open their hearts to the fullness of your love. Deepen their understanding. Set their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.

Amen!



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

You can walk all or part of the pilgrimage. Shuttles will be available from the cathedral to the mission.

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;
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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.



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

It's not too late to sign up for our Lenten study.

Please notify mike@stjosephlb.org or call 562-370-0769 to reserve your materials.

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 step-by-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 meets on Thursdays 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.

We need you!!!



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