

# St. Joseph Parish

March 20, 2022



*Third Sunday*  
of

God called out to Moses from the burning bush and said, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

*Exodus 3:4, 5*

# Lent

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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**





## HELP FOR UKRAINE

Next Sunday, we'll have a special basket if you would like to help the people of Ukraine. Please see the information below. You can make an offering through the QR CODE, mail a check or bring a check to St. Joseph's next weekend. Thanks for supporting the suffering people of Ukraine and let there be peace on earth.

Gratefully in Christ,  
Msgr. Kevin

March 8, 2022

Given the recent events in Ukraine and the devastation that our brothers and sisters have had to face with the uncertainties in their country that has been ongoing since last month and while over 1.5 million of Ukrainians have fled their homes from the ongoing fighting into nearby countries and over two thousand lives have been lost and thousands more injured, we are asking for your help. During this time, Ukraine is in solemn need of our prayers and support as they face such devastating loss and tragedy within their country. Pope Francis tells us, "In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no 'generous effort' will ever be lost." Pope Francis has encouraged help for the people of Ukraine.

In solidarity with our suffering brothers and sisters, Archbishop Gomez has asked all parishes to consider conducting a non-mandatory special collection during the weekend of March 19-20, 2022. All checks should be made payable to *The Society for the Propagation of the Faith*- memo: *Ukraine Disaster*. Donations may be mailed to Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 3424 Wilshire Blvd- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Los Angeles CA 90010. If anyone wishes to make an online donation, they may do so at <https://missionsla.org/product/donate-1312/> and specify *Ukraine Disaster* in the memo box. 100% of the collection will go towards those affected by this horrible situation. For any questions or concerns, please contact the Mission Office at (213) 637-7223 or [missionoffice@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:missionoffice@la-archdiocese.org).

Thank you for your support and prayers.  
Reverend Brian Nunes  
Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia

Monsignor Terrance L. Fleming S.T.D.  
Archdiocesan Mission Executive Director



## 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](https://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](https://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](https://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







“I SHALL CULTIVATE THE GROUND  
AROUND IT AND FERTILIZE IT;  
IT MAY BEAR FRUIT IN THE FUTURE.  
IF NOT YOU CAN CUT IT DOWN.”

LUKE 13:8-9

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## TRUST IN GOD

Elizabeth Barret Browning wrote, “Earth’s crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God, But only he who sees, takes off his shoes; The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.” We are challenged today to experience the mystery of God with the image of Moses and the burning bush—a God who answers all questions in a simple, bold manner. Like an exasperated parent telling a child “Because I said so,” God tells Moses “I am who I am,” and “tell the Israelites I AM sent me to you.” God may as well have said, “Save all your questions, and trust in me. Quit being so stubborn.” The passage from First Corinthians reminds us what happened when the Israelites did not listen to God’s message. They grumbled and complained because manna from heaven was not enough! Lastly, an annoyed Jesus calls on his listeners to repent and uses a difficult parable to stress transformation.

## A CONTINUOUS LENT

In the Rule of Saint Benedict, the monks are told that their lives should be a “continuous Lent.” At first, this may sound like a negative, difficult thing, or entirely depressing. Rather, it is simply a call to be open and continue growing. In fact, one of the vows that Benedictines profess is *Conversatio Morum*, that is, “conversion of life.” In a nutshell, that is what Jesus is saying this week. We are being called to change our lives. Some people came to Jesus with gossip and a gruesome story about Pilate; Jesus challenged them with a couple of pointed questions, and then related the parable of the fig tree. To put it in context, usually figs blossom within two years, and then can be harvested twice a year. When a tree has been barren three years, it might be best just to remove it, but this is not the approach that Jesus suggested. Rather, the gardener in the parable chose to nurture the tree, fertilizing it with dung. He was not willing to give up on it.

## GROWTH

There are times when we may feel our lives are covered in dung, and we lie dormant through a plethora of difficult and painful moments. But Jesus is calling us to use this time, to draw strength from it, to use the dung in our lives as fertilizer, to begin a slow and steady transformation to a new and better place, until we too can bear fruit. Growth is always a process, and we have to start somewhere. While there is always a call to repentance and conversion, we are blessed with a God who is loving enough and patient enough to wait for us to come to our senses, however long that may take. This Lent we are being called to life. We are called to repent. We are called to be nurtured and fertilized and take the time and effort to grow.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Exodus 3:1–8a, 13–15  
Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8, 11  
1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12  
Luke 13:1–9

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 2022





# Safeguard The Children



## Talking to teens about edibles

For many young people, the widespread legalization of marijuana has provided more opportunities to try it, and in a variety of ways. Edibles — marijuana-infused brownies, gummies, candies, and other foods — are gaining popularity. Talk to your teens about the risks associated with marijuana in any form, even snacks. For tips on how to start this conversation, read the New York Times article “How to Talk to Teens About Edibles” at [nytimes.com/2021/10/19/well/family/weed-edibles-teens.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/10/19/well/family/weed-edibles-teens.html).

LENT & EASTER	
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>LENT BEGINS</b> Emphasizes our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.	<b>DAYS OF FASTING</b> ASH WEDNESDAY GOOD FRIDAY <b>WHAT IS FASTING?</b> One full meal and two smaller meals.
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.	<b>DAYS OF ABSTINENCE</b> ASH WEDNESDAY GOOD FRIDAY EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT <b>WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?</b> No meat.
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and Passover.	<b>40</b> 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.
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.	
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>HE HAS RISEN!</b> 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.	<b>PILLARS OF LENT</b> PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: Baptism.



# Movement for a Better World

“True charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need.” Pope Francis

**Committee Meeting:** Many thanks to everyone that joined us Tuesday night. It is renewing to witness the passion that lives within our parish to walk with those in urgent need of our support. Can you join us? Please call Tim Clark to learn about the types of opportunities, (562) 431-4385

**Next Weekend – Book Drive:** Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our 102 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](mailto:tjn8343@gmail.com) to help.

**Home Furnishing Special Needs:** We have an active ministry to provide basic home furnishings to those in need; beds, tables, dressers, refrigerator repairs, immanent loss of utility service, etc. Are you able to help us in this urgent ministry?

**Skip-a-Meal Donations:** Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest.

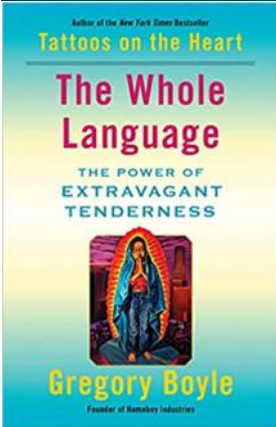
*Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent*

God of the vineyard, give us reverence for life in Creation.  
 Show us your beauty in the promise of eternal Spring.  
 Form us in your likeness,  
 and give us a heart for the grace and patience of gardening,  
 that we might nurture the life you entrust to us.  
 Amen.

Prayer from [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca) [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)



## Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:agoodlife@msn.com)



## Meditation Group

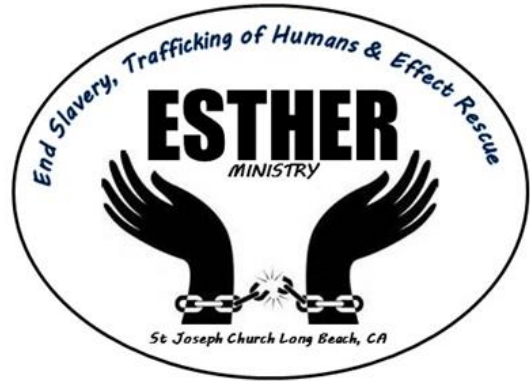
**St. Joseph's Meditation Group** now meets as a Zoom meeting every Tuesday at 7:00PM.

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](mailto:frmckown@gmail.com) or 310-633-1744



## Esther Ministry



ESTHER Ministry is one of 12 core team members of the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force, which includes over 60 non-profit, service-oriented and government/law enforcement agencies. The goal of LBHTTF is to promote education and awareness to the community about the tragedy of human trafficking and how it is in our own neighborhoods, as well as provide direct help to survivors of human trafficking.

As collaborators with LBHTTF, we have been fortunate to help in many ways. Our main project is providing backpacks with clothing, comfort items, hygiene products, and other essential items to ease distress. These backpacks have been given to law enforcement, shelters, Homeland Security and other outreach organizations.

We are able to do this project as well as other types of assistance to various agencies through generous grants from the Bess Hodges Foundation, Clancy Foundation and CRS Rice Bowl, as well as donations from individuals. **WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** If you would like to be added to our mailing list for updates or donate to help in our various projects, just e-mail us at [estherministry1@gmail.com](mailto:estherministry1@gmail.com). Checks can be made payable to St. Joseph Church with notation for ESTHER Ministry.





# RCIA

PRAY FOR OUR ELECT  
AND CANDIDATES!

# RCIA

## Catechumens:



Chrissy



Alyssa

## Candidates:



Derrick



Kevin

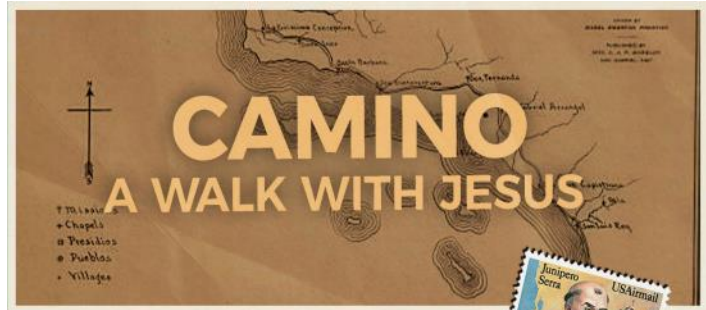
## RCIA Prayer

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](http://forwardinmission.com)



## Diaconate Virtual Information Day

Hosted by the  
**Diaconate Formation Office**  
Sunday, March 27, 2022  
2pm—4pm

Presentaciones son en inglés y español.

To register contact  
Deacon Melecio Zamora at:

[dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org)

So they said to the blind man,  
"What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?"  
John 9:27





## St. Joseph Fair

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

Dear Friend and Potential Sponsor;

I hope and pray that this finds you and your family doing well! The St. Joseph Fair is returning after a two-year absence due to the pandemic. The St. Joseph's community hopes that you will return by considering a Sponsorship for the Fair. We want you to know all proceeds positively impact both St. Joseph Parish and the Long Beach community!

Want to know where and how your sponsorship money is utilized? Look at the great things we are able to achieve because of your tax- deductible donation:

- The parish distribution was used to help offset the cost for the recent church upgrades including the installation of the new central air conditioning/heating system. Funds also helped to fund the costs for the recent electrical upgrade on the St. Joseph Campus.
- The school used the funds to upgrade lighting and installed new windows in the classrooms.
- Your gifts assisted us to upgrade, modernize and beautify our 65 year-old campus!

Please review the attached sponsorship form to see which level is best suited for you and may the Lord bless you for your generosity.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely yours,



Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik,  
Pastor, St. Joseph in Long Beach

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**Sponsorship contributions are tax deductible. A Tax ID letter is sent upon request.  
Sponsors, pick up your bracelets/food/drink tickets at the Will Call window during the Fair.**

All fair information and forms can be found at: <http://www.stjosephlb.org/fair/>  
**Questions at: [sjparishfair@gmail.com](mailto:sjparishfair@gmail.com)**

## St. Joseph Parish Fair Sponsorship Levels 2022

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<p><b>Benefits</b></p> <p>2 Three Day unlimited ride bracelets</p> <p>\$150 in food/drink tickets</p> <p>One reserved parking spot during the Fair</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sponsor Recognition</b></p> <p>personalized sponsorship sign on stage</p> <p>PA announcement during the Fair.</p>	<p><b>Benefits</b></p> <p>2 – Saturday(noon-6pm) <b>OR</b> All Sunday only unlimited ride bracelets</p> <p>\$100 in food/drink tickets</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sponsor Recognition</b></p> <p>personalized sponsorship sign_in the Brewhouse</p>	<p><b>Benefits</b></p> <p>\$50 in food/drink tickets,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sponsor Recognition</b></p> <p>personalized sponsorship sign in the Brewhouse</p>	<p><b>Benefits</b></p> <p>\$25 in food/drink tickets,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sponsor Recognition</b></p> <p>personalized sponsorship sign in the Brewhouse</p>	<p><b>Benefits</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sponsor Recognition</b></p> <p>personalized sponsorship in the Brewhouse</p>

*Deadline for Sponsorship is April 26,2022.\*  
Sponsorship pick up at WILL CALL during fair*

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Return this form with check made payable to **St. Joseph Parish Fair**.  
St. Joseph Parish Life Center 6180 E. Willow, Long Beach, CA 90815 Attn: Parish Fair Sponsorships

Questions on the Parish Fair? Email Fair Chairs at: [sjparishfair@gmail.com](mailto:sjparishfair@gmail.com)



Dear Parishioners:

It's Fair time again! Will you help make the Parish Fair a success? All you have to do is shop. Donating an item from the list below can significantly help reduce our expenses, which means more of the proceeds go directly back to our Parish and School.

Please place your donation near an exit in the church or drop them off at the Parish Life Center during hours and we'll pick them up weekly.

The list below is from the Smart & Final (S&F) store in Lakewood including row #.  
All items are Smart & Final's First Street brand unless noted.

**Smart & Final**  
**Lakewood Store**

<b><u>Item Description:</u></b>	<b><u>Row #</u></b>
Celebrity brand 24oz rice bowls - 75 quantity	8
Paper Food Trays (aka: "food boats") <u>2 LB</u>	8
8" Paper Plates, Heavy Duty – 125 quantity	8
First Street Chili Con Carne No Beans(6 LB 12oz) can	2
Nacho Cheese 6LB can	2
Vegetable Oil (aka Soybean oil) – <b>35 LBS</b>	4
Napkins – 500 quantity	6
Coke/Pepsi cans	Beverage Isle
Root Beer cans (A&W Brand) only	Beverage Isle
Sprite cans	Beverage Isle
Diet Coke/Pepsi cans	Beverage Isle
Gatorade 12oz. Bottles any flavor	Beverage Isle
Water	Beverage Isle
sparkling Water cans	Beverage Isle

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Lakewood Smart & Final - 4237 Woodruff Ave (Carson St & Woodruff)

**Thank You for your support.**



Where friends and family come to play

## Official Fair Schedule April 29 -May 1, 2022

### Friday, April 29 :

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5pm –11pm St. Joseph Parish Fair open to the public.

- 5 pm Official Fair Opening/Blessing by Msgr. Kevin
- 5 pm – 7 pm tbd
- **8:00 pm Dad Company live music on stage.**

#### **Throughout the day:**

- All food, game booths and rides open until 11 pm.
- 17 & under after 6 pm without a parent will be charged \$5.

### Saturday, April 30:

Noon – 11 pm St. Joseph Parish Fair open to the public.

- 12 pm tbd
- 3 pm - 4 pm tbd
- 5 pm – 7 pm DJ Mike Gallo
- **8 pm DTC live rock**

#### **Throughout the day:**

- All food, game booths and rides open until 11 pm.
- 17 & under after 6 pm without a parent will be charged \$5.

### Sunday, May 1:

Noon – 8 pm St. Joseph Parish Fair open to the public.

- 12:30 pm – 2 pm Children's Lip Sync event.
- 3pm – 5 pm The Anti Groupies live music
- **5:30 pm – 8pm Familiar Faces live music on stage**
- 7:45 pm Opportunity Drawing takes place on stage.

#### **Throughout the day:**

- All food, game booths and rides open until 8 pm.

For questions email at: [sjparishfair@gmail.com](mailto:sjparishfair@gmail.com)



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