St. Joseph Parish

March 27, 2022



Fourth Sunday

of

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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> 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



Saturdays 3:45-4:30 p.m. Inside Church



Homebound Ministry



Dear Parish Family:

This week our Parish School is celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Our principal, Margaret Alvarez will offer her annual State of the school address during all of our Masses this weekend. School activities this week will include a book fair, honoring Grandparents Day, the spelling and geography bees, a family picnic on the field and culminate with the return of Camp Joe on Friday night as school families camp out overnight on the field. Our parish owes a debt of gratitude to Ms. Alvarez and all of the teachers, administrators and staff for their heroic efforts in caring for our students during the past two years of the pandemic.

TOGETHER IN MISSION UPDATE: As of March 17, we've pledged \$51,557.00 of our \$75,020.00 goal – approximately 69% of goal. Thanks to all who have donated. If you have not made a pledge, please help us reach our goal by going to the website:

- togetherinmission.org
- click the link in the upper right corner "Give Now to 2022"
- Select your parish scroll down to St. Joseph Long Beach (P632)
- Complete the form

Thanks for supporting our neediest schools and parishes.

In two months, our former seminary intern, Deacon Cesar Carrasco will be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. He's inviting you to attend an **Open House at St. John's Seminary**, next Saturday, April 2 (info inside this bulletin). St. John's was my home for six years, way back when...! It's a beautiful place, nestled in the hills of Camarillo. Take a beautiful drive and visit the house where seminarians are formed to be Priests of the Lord! Please say hello to Cesar and let him know that we're all praying for him.

The return of the Lenten Communal Penance Service will take place on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 PM in the Church. I've secured a few priests who'll be available to hear your confession and renew and strengthen your Lenten walk with the Lord.

If it's been a long time....trust in the mercy of the Lord!

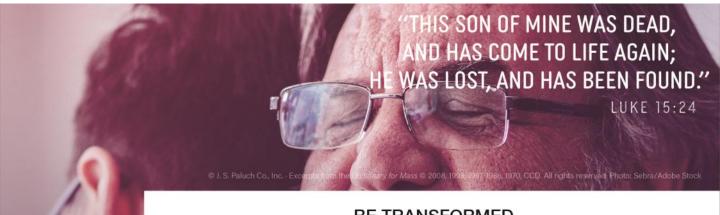
Thanks for bringing your books to the hall/gym this weekend for our **Easter Drive** and we need drivers to help deliver the baskets/boxes to over 100 families on Saturday, April 9. Please see the information in the Movement for a Better World column in this bulletin!

Mark your calendars – the Return of Our **Parish Fair** is set for Friday, April 29, Saturday, April 30 and Sunday May 1st. Thanks for supporting the Opportunity Tickets that will be mailed to you this week and we're in need of volunteers to help make the Fair a huge success!

As you heard in my homily last weekend, thanks for your prayers which led to a fruitful and spiritual personal retreat experience. I prayed and I continue to ask the Lord to remember your prayer intentions!

Pope Francis has consecrated Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Pray with our Blessed Mother** that this destructive war with its' loss of life and property will come to a peaceful end. Hail Mary, full of grace....

Lenten Blessings, Msgr. Kevin



BE TRANSFORMED

Who knew that when Moses led the Israelites out of slavery it would mean forty years of wandering in the desert before they were able to enter the Promised Land? Many of us experience periods of wandering in our life. Perhaps we made some poor judgment calls in our younger days, or maybe as adult children we returned home to live because of struggling with substance abuse, or unemployment, or a divorce. Or maybe we fell away from Church for a bit. This is nothing new. The second reading calls us to be new creations in Christ, to put away our old selves, to be transformed; and in the Gospel we hear the beautiful story of the Prodigal Son. Each of these calls for us to move, and grow, and leave old ways behind.

TESTING THE BOUNDARIES

Some of the first words a two-year-old might say are "Do by self!" It is almost a rite of passage for teenagers to test their parents as much as they can. Every parent who ever lay awake in bed at night waiting to hear the sound of the child pulling the car into the garage or opening the door knows at least as much about praying vigils as any nun in a convent. This is a deep and earnest prayer, and the parents can barely breathe until their child comes home. Usually when we think of the story of the Prodigal Son, we think of the feeling of guilt the son had as he realized how much he had messed things up, or we feel the injustice that the older brother felt, because he wasn't the rebel child leaving the home.

WELCOME HOME

What we don't often remember in the story of the Prodigal Son is that God is there welcoming, urging us on. A few years ago there was a funeral for a young man who died of a drug overdose within days of coming out of a treatment center. Many of his young friends came but expected fire and brimstone, and to be told what a bad child that boy was. Instead, the priest preached about God loving this child so much that perhaps the only way God could protect him was to bring him home. That gentle image of God welcoming him

with open arms soothed the broken hearts and unspoken questions that were on many minds. Not every situation is that drastic, but God is calling us home this Lent no matter what mistakes we've made, or how many times we have made them.

TODAY'S READINGS

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Location:

5012 Seminary Road Camarillo, CA 93012

For more information please contact the **Office of Development** at:

Tel.: (805) 482-2755 Ext. 1105 or E-Mail: OpenHouse@stjohnsem.edu

Saturday, April 2, 2022

1:00

PM

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- 2 Corinthians 5:17

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



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



Safeguard The Children



Understanding appropriate behaviors

Most children engage in age-appropriate behaviors, exploring their bodies to understand how they work. It is important for parents and caregivers to understand the difference between natural, healthy curiosity and inappropriate behaviors that would raise red flags suggesting possible abuse. Any sexual behaviors that a child exhibits in a way that is hostile, aggressive, or overtly sexual should raise concern. Learn more about these differences in the VIRTUS® article "The Issue of Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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

This Weekend – Book Drive: Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our 102 supported families for Easter.

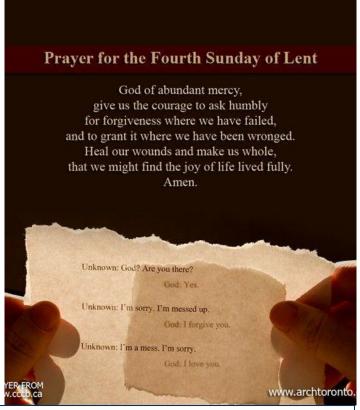
April 9 - Easter Food and Book Distribution: As a parish community, we will support 72 families for Easter. Easter is our *most* challenging holiday to staff our deliveries! Please contact Tom and Marie Newton (562) 209-1298 or tjn8343@gmail.com to help.

Home Furnishing Special Needs: We have an active ministry to provide basic home furnishings

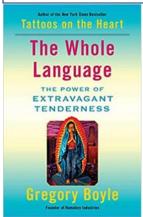
to those in need; beds, tables, dressers, refrigerator repairs, immanent loss of utility service, etc. Are you able to help us in this urgent ministry?

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





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



February Collection

Collection				
Faith Direct	\$14,047.70			
Website	\$920.00			
Regular Envelopes	\$41,174.00			
Collection-Loose	\$5,539.00			
Total:	\$61,680.70			

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PRAY FOR OUR ELECT AND CANDIDATES!



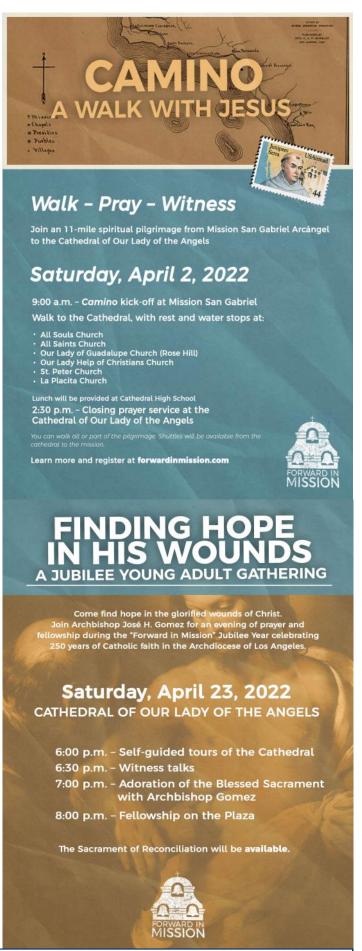
RCIA Prayer

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 trough Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.

Amen!



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,

Kevin Kostelnet

Pastor, St. Joseph in Long Beach

Conny Frost

Lissette Wilhelm

Chair

Fair Co-Chair

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.

St.Joseph Parish Fair Sponsorship Levels 2022

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Benefits	Benefits	Benefits	Benefits	Benefits
2 Three Day unlimited ride bracelets \$150 in food/drink tickets One reserved parking spot during the Fair	2 – Saturday(noon-6pm) OR All Sunday only unlimited ride bracelets \$100 in food/drink tickets	\$50 in food/drink tickets,	\$25 in food/drink tickets,	
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PA announcement during the Fair.				

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

Please print my sign to read as:			
Sponsor Name:			
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Return this form with check made payable to <u>St. Joseph Parish Fair</u>. 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: siparishfair@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 & Finals First Street brand unless noted.

Smart & Final Lakewood Store

Item Description:	<u>Row #</u>
Celebrity brand 24oz rice bowls - 75 quantity	8
Paper Food Trays (aka: "food boats") 2 LB	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) – 35 LBS	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

Smart & Final / Local grocery Store Gift Card, amount of your choosing

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

Thank You for your support.



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
 3pm - 5 pm
 5:30 pm - 8pm
 Children's Lip Sync event.
 The Anti Groupies live music
 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: siparishfair@gmail.com



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