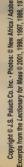
St. Joseph Parish

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29



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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

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



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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

As we celebrate the great 50 days of the Easter season, my prayer is that the power of the Lord's resurrection will infuse you and your family with strength and courage in giving witness to Christ!

Last weekend was glorious as so many people came to celebrate Easter Mass and many people returned to the church for the first time since the pandemic. One of the highlights of the Easter Vigil was the lighting of the new Easter fire and the flame ignited our new Paschal candle. With great joy we welcomed Alyssa, Addison and Chrissy into the Church, (See the pictures below.) Thank you for your generous Easter offerings in support of your parish family. The gifts are still coming in I'll give the final numbers in a couple of weeks!

On this Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church in the United States is also calling this Blue Sunday in recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. We have all partnered together to make sure that our children are safe when they are in our immediate care of the parish and school. No matter what your role in the church or community, you never know if you might be the adult who a child or youth trust enough to reach out to help if they are being victimized by anyone in any community setting or online. Thank you for all that you do to contribute to a safe environment in our church, our families and in the entire community. In the last 20 years, we now have a better understanding of how to help prevent abuse from occurring, as well as how to address it appropriately. We are dedicated to child abuse prevention through education and Virtus training, public awareness and public policy advocacy and community outreach. The best practices of child safety programs and resources are readily available to all. As your pastor, please know that every fou years I undergo an intensive re-certification program with the Archdiocese and every month I've read the training bulletin for Protecting God's Children. This online program has featured 189 issues and I have read and completed 189 issues. May all of us pray for the healing of survivors and for the prevention of any form of child abuse. As I said in my Easter homily, let us go forth to see the face of God in everyone and accord every person, especially our children and youth with safety, dignity, respect and love.

Next weekend our Parish Fair returns and there is still time to sign up to volunteer or buy discounted tickets. Our next Bible Study series is entitled, "Mary, a Biblical walk with the Blessed Mother" begins on Thursday, May 12. Please go to "What's Happening Now" on our website to find further information about the Fair and the Bible study series.

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!

Easter Blessings, Msgr. Kevin





2022 Easter Vigil

St. Joseph Parish - Long Beach, Ca





Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 24, 2022

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.

- Revelation 1:18a

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SECOND SUNDAY OF augusto (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)



SENT

In Jesus' first appearance to his disciples, as described in today's Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples, and all who follow him: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Jesus speaks to us here: we the Church are a "sent people," sent to participate in God's mission, that is, God's purposes and activity for all of humanity. Like Jesus was sent to Israel, we are sent to witness to our world of the boundless love of God, and to offer an alternative way of living based on that love. The wounds that Jesus displayed to his disciples remind us that this new way of life often involves both dying to the familiar and comfortable, and rising to the new and unknown. When we join in efforts to challenge injustice, heal broken relationships, or care for those on the margins of society, we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

THE WEEK BETWEEN

In today's Gospel, we notice there was a week between Jesus' first appearance (without Thomas), and the following appearance (with Thomas). During this week, Thomas chose to stay with the community. But why? Perhaps he trusted his friends in some way. Perhaps he reflected on their life with Jesus and on the possibility their account was true. In the week between, Thomas stayed and lived with the questions, and with his doubts. Importantly, the disciples did not cast him out as an unbeliever. It seems they accepted and loved him, just as he was.

Perhaps many of us live in this "week between." We have questions and doubts. We can choose to leave or to stay. We can either engage or ignore our deepest questions. If we embrace our questions with courage, we can live into them. Perhaps we will encounter, through God's initiative, and with the help of our companions in faith, some of the answers—and new questions along the way.

PRIMARY DIMENSIONS

We are currently in Year C of the three-year Lectionary cycle. For the Second Sunday of Easter, in all three years, the first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. Year A (from Acts 2) tells of the new Christian community's dedication to prayer. Year B (from Acts 4) tells of their sharing of goods and deep bonds of trust in each other. Today we hear in Acts 5 of the early Church's ministry of healing to the community, performed by Peter and the apostles.

These represent three of the primary dimensions of those first Christian communities:

prayer in relationship to God; sharing in relationship to each other; and service in relationship to the world around them. We are reminded that all three are fundamental to our identity as Church. We fail to live fully as Church when we neglect any of these relationships. We are called to encourage their full flowering in our own parish's life.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 5:12–16 Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24 Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19 John 20:19–31

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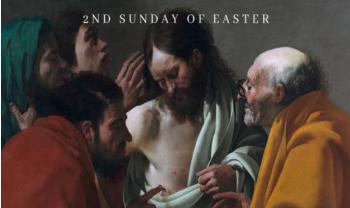
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Safeguard The Children



"United Together in Prayer" June 2022 marks the 20th Anniversary of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. We, as the People of God, continue our commitment to Promise to Protect and Pledge to Heal, we ask you to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.

"A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse" Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.



Thomas will not believe unless he can put his fingers into the wounds of Jesus. When Jesus appears again, he wastes no time in speaking directly to Thomas. Thomas cries out the prayer that echoes the agh the centuries.

Movement for a Better World

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." - African Proverb

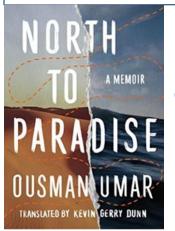
Easter Food and Book Distribution: Our sincerest gratitude for the parish's *outstanding* support to bless the Easters of 102 families! There were 74 parish community families and 28 family adoptions! It truly took a village, and we have a GREAT one! 90 driver families, Boy Scout valets, School food drive families, book donors, book sorters, food buyers, food haulers, box assemblers, food box packers, family referral, adoption and driver coordinators, and so on. We provided 4 individually-selected reading books for each child, school families provided over 750 units of 5 food items. Your Skip-a-Meal donations provided over \$6,000 . . . 3,000 lbs. of food! Thank you!! See you next Thanksgiving! 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? Please call Tim Clark to learn about many opportunities to serve, (562) 431-4385

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

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

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Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, July 13th at 7pm. We will discuss: North to Paradise by Ousman Umar

The inspiring true story of one man's treacherous boyhood journey from a rural village in Ghana to the streets of Barcelona—and the path that led him home.

All are welcome! For more info, email <u>agoodlife@msn.com</u>

"LOSS OF A SPOUSE/LOVED ONE": Join us on Tuesday evening May 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Local Bereavement Group

Anyone who has faced the pain of coping with grief at the death of a loved one, spouse or significant person in life can often feel overwhelmed in dealing with the loss. In response to this, St. Bartholomew's Bereavement Ministry is hosting an in-person seminar called "Loss of a Spouse/Loved One" on <u>Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm</u> in St. Bartholomew Parish Hall. Our program aims to help participants to cope with surprising emotions, how to handle loneliness, how to find strength to go on and how to find peace. For further information and to register please contact the Parish Office by May 2: 562-438-3826.

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





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A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

An Eight-Part Bible Study Featuring Dr. Edward Sri









Dates, Times, Location

Thursdays starting May 12th at 7:00pm on Zoom This Bible Study is 8 sessions.

Cost/Registration

Study materials and online videos cost \$20 and will be distributed on a first come first served basis. You can register by emailing mike@stjosephlb.org or texting 562-370-0769 with your name and email address. Zoom information will be emailed to registered participants.

For More Information

Feel free to email or call Mike at mike@stjosephlb.org or 562-370-0769.

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this study will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows.

You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. **Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever**.

In Mary you will:

- Visit the grotto of Mary's home, the cave where Christ was born, and other rarely seen places in the Holy Land.
- See the significance of Mary as you explore the Biblical roots of our beliefs about her.
- Deepen your devotion to Mary as you discover our Blessed Mother in a uniquely personal way.



"Dr. Sri's amazing teaching and unique insights gave me a deeper understanding and appreciation of Our Blessed Mother."

-John W.





Parish Fair Volunteer On-Line Sign Ups

WE NEED HELP PLEASE!

• Fair volunteer on-line sign-ups

Pre Sale

volunteersignup.org/FWYXQ

Thursday

volunteersignup.org/83MXH

Friday

volunteersignup.org/M3LDR

Saturday

volunteersignup.org/M38PT

Sunday

volunteersignup.org/8A8EX

Monday

volunteersignup.org/D49QR

We have over 500 volunteer positions that need to be filled before and during the fair. We are only successful if we have volunteers.

Fair information and forms can be found at: <u>http://www.stjosephlb.org/fair</u> Questions on volunteering email Vicky Bedell at <u>vickibedell17@hotmail.com</u> or Jill Salinaz at <u>salinazfamily@gmail.com</u>>



Discount Ticket Sale Order Form

April 29-May 1, 2022

St. Joseph Parish Fair

<u>Tickets required</u> for most purchases!! <u>Online Ride Tickets: www.thefuncarnival.com</u> <u>Shop early, shop smart and save big!</u>

Instructions for mail order/ Will Call

Complete the order form with payment in enclosed envelope Return envelope to school/rectory office or use mail slot if closed, **Pick up** at **Will Call Booth** Friday April 29th @5pm

Last day to order through mail/office is Wednesday, April 29th !!!

Presale Tickets	Description	Price \$\$	Quantity	Total
Carnival Ride Tickets	Sheet/card of 20 tickets (3-6 needed per ride) (\$25 if purchased at the fair)	\$18		
Carnival Wristband	Saturday, April 30 th 12pm-6pm (\$45 if purchased at fair)	\$35		
Carnival Wristband	Sunday May 1 st 12pm-7:45pm (\$45 if purchased at fair)	\$35		
Food/Drink Tickets	11 tickets All Food/Drink purchases require tickets	\$10		

Total \$\$\$ _____

Family Name

Phone Number

Please make checks payable to: St.Joseph Parish Fair drop off at school office or PLC 6180 E. Willow St. Long Beach, CA 90815

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,

Kevin Kostelnet

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

Conny Frost Chair Lissette Wilhelm 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.

All fair information and forms can be found at: <u>http://www.stjosephlb.org/fair/</u> Questions at: <u>sjparishfair@gmail.com</u>

St. Joseph Parish Fair Sponsorship Levels 2022						
<u>Gold</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Knights</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Contributer</u>		
\$3,000	\$1,500	\$500	\$250	\$100		
Benefits	Benefits	Benefits	Benefits	Benefits		
2 Three Day unlimited ride bracelets	2 – Saturday(noon-6pm) OR All Sunday only unlimited ride bracelets					
\$150 in food/drink tickets	\$100 in food/drink tickets	\$50 in food/drink tickets,	\$25 in food/drink tickets,			
One reserved parking spot during the Fair						
Sponsor Recognition	Sponsor Recognition	Sponsor Recognition	Sponsor Recognition	Sponsor Recognition		
personalized sponsorship sign on stage	personalized sponsorship sign_in the Brewhouse	personalized sponsorship sign in the Brewhouse	personalized sponsorship sign in the Brewhouse	personalized sponsorship in the Brewhouse		
PA announcement during the Fair.						
Deadline for Sponsorship is April 26,2022.* Sponsorship pick up at WILL CALL during fair						

St.Joseph Parish Fair Sponsorship Levels 2022

Please print my sign to read as:	
Sponsor Name:	
Email:	
Address. City, ZIP	
Phone	

Questions on the Parish Fair? Email Fair Chairs at: 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 & Finals First Street brand unless noted.

Smart & Final Lakewood Store

Item Description:

Row #

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) – 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 :

<u>:</u>

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: siparishfair@gmail.com



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