

St. Joseph Parish

Third Sunday of *Easter*

*Jesus said to
Simon Peter,
“Feed my sheep.”*

John 21:17

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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)

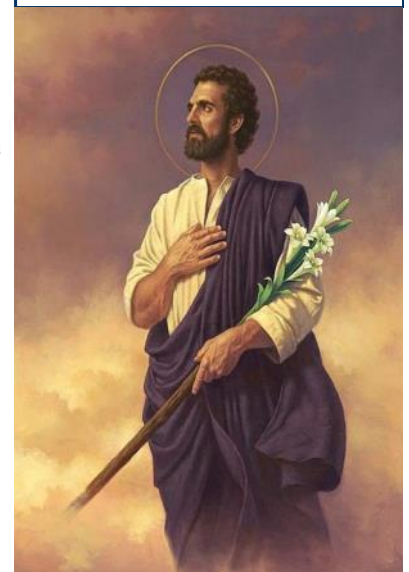
8:00 a.m. Indoor

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

I'm at the Fair....see you there!!

Easter joy,
Msgr. Kevin



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Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and blessing.”

— *Revelation 5:12*

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CHURCH

The Easter season provides us an opportunity to reflect upon who we are as Church, in light of the first experiences of Jesus' followers. From today's Gospel, we realize that all we do is founded on our friendship with and trust in Jesus, as witnessed in Jesus' dialogue with Peter. From Revelation, in the image of Jesus as the sacrificial Lamb, we can anticipate suffering for the sake of love for God and for others. From the apostles' bold speech in Acts, we remember that when we stay true to the Gospel, even at great cost, we must always embody God's forgiveness toward those who resist God's invitation. The early Church struggled to understand how to live the way of Jesus, and we can expect no less struggle for ourselves. And like them, we may also know the joy of growing friendship with God along the way.

OBEYING GOD

In the first chapters of Acts, the apostles venture out energetically, soon after Pentecost, to proclaim the risen Jesus. Today's reading shows the Sanhedrin, the formal religious body that had condemned Jesus shortly before, now threatening the apostles. The Sanhedrin likely feared that Jesus' followers would, in vengeance for the Crucifixion, stir up a riot or even a violent revolt. The apostles, consistent with Jesus' own dealings with the authorities, proclaim Jesus' message of God's forgiveness of everyone, and refuse to incite violence.

It is a great challenge, as Peter said, to "obey God rather than man." Throughout history, when groups of God's people, inspired by God's dream for a just and free world, have spoken out non-violently against injustice and oppression, they have sought to obey God's summons. We the Church, while always mindful of the dangers of self-deception, are similarly called to discern and obey God in our own time and place.

REPEATED QUESTIONS

In today's Gospel, John sets the scene for Jesus' encounter with Peter, sitting by a "charcoal fire." There is just one other mention of a charcoal fire in John's Gospel: when Peter warms himself while awaiting Jesus' trial, and Peter goes on to deny knowing Jesus, three times. The evangelist directly links Jesus' three questions of Peter, "do you love me?", to Peter's three denials. Through his repeated questioning, Jesus helps Peter to face his actions fully, and to accept forgiveness fully as well.

When God invites us into prayer, we may be invited to enter into deep conversation with God about our lives. God can pose the same questions to us, again and again over time, to face what we might prefer to avoid: Can you forgive someone who has hurt you? Can you be more generous? Can you let go of obstacles to becoming more loving? And even: Do you love me? Jesus' encounter with Peter suggests that we can face such questions with deep trust in God.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12a, 13b
Revelation 5:11–14
John 21:1–19 [1–14]



Safeguard The Children



Tips for water safety

As the weather heats up, children and their families are drawn to the cool water pools, ponds and the ocean offer. Parents and caregivers should keep a few safety tips in mind when children are near water. Watch children at all times, keep weak swimmers and younger children within arm's reach at all times. At parties or crowded gatherings, choose a water watcher — a trusted adult in charge of watching swimmers and rotate responsibilities as needed. Drowning is a leading cause of death for children, but it can be prevented. For more tips, visit safekids.org/poolsafety.



Prayer for the Third Sunday of Easter

God of life, soften our hearts to your way, that our lives may be a witness to a world longing for your love. May we have courage to walk with open hands and hearts to the places where we would rather not go. Amen.



Movement for a Better World

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Mt 25:40

June 11-12 – Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach. Shopping lists will be distributed at Masses June 4-5.

June 14 6:30 PM – Committee Meeting: Join us in the Parish Life Center for a very important, final meeting of this program year. We will decide what activities to promote and organizations to support in the program year beginning July 1.

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

The month of **May** is dedicated to

The Blessed Virgin Mary

During this month, we offer up to Mary an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

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Because of Mary's singular cooperation with the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church loves to pray in communion with the Virgin Mary, to magnify with her the great things the Lord has done for her, and to entrust supplications and praises to her.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2682



Mary is the perfect "Orans" (pray-er)...

When we pray to her, we are adhering with her to the plan of the Father, who sends his Son to save all men.. We can pray with and to her. The prayer of the Church is sustained by the prayer of Mary and united with it in hope.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2679



The custom of dedicating the month of May to Mary started at the end of the 13th century. It became especially popular among Jesuit students that it spread to the whole Church by 1700.

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We ask Mary, our Mother, to help us to pray with a humble heart.

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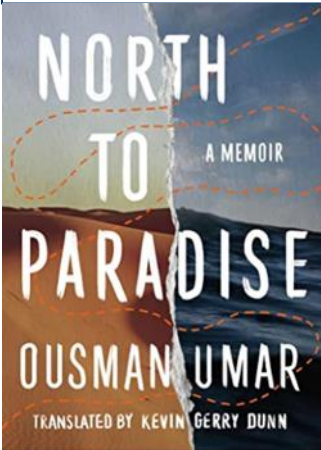


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Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, July 13th at 7pm. We will discuss:
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All are welcome!

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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



Local Bereavement Group

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

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 Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm 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.



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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.

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