

St. Joseph Parish

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne
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and lead them to springs of life-giving water.

Revelation 7:17



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FOURTH SUNDAY

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Easter

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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



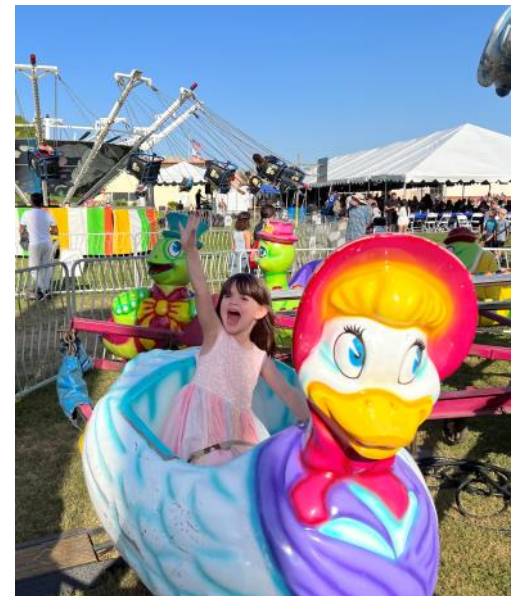


Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Happy 4th Sunday of Easter. Today we meet Jesus the Good Shepherd who calls us to hear His voice and follow Him.

Last weekend, so many of you followed the voices of our parishioners and neighbors and came to experience the joy of our Saint Joseph Fair. Thousands came and it was wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces. My thanks to so many of you who supported the fair through sponsorships, purchasing raffle, food and ride tickets. A huge thank you to our Fair Chair, Conny Frost and Co-chair Lissette Willhelm, our committee captains and chairs and the hundreds of volunteers who gave of their time to make sure that everyone had a great time! While the final numbers are not yet in, we're sure that we broke many records, including attendance. The net profits will equally support the budgets of our parish and school and I'll be delighted to share those numbers as they become available. Feast on these two joyous pictures:



Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Here are a couple of vocation facts from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We currently have 61 seminarians studying to be Priests for our local church. This year we're blessed to have eight men ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, including our own beloved Cesar Carrasco who served as our intern during the pandemic year. Please pray for vocations and join me in a prayer that someone will come forth from our parish community with a heart to serve and enter the seminary. Speaking on vocations, Pope Francis said "...in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have the same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. God's call always urges us to take a first step, to give ourselves, to press forward. There can be no faith without risk."

Thanks to all our special Moms for all that you do to nurture life, love and generosity in your families and our Parish family. Today is your day and we honor you and bless you. We remember and pray for all our Mothers, both living and deceased who gave us life!

Easter Joy,
Msgr. Kevin

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WE BELONG TO GOD

In the time of Jesus, when multiple flocks of sheep would be gathered, protecting the flock depended heavily on the shepherd's personal recognition of individual sheep, by sight and sound. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses this imagery to speak of how Jesus—with the Father—protects those whom God loves—that is, everyone. Forces that pull us away from God are ultimately no match for the fierce love that God has for us. Our favor with God does not depend on our behaving properly, or gaining theological knowledge, or holding precise beliefs. Our stance with God is primarily about God's insistence that we belong to God, and to no other. Belonging to God, we know that however much we mess up, we are not lost. Belonging to God eventually draws us into a life of care for each other. Belonging to God, we can safely grow into a fuller belonging.

LIGHT TO THE GENTILES

Today's passage from the Acts of the Apostles is one of several turning points in the self-understanding of the early Church. Paul evokes the image of "A light to the Gentiles." Some thought that Gentiles, non-Jews, were somehow marginal in God's eyes. The Gentiles in Paul's audience rejoice, because they now see that they are not "second class" members of God's family, but fully part of God's beloved people. The story continues by noting the resistance from those who enjoy "first class" status in the community, as inclusion of the Gentiles was perceived as a threat to their self-image and privilege.

The book of Acts continues to challenge today's societies, churches, and organizations. Luke's vision of God's family, united as equal heirs to the Kingdom of God, confronts our many barriers of wealth, race, gender, and much more. We are invited to give witness to this vision in our life together as the Church.

WHITE ROBES

Our reading from the Book of Revelation presents the image of God's people before God's throne, wearing robes that are washed white in the blood of the Lamb. A robe, especially when worn in God's presence, is meant to express the real truth about the person. A white robe indicates their purity. The washing in the blood of the Lamb (Jesus) suggests that the people have met much suffering and, in some manner, have participated in the suffering of Jesus.

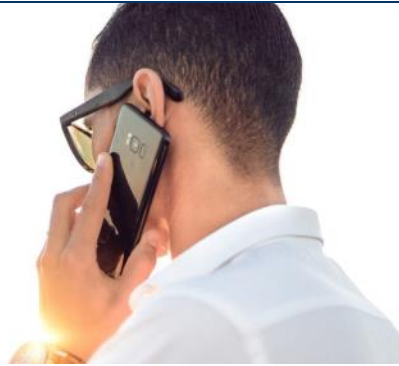
These passages were written to a people experiencing great tribulations in living their faith. But the author of Revelation does not suggest that anyone should seek out suffering for its own sake. He does not make suffering somehow a necessary entry pass for salvation. Our sufferings come from many sources, and suffering is a profound mystery. The image of washing in blood suggests that God is present within our suffering. God accompanies our suffering, leads us toward refreshment, and will wipe every tear from our eyes.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 13:14, 43–52
Psalm 100:1–2, 3, 5
Revelation 7:9, 14b–17
John 10:27–30



Safeguard The Children



Know who to call in California

If you suspect a child is being abused, it is important to know who to call with your information. In California, the agency that handles child abuse tips is the Department of Social Services — Division of Children and Family Services. Anyone who suspects abuse can call this department, local law enforcement agencies, or the California hotline at 916-445-2771. For more information, please visit virtusonline.org/virtus/Abuse_Reporting.cfm#CA.



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3



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



Mother's Day Prayer

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AND SAYING A *special* PRAYER—

THAT GOD,

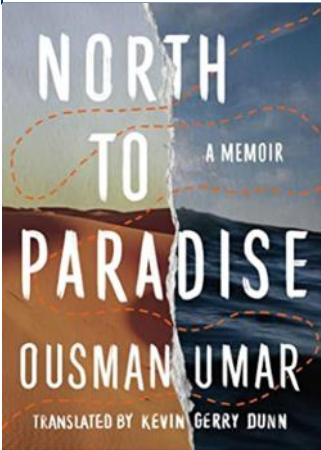
WHO KNOWS HOW DEAR YOU ARE,
WILL KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE.

THAT HE WILL *bless* YOUR DAILY LIFE
WITH JOYS OF EVERY KIND—

WITH PERFECT HEALTH AND HAPPINESS
AND *peace* OF
HEART AND MIND.



Book Club



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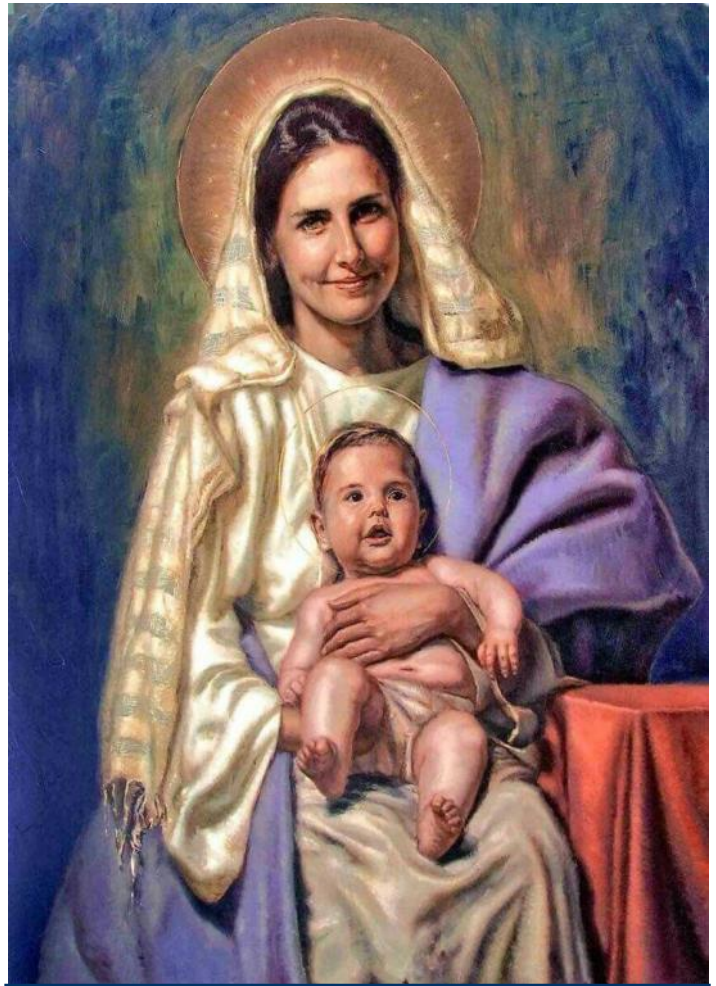


Meditation Group

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



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