

St. Joseph Parish

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter



1st Holy Communion Weekend

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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)

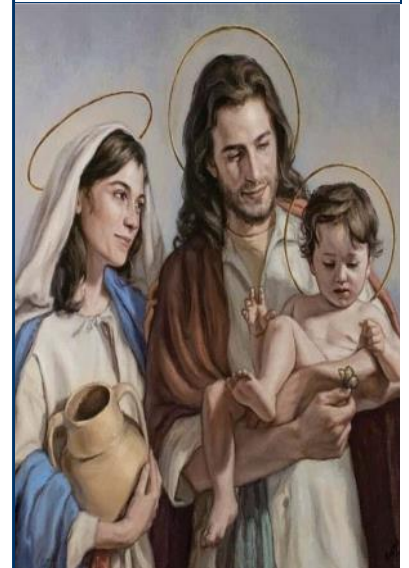
8:00 a.m. Indoor

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Our Easter journey continues with great joy this weekend as our parish family celebrates the First Holy Communion of 59 children. On Monday, Bishop Marc Trudeau will be here to impart the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our high school youth. Pray that these young disciples will be fervent and zealous in their faith as they hear the call of Jesus in this weekend's Gospel to "Love one another"!

Our St. Joseph's Parish School is seeking to fulfill a middle school math teaching position. We're seeking a dynamic Math and Technology Integration Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Please spread the word and maybe there is someone in your family or someone you know that would like to make a change in their professional life and is qualified to teach the youth in our parish. This is more than a job, it's a ministry and see the position description further down in this bulletin. I invite all of us to pray that the Lord will send us the best Math teacher!

May is Foster Care Awareness Month! The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has a Foster Care Awareness Program that you may be interested in. Over the years, many parish families pursued fostering and children were able to be placed. The County of Los Angeles has more than 38,000 children in foster care. These foster children and youth need the love of a family to support them and nurture them to their full potential. The Archdiocese has also connected with Casa, (court appointed special advocates) who are trained volunteers and work one on one with children and youth. They represent an advocate for children in the dependency court system. Many organizations lack resources and are always looking for volunteers to help with programs and events. Volunteering is also a great way to learn not just about foster care but also the organization's mission. Simple awareness about foster care may help you to focus on an area that perhaps you are hearing a calling to. Pope Francis in a letter to married couples wrote: "Children are always a gift; they change the history of every family. They are thirsty for love, gratitude, esteem and trust. Being parents calls you to pass on to your children the joy of realizing that they are God's children." If you would like further information, please contact: lifejusticeandpeace.lacatholics.org/foster

Congratulations to our youth and families receiving the Sacraments of Initiation this weekend. A special thank you to our parents who are bringing their children to Christ!

I'm praying for you and your families!

Easter joy and peace,
Msgr. Kevin

FIFTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

MAY
15
2022



I give you a new commandment:
love one another.

John 13:34

GLORIFY GOD

In the first sentence of today's Gospel passage from John, Jesus' address at the Last Supper, the words "glorify" or "glorified" appear five times. For John, glory has to do with honor and reputation, the primary characteristic of a person. John thus invites us to reflect upon what God's glory fully means. God is glorified when God's truest nature is revealed, as the God who loves. Today's passage is situated between two demonstrations of Jesus' love: the washing of feet and going to the cross. The capacity to glorify God extends to all of us. Like Jesus, love is revealed both in our mundane acts of service and in our acts and commitments of great sacrifice. Jesus' "new commandment," flowing from God's love within us, invites us to extend and deepen our love for others, to include everyone. We may then reveal God's truest nature to everyone, and so glorify God.

MADE FOR EACH OTHER

We are introduced to the book of Revelation's great concluding vision in our second reading. The completion of God's project of salvation is described as a new Jerusalem coming from heaven, to form a new heaven and new earth. The image of a marriage articulates this vision, in which the two sides of God's good creation, earth and heaven, are joined in a final union. Earth (the physical universe) will not be destroyed, but instead be fully renewed.

This vision rejects any notion that the physical and the spiritual are ultimately separate and opposed to each other. It rejects the idea that heaven is an escape from a prison of earthly life. Like a marriage partnership, these two sides of reality are fundamentally made for each other. Life in heaven and life on earth are quite different now. But the life of faith, here and now, offers a foretaste of God's promised future.

ALL THINGS NEW

The new heaven and new earth described by Revelation is where God will dwell fully among God's beloved creation. God's reign will be a reign of love, where death will be no more. In Revelation, death fuels fear and resentment, which turn to cycles of violence and destruction, and to social systems that sustain injustice. These cycles of death will one day be broken by love. In God's reign of love, new energies of creativity and human fulfillment can be released.

When God says "behold, I make all things new," God is speaking of both the present and the future. God is working now, in every person and community, in every part of part of creation, to bring about this new reality. We the Church must learn to see God working in our lives, our workplaces, and our neighborhoods, breaking cycles of death. We are summoned to join in what God is doing, releasing new energies of love, anticipating the final fulfillment of God's work.

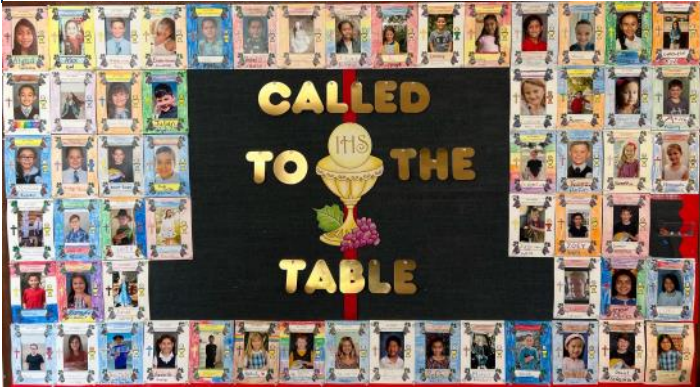
TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 14:21-27
Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Revelation 21:1-5a
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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2022 1st Holy Communicants



Congratulations to our 59 young disciples who are receiving the Body of Christ for the very first time this weekend.

Amy Isabella Alvarado
 Zoey Sariah Avedissian
 Avalon Rose Bailey
 Keegan Michael Barrett
 Georgiana Rae Bivens
 Blakely Kotori Boyce
 Samantha Bucka
 Joshua Eli Caceres
 Jackson Dane Carter
 Anthony Marcelino Caudillo
 Jonathan Michael Celis
 Alyssa Marie Cerino
 Loki Jaydis Ikaika Cordero
 Charlotte Lily Creed
 Eric Maximillian Dela Cruz
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 Rafaelo Kritdtapaz Gandara
 Caroline Lily Gibson
 Alyssa Fernanda Gomez
 Roman Leandro Gomez
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 Emmett Cormac Gorr
 Grant Michael Green
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 Rowyn Edita Hentges
 Ethan John Ibarra
 Emelia Loyola Ines
 Jude Alexander Jackson
 Alexandra Marie Jenkins

Wade Scott Jenkins
 David Frank LaBauve
 Ethan Rey Lapid
 Connor Arnold Larson
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 Edward Joshua Lucero
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 Sofia Elizabeth Madrigal
 Natalia Martinez
 Audrey Jenna Meneses
 Matai Alexander Molioo
 Ava Frances Noggle
 Luke Mateo Nunez
 Gianluca Antonio Picarelli
 Annabella Ramirez
 Gabrielle Aguas Reyes
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 Madeleine Genevieve Rogers
 Matthew Thomas Rose
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 Genevieve Marie Schmitt
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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

Safeguard The Children



Emergency tips for preschoolers

Even at a young age, children are capable of much more than we might believe, including the development of certain skills that could keep them safe in an emergency. As soon as your child is able to distinguish numbers, teach them how to dial 9-1-1 in case of an emergency. Go over safety exits and how to open or unlock doors and windows on the ground floor if they need to get out of the house. For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article, “Teaching Your Children Some Valuable Home Security Lessons” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



St Joseph School



MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHING POSITION

DESCRIPTION:

St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Long Beach is seeking a dynamic Math and Technology Integration Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. The teacher will work collaboratively with the Middle School science teacher to develop STEM programming.

REQUIREMENTS

- Demonstrated record of success working with middle school students
- Passion for and experience with math curriculum development and assessment
- Well-organized, highly energetic, and deeply caring
- Ability to plan and implement a rigorous academic curriculum in line with the Common Core Math standards
- Skill in differentiation and classroom management
- Knowledge of Google Classroom and educational applications; capacity to manage school wide online accounts

The most competitive candidates will possess or be working on the following:

- 3 years of experience teaching middle school math
- CA single subject teaching credential/MA Education

If you love partnering with parents and are enthusiastic about leading students to develop an intrinsic love of math and and to learn how it connects to their world, please apply today. Please send a cover letter and a resume to: malvarez@sjknights.net



Knights of Columbus



St. Joseph Parish Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Sunday, May 29th from 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM
in the Parish Hall.

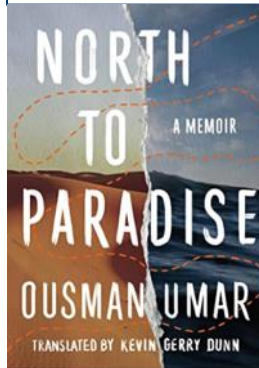
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You can also sign up on May 22nd after the 8:30 AM or 10:30 AM Mass.

For more information contact Knight Tony Diaz at bstdad2@msn.com



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 agoodlife@msn.com



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