

St. Joseph Parish

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June
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Luke 9:58

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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,

It's a joy to share the gift of Priesthood with you and I'm grateful for all the kind words, support and prayers as I celebrated my 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ! You're the best parish family!

In accord with Archdiocesan policy that a Priest get some rest and relaxation, we are offered 4 weeks of vacation a year. I haven't taken that much time since before the onset of Covid 19. So....time to go! Next weekend I'll be celebrating a wedding for some friends in Salt Lake City and then I'm going on a pilgrimage to Oberammergau in Germany to witness the Passion Play. A group of 30 friends signed up for this way back in 2017. The Passion play is scheduled every 10 years and due to the Covid lockdown in 2020 the play was cancelled. The play has resumed this summer for all of those who held tickets. I'll be away for three weeks in July and one week in August.

I'm grateful that Fr. Paolo Garcia, a wonderful young priest will be moving into the residence for July and taking care of your Spiritual needs by celebrating Masses, etc. Fr. Paolo has been here before and he currently serves as the Director for our House of Formation for college seminarians. Thanks for offering Fr. Paolo your great St. Joseph's spirit of hospitality. Below is his picture and brief bio.

Due to scheduling difficulties, Fr. Cesar Carrasco will not be able to join us for a First Mass this Sunday at 8:30 AM. We'll try to reschedule for another date this summer.

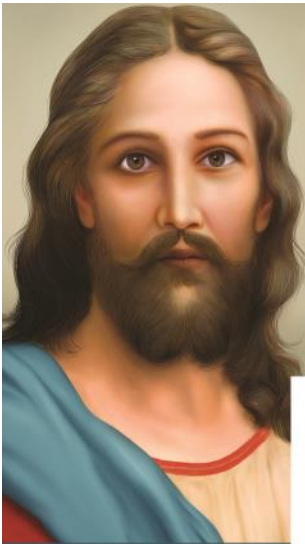
Our liturgical team that records our weekly YouTube Mass is also taking a break so the YouTube Mass will not be available this weekend and the next four weekends. We'll resume the weekend of July 30-31.

Welcome Fr. Paolo Garcia!

Have a Blessed Summer! I'm praying for you and your families!
Msgr. Kevin



A native of Long Beach, Fr. Paolo Garcia attended St. John's Seminary in Camarillo and was ordained to the priesthood in 2016. He received his master's degree in secondary education from Loyola Marymount University in 2009. Fr. Paolo served his first assignment as associate pastor at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Rowland Heights. He currently serves as Director of Queen of Angels Center for Priestly Formation in Torrance. Fr. Paolo looks forward to serving the St. Joseph's parish community for the month of July.



JESUS ANSWERED HIM,

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CALLED BY GOD

We return to Ordinary Time this Sunday, and with this new season we focus on what it means to be a person who is called by God for some definite purpose. Elisha recognized God’s call in Elijah’s greeting and prepared immediately to follow. The people who came to Jesus seemed ready to follow, yet each had reasons to linger behind. As people who are given the freedom to follow or to stay behind, we must ask ourselves what we are ready to do for the sake of Christ and the call of the gospel. What are you called to do at this time in your life? Are you prepared to leave behind the things that get in the way of living as a Christian?

FOLLOW

What does it mean to follow Jesus? The Gospels show us that Jesus called each person individually, recognizing the things that stood in the way for each. He looked into the person’s heart and saw the true desires of the person standing before him. Each of us experiences Christ’s call uniquely as the persons we are. For some, following requires us to take stock of our lives and let go of the obstacles that keep us from the way of true discipleship. For others, the call may lead us to deepen the way that faith directs our lives, with more intentional time in prayer, regular participation in Mass, renewed attention to family, involvement in our parish, or new acts of service.

BE READY

It is easy to say we want to follow Jesus, yet most of us feel competing desires that stand in the way of discipleship. We may be distracted by the constant swirl of activity so prevalent in our surrounding culture; we might be lured by worldly wealth and the status that often accompanies it; we may simply be comfortable with the way things are and find it difficult to risk changing anything. In today’s Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that we must stop putting off making the changes that will bring us closer to him and to God’s way of life. We must trust in the Lord, knowing that what he most deeply desires is that we be close to him. If you encountered Jesus today and said you were ready to follow him, what would he see in your heart, what obstacles or hesitations would he perceive? Go to Jesus in prayer this day. Listen to him say, “Follow me.” Prayerfully place your life in the Lord’s hands and be ready to follow.

TODAY’S READINGS

1 Kings 19:16b, 19–21
Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11
Galatians 5:1, 13–18
Luke 9:51–62

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 26, 2022



Safeguard The Children



Open lines of communication are critical to child safety

A predator often works within a culture of silence to isolate and abuse children. When parents and other trusted adults fail to see the warning signs of abuse, silence can cause deep harm to young victims. Sometimes, an adult who is willing to simply listen without judgment or disbelief can save a child from abuse. Communication and listening can be lifesaving. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Our Kitchen Table: Keeping an Open Dialogue about Sexual Abuse” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Summer Blessing for Families

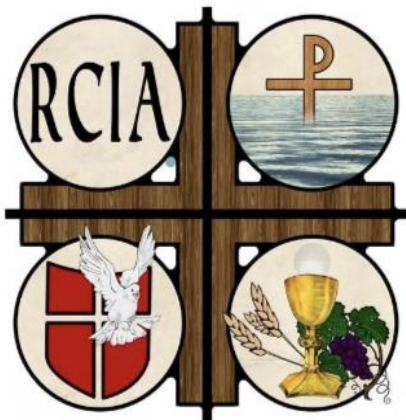
May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.
May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

-The Catholic Review



RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



For more info, contact Olga at olga@stjosephlb.org

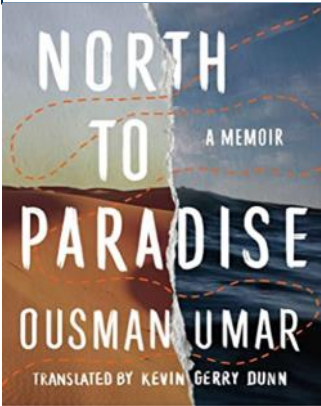
RCIA is a program for any non-baptized adult interested in becoming a Catholic. It is also for adults baptized in the Catholic faith (or in another Christian faith), who would like to complete the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

RCIA begins with a period of Inquiry, where you can find out what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. If you, or anyone you know, would like to find out more please contact Olga Cuda at olga@stjosephlb.org

Come-and-See what RCIA is all about !



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.

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Terry Hershey is an author, humorist, inspirational speaker, ordained minister, and smitten by French wine. He divides his time between designing sanctuary gardens & sharing his practice of "pausing" & "sanctuary," to help us do less and live more. Terry's book, *Sanctuary: Creating places for grace in your life*, offers permission to slow down and to be gentle with ourselves. Most days, you can find Terry out in his garden—on Vashon Island in the Puget Sound - because he believes that there is something fundamentally spiritual about dirt under your fingernails.

Cost: per person/shared \$250; single \$350; commuter \$160
To register call José at (310) 377-4867 ext 250 or email him at jsalas@maryjoseph.org or register online at www.maryjoseph.org. Please see website for Cancellation Policy.

For more information and to register go to lacatholics.org/eucharist
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