

St. Joseph Parish

Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

Luke 11:3

Seventeenth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2022

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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



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2022

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PRAY LIKE JESUS

Have you ever watched a master chef at work or a professional musician or athlete and wondered “How do they do that? They make it look so easy.” We are naturally attracted to someone who excels at something, a person whose heart is obviously in their work, and we can’t help but wonder if we are capable of anything like that. This was likely true for the disciples as well. They had seen Jesus at prayer on many occasions (this is especially true in Luke’s Gospel) and it was obvious that someone, somehow was shaping/transforming the life of their teacher. Abraham, too, gives us an example of a conversation with God that goes beyond the ordinary approach to divine petitioning. Meanwhile, Psalm 138 assures us that when we cry for help God will answer—for Christ has become our mediator and we are one with him in baptism.

SNAKES AND SCORPIONS AND PRAYERS? OH, MY!

How often do we hear about snakes and scorpions at Mass? Well, today we do! Jesus uses these frightful (to most of us!) images for their shock value in order to emphasize how graciously and unfailingly our Father in heaven cares for us. The first reading sets the stage for our reflection. Who can hear the story of Abraham negotiating with God in the first reading and not smile at his audacity? The middle Eastern custom of bartering likely honed Abraham’s skills in that arena. He even appeals to God’s sense of honor, saying, “Far be it from you to do such a thing” [as to wipe out the innocent with the guilty]. Have we not all bargained with God at one time or another when we were desperately in need?

YOU HAVE HEARD THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH

Notice that the very first words of today’s Gospel are “Jesus was praying.” Of course, the disciples would be curious about a practice that was so central to Jesus’ daily life. He was obviously good at it. Perhaps they wanted to know how they could more easily “influence” God themselves! They wanted to know what would work. Luke’s version of the beloved Lord’s Prayer (one of two found in the Gospels) is highlighted today in response to the disciples’ request.

The two parables following the Lord’s Prayer teach us about prayer both from the point of view of the one who prays and from God’s point of view. The parable of the friend who knocks on the door at midnight illustrates prayer from the point of view someone who urgently needs something. Persistence is the key. The last section of the Gospel offers us a glimpse of prayer from God’s point of view. If you seek, you will find; if you knock, the door will be opened. With Jesus as our mediator, we are assured of a hearing before our Father in heaven who is waiting to give good gifts to his children.

TODAY’S READINGS

Genesis 18:20–32
Psalm 138:1–2, 2–3, 6–7, 7–8
Colossians 2:12–14
Luke 11:1–13

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	July 23
5:00 p.m.	† Matthew Mosbley
SUNDAY	July 24
8:30 a.m. -	† Bill & Maureen Weiss
10:30 a.m. -	Cassandra Jorda
12:30 p.m. -	† Jeremiah Bermudez
MONDAY	July 25
8:00 a.m. -	† Amado Calimquim
TUESDAY	July 26
8:00 a.m	† Irenia Salvidim
WEDNESDAY	July 27
8:00 a.m. -	Lily Dang

†-Prayers for the Deceased

Safeguard The Children



As temperatures heat up this summer, it is critical for parents to remember to take children out of the car every time they park and turn off the engine. Leaving a child alone in a car can lead to serious injury or death. This is especially true in hot weather: a car can heat up 19 degrees in just 10 minutes. Cracking a window is not enough to solve the problem. Leaving a purse or phone — or even a shoe — in the backseat can be a reminder about children who may fall asleep on car rides. For more information, visit <https://www.safekids.org/heatstroke>.

Homeless Ministry

St. Joseph Homeless Ministry prepares supplies and facilitates encampment visits four or five times per year, on a scheduled basis. On each occasion, we visit and serve 120 of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in need.

On July 31-Aug. 1, we will make encampment visits to 120 people experiencing homelessness. Opportunities to help prepare for these visits are on-going.

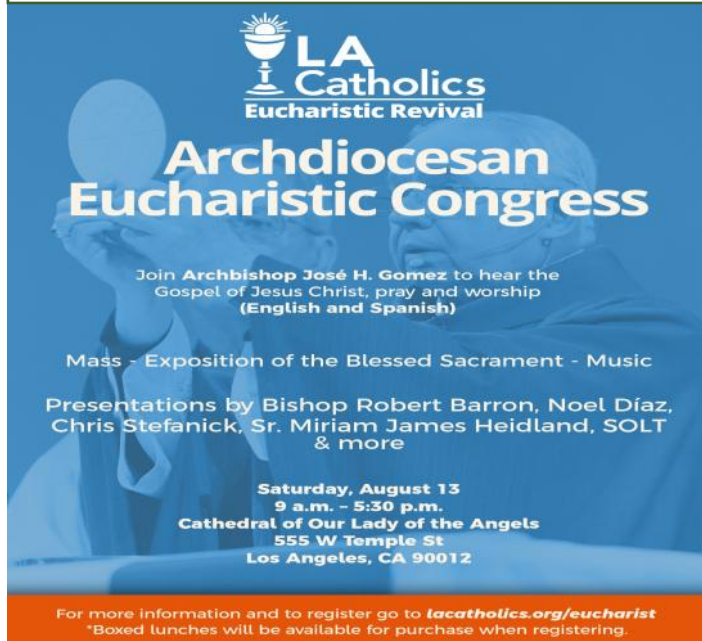
Can you help prepare for or distribute critically needed assistance and HOPE? Please call Tim Clark – (562) 431-4385.

Mission Cooperative Appeal August 6-7, 2022

The mission diocese of Imphal in Northeast India is home to 34 tribes of Mongolian origin. The first Catholic baptism in the diocese was recorded in 1952. The Catholic population has grown up to 1, 01283 now. The diocese has 45 parishes, and 8 Mission Centers, 174 priests including 114 indigenous tribal priests. The growth of the Church has always been accompanied by various challenges and persecutions during the past decades. Between 1990 – 2001, six of our young and dynamic missionaries were killed for witnessing the gospel.

Besides direct evangelization, the Church is actively involved in the everyday life of the people through other forms of apostolate like education, health care, self-help program, rehabilitation of the sick, drug addicts and the orphans. Much remains to be done for this interior and underdeveloped region through your participation and generous support.

In spite of the many challenges, missionary efforts are yielding an increase in vocation to priesthood and religious life. The proceeds of the 2022 Mission appeal will be used for providing food, safe drinking water facilities, primary education of tribal girls and health care for the rural tribal population in the newly established parish of St. John in Nungba. We look forward to your generous support for the implementation of this humanitarian project. Rev. Aloysius Seiba representing Archdiocese of Imphal speaks at all masses that weekend.



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Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress

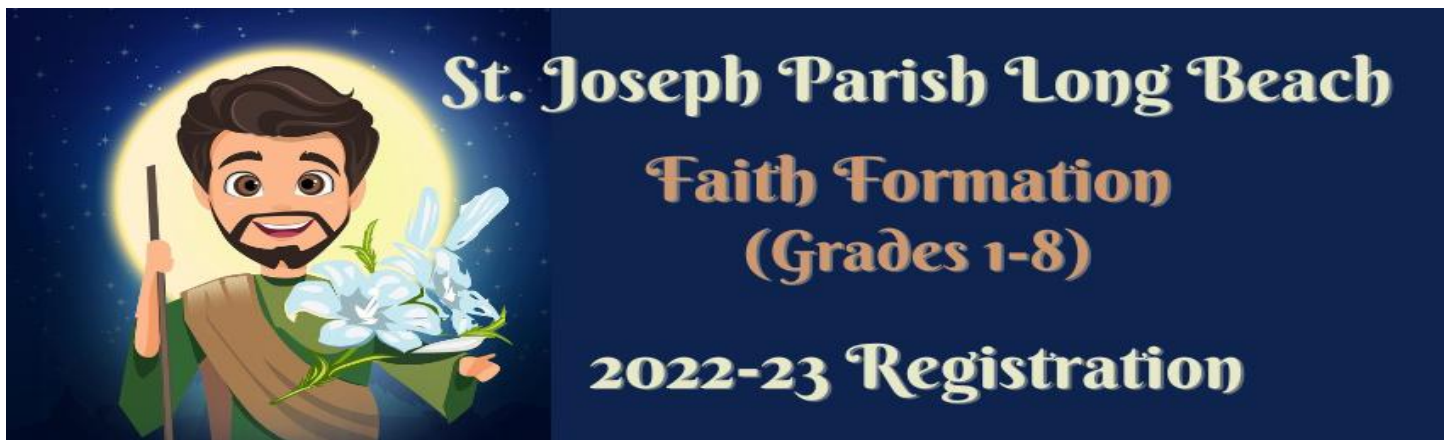
Join Archbishop José H. Gomez to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, pray and worship (English and Spanish)

Mass - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Music

Presentations by Bishop Robert Barron, Noel Díaz, Chris Stefanick, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT & more

Saturday, August 13
9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
555 W Temple St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

For more information and to register go to lacatholics.org/eucharist
*Boxed lunches will be available for purchase when registering.



Registration for the 2022-23 Faith Formation Classes is now open for new and continuing students.

[Sunday Elementary Faith Formation Classes \(1-5th Grades\)](#)

Parent Information Zoom Session: **Monday, September 12, 2022, at 7pm**

Classes Start: **Sunday, September 18, 2022, from 10 –11:15am**

[Middle School Faith Formation Classes \(6th-8th Grades\)](#)

Parent Information Zoom Session: **Monday, September 19, 2022, at 7 pm**

Start: **Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 7-8 pm**



Current and new students need to register. Remember, it is an Archdiocesan requirement to have two consecutive years of religious education to receive sacraments. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate and 1st Holy Communion certificate must accompany all NEW candidates registering for St. Joseph Faith Formation for the first time. Former St. Joseph School and Faith Formation candidate's certificates will already be on file.

Confirmation meets on selected Sundays from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (includes 12:30 Mass), September through June. Open to all high school students Grades (9 – 12)

For more information and to register for our programs, please scan the code to the right with your cell phone camera).





becoming a catechist

Are you looking for a way to share your faith, time and talents with others?

The Faith Formation department needs you!!

Volunteers are needed as catechists (teachers), catechist aides, in our elementary through high school confirmation programs. You don't have to have a child in our program to volunteer. We encourage all adults to prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you! All volunteers must be cleared through our Safe Environment program. We will provide training and support along the way.

If interested, please scan the QR code for our online application.

If you have any questions, contact the Director of Faith Formation at 562-698-0519 or joe@stjosephlb.org.



Movement for a Better World

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18.

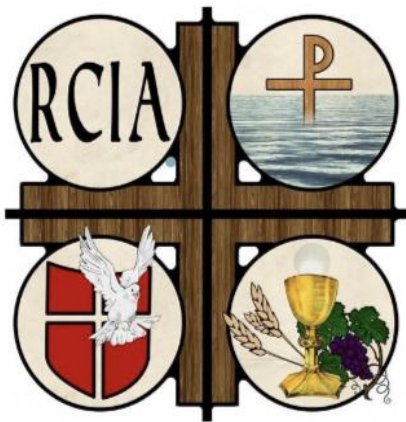
Aug 13-14, Food from the Heart: Collecting family food for those served by Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

Thank you!! To the 300+ who helped, and the many that contributed to the vibrancy of our outreach in our 2021-2022 program year! As we begin our 36th year of channeling the generosity of St. Joseph Parish to the marginalized of Long Beach, we humbly pray blessings on next program year's initiatives.

Fulfilling opportunities to serve exist at all levels of availability. Please join us. Call Tim Clark 562-431-4385.

- + Weekly sandwiches/meals for Catholic Charities of LB
- + Holiday (3) food and gift drives: blankets, Christmas presents, books
- + Holiday (3) Family Adoptions
- + Feed-a-Baby Food Drives
- + Food from the Heart Food Drive
- + Homeless Kit Drives
- + Basic home furnishings and emergency aid (eg. immanent loss of utility service, etc.)

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 !

Psalms

The School of Prayer

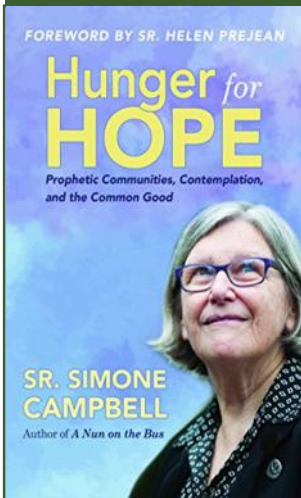


We hear the Psalms read or sung at every Mass between the first and second readings, but do we understand their significance?

At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God.

We will begin an eleven-week Bible study *Psalms: The School of Prayer* on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00pm on Zoom. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, please contact mike@stjosephlb.org or call/text 562-370-0769. Join us to study how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms.

Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, October 12th at 7pm.

We will discuss:

Hunger of Hope: Prophetic Communities, Contemplation and the Common Good

by Sr. Simone Campbell

Written by Sr. Simone Campbell, a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and graduate of St. Anthony High School, this book explores the quest for a justice that works for all and explores what it means to be holy in today's world.

All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com



Try Soul Gardening

6:00 pm Friday, August 12 to
1:30 pm Sunday, August 14, 2022

**Soul Gardening:
Sacrament of the
Present Moment**

Rev. Terry Hershey



People who love the world, who pay attention, are gardeners, whether or not they have ever picked up a trowel ~ because gardening is not just about digging. Gardening is about cherishing ~ and to cherish, one must be present ... Here! Now! We see that the ordinary is the hiding place for the holy and ...

- ☞ open our heart to the rhythms of "the garden"
- ☞ embrace the demanding marriage of loving and losing
- ☞ cultivate appreciation for ordinary gifts of grace, the value of solitude, and the healing power of nature
- ☞ nurture our soul, and renew our sense of 'life's fullness'.

Gardens are sacred places that can offer healing for mind, body, and soul. Experience our gardens as restorative, inspiring, & life-giving. Participate in outdoor & indoor workshops, exploring "sanctuary" gardens, with personal time for walks, prayer, rocking chairs, and reflection.

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.

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