


St. Joseph Parish

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Above Jesus on the cross there was an inscription that read,
“This is the King of the Jews.”

~ Luke 23:38

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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)

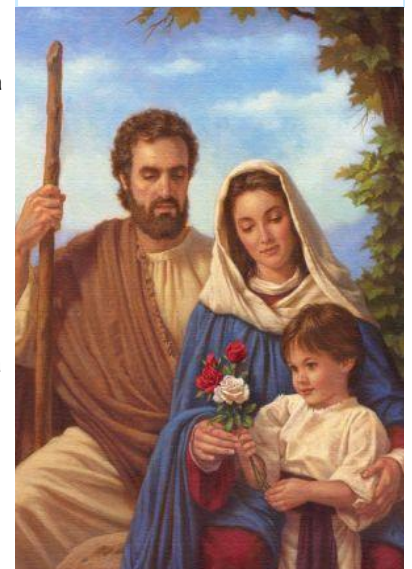
8:00 a.m. Indoor


Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church





ABOVE HIM THERE WAS AN INSCRIPTION THAT READ, “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

LUKE 23:38

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Dear Parish Family:

On this Last Sunday of the Church Year, may “Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe” fill your lives and home with faith!

Next Sunday, November 27, at our 8:30 AM Mass on the Grass, the new Father Cesar Carrasco will be here to celebrate a First Mass for all of us here at St. Joseph’s. What a joy to welcome Fr. Cesar as he will Preside, Preach and Bless us! Pray that the High Priest Jesus Christ will continue to bless Fr. Cesar as he ministers to the people at St. Mariana de Paredes in Pico Rivera.

This weekend, please pick up for your family a parish gift – “Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas,” a small book to guide your Family’s Advent journey. The author is Mary DeTurrís Poust, who offers brief, down to earth reflections that bring Prayer and Scripture into everyday life in a thought-provoking and lasting way. Mary is a writer, retreat leader, spiritual director and the author of numerous books on Catholic Spirituality. I encourage you to spend two minutes praying each daily reflection and your family will receive countless spiritual blessings. Pray this alone, with the adults or children in your home and make it a Great Advent! This spiritual resource will be distributed after all Masses or you can pick one up in the basket placed outside the door of the Parish Life Center Offices.

Thanksgiving draws near and I’m personally inviting you to attend our annual Thanksgiving Mass this Thursday in the Church at 9:00 AM. Bring the bread and wine that will grace your Thanksgiving table for a special blessing.

On page 4 is another gift – A Thanksgiving Blessing that you can pray with your loved ones as you gather around your Thanksgiving table. You can print the page or share it on your electronic device with others as you Bless your Thanksgiving meal.

I’m praying for you and all our families and may you have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

In Gratitude for you and our Parish Family,

Msgr. Kevin

TODAY’S READINGS

2 Samuel 5:1–3
Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5
Colossians 1:12–20
Luke 23:35–43



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JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 20, 2022



FAMILY BLESSING ON THANKSGIVING 2022

SCRIPTURE READING:
FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE:

*AS HE WAS ENTERING A VILLAGE, TEN PERSONS WITH LEPROSY MET HIM.
THEY STOOD AT A DISTANCE FROM HIM AND RAISED THEIR VOICES, SAYING,
“JESUS, MASTER! HAVE PITY ON US!”
AND WHEN HE SAW THEM, HE SAID,
“GO SHOW YOURSELVES TO THE PRIESTS.”
AS THEY WERE GOING THEY WERE CLEANSED.
AND ONE OF THEM, REALIZING HE HAD BEEN HEALED,
RETURNED, GLORIFYING GOD IN A LOUD VOICE;
AND HE FELL AT THE FEET OF JESUS AND THANKED HIM.*

LEADER: THAT WE MAY ALWAYS APPRECIATE THE GIFT OF FAMILY, WE PRAY...
ALL: WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.

LEADER: THAT OUR CHILDREN WILL BE SAFE AND GROW IN GOD'S LOVE, WE PRAY...
ALL: WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.

LEADER: THAT WE MAY ALWAYS SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH THOSE IN NEED, WE
PRAY...
ALL: WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.

LEADER: THAT WE WILL ALWAYS SEE AND CHERISH THE IMAGE OF GOD IN
EVERYONE, WE PRAY...
ALL: WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.

LEADER & ALL: GOD MOST PROVIDENT, WE JOIN ALL CREATION IN RAISING TO YOU A
HYMN OF THANKSGIVING THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON.

FOR GENERATION UPON GENERATION, PEOPLES OF THIS LAND HAVE
SUNG OF YOUR BOUNTY; WE TOO OFFER YOU PRAISE FOR THE RICH
HARVEST WE HAVE RECEIVED AT YOUR HANDS.

BLESS US AND THIS FOOD AND DRINK WHICH WE SHARE WITH
GRATEFUL HEARTS. CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR LAND AND LIVES
FRUITFUL, AND LET OUR LOVE BE SHOWN TO OTHERS AS WE GATHER
AROUND THIS BEAUTIFUL TABLE OF ABUNDANCE.

PRAISE AND GLORY TO YOU, LORD GOD, NOW AND FOREVER!

AMEN





St. Joseph Catholic School is now accepting applications for Alpha K, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-8 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Our Early Acceptance Period is now open and parents can apply now online to schedule a tour and readiness assessment. Go to our website (www.sjknights.net) to apply and learn more today! You can also follow us on Instagram @sjknightslongbeach for more information on our school.

St. Joseph Catholic School is hiring!

We are looking for a Primary Grades Teaching Assistant. This is a non-exempt, hourly position that would start as soon as possible. If you are interested, please email your resume and cover letter to our school principal, Margaret Alvarez at malvarez@sjknights.net.

Safeguard the Children

Did You Know?



Protect against colds and flu this winter

Children are especially susceptible to colds and flu, partly because they are exposed to more germs at school or daycare, or from picking up random objects and less frequent hand washing. You can protect your child against germs by taking preventative actions. Encourage (and model) regular hand washing and good hygiene, such as sneezing or coughing into your elbow. Monitor family members for signs of illness and if sick, stay home. For more information, visit cdc.gov/flu.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE ...

Have you experienced the death of a loved one, and are wondering how you will survive the upcoming holidays? The Bereavement Ministry will be conducting a *Surviving the Holidays seminar* on Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m. and on Thursday, December 8 at 9 a.m.

In order to help us provide the best accommodations, please RSVP with your contact information as follows:

Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m.: Deacon Tom/Pat Halliwell :

Tom.halliwell@la-archdiocese.org

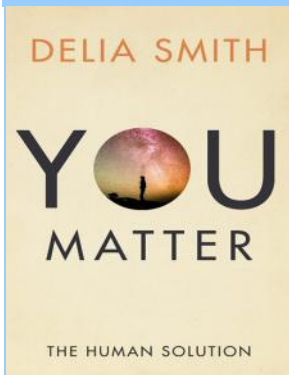
Thursday, December 8 at 9 a.m.: Maypace@gmail.com

Both sessions are the same. We will contact you where it will be held.

We will also be conducting a thirteen weekly session for grief support in February.



Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, January 11th at 7pm.

We will discuss:

You Matter: The Human Solution by Delia Smith

Ms. Smith, UK's best-selling cookery author and owner of the Norwich City Football Club, encourages people to think more deeply about the phenomenon of existence, what it means to be a unique human person, and how in unity with one another we can build a better future.

All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com

Movement for a Better World

"Good works are links that form a chain of love."
St. Mother Teres

Thank You!

Thank You to all those that helped with the Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution.

Dec. 3 to 11 – Christmas Present Drive: Envelopes will be available at Masses Dec. 3-4 for children of families we will be supporting for Christmas. Envelopes will contain instructions, child's name, age, sex, and sizes. Please purchase a gift and return to the parish office or Mass ***by Dec. 11 at 12:30p.***

Holiday Distribution Food Buyer:

Can you help us coordinate food purchases for Christmas, and Easter? For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.

Project Achieve Guest Chefs

Project Achieve is a transitional housing facility administered by Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

Two groups of St. Joseph "Guest Chefs" currently provide a dinner service to its residents every **3rd Monday night of the month at 6:00 pm.**

Since Covid, Project Achieve is currently housing about 15-20 residents. One of our two alternating volunteer groups will be in need of a leader as of January.

If you would like to learn more about this very meaningful and fulfilling ministry opportunity, please call Tim Clark – (562) 431-4385

Family Altar Server Sign-Up



We are looking for **FAMILIES** that would like to be Altar Servers at all Masses! Catholic Liturgy is meant to be the Work of the People. Families who attend Mass together are encouraged to serve together in this ministry of service. All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families who apply will receive appropriate training in the ministry and will meet with Monsignor Kevin prior to serving. Then they will be added to an Altar Server schedule. We hope that

you will join in this special ministry! To sign up go to <https://forms.gle/NdJ4F38Aj4FSrT2Q7>

For more information, please contact the **ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR**: Monica Wissuchek at stjfamilyaltarservers@gmail.com. Monica will work with each family to help meet their individual needs, and to train and schedule them for liturgies throughout the year.

Food from the Heart Drive Helps Long Beach Community Center

Members of St. Joseph Church in Long Beach held a two-day Food from the Heart donation drive for Catholic Charities' Long Beach Community Center.

The lead organizer of the event, Tim Clark, who has generously donated to Catholic Charities' San Pedro Region for years, wanted to help the region in a big way by ensuring that local individuals in need would receive nutritious food. He hoped to ease Catholic Charities' clients' financial hardship, which has been due, in part, to the inflation in food prices.

Clark and his Food from the Heart volunteers encouraged those who were unable to donate canned food to contribute cash for the Long Beach Community Center, in order that staff there would be able to provide more resources to low income and homeless clients.

San Pedro Regional Director, Bruce Hackman, shared that "St. Joseph Church has been a God send." The Food from the Heart Drive of St. Joseph Church raised \$780 in cash and delivered 160 shopping bags of groceries to Catholic Charities in Long Beach for its clients. ❀



Jonah Holt, the grandson of Food from the Heart organizer, Tim Clark, rests after helping with the food drive.

WELCOME Retreat



Have you ever attended **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH** or **WELCOME**?

If you have, we would love to hear from you. Please call or email Joyce at the Parish office. 562-594-4657 or stjoseph@stjosephlb.org.

saint snippets

"Marriage is more than human. It is a miniature kingdom, which is the little house of the Lord."

-St. Clement of Alexandria

Bl. Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi

20th-century Italian married couple who lived an ordinary life in an extraordinary way. Together, they founded many Catholic organizations.

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