

St. Joseph Parish

November 27, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY

of

Advent

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**You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.**

Matthew 24:44

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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



FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Dear Parish Family:

I hope and pray that all of you are having a Blessed Thanksgiving weekend. Today, we commence the beautiful Season of Advent, a new liturgical year with Cycle A and on Sundays we'll hear from the Gospel of Matthew. Enjoy the Advent Reflection Booklet which starts today. Below are some photos of recent activities here at St. Joe's!

“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44



Welcome our newest Catholic, Robyn Thomas!



St. Joseph Parish hosting the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Estate Planning Seminar on November 14



Your generosity in supplying all the food, blankets and turkeys brought Thanksgiving smiles to 103 families!!!

Have a Blessed Advent!!
Msgr. Kevin

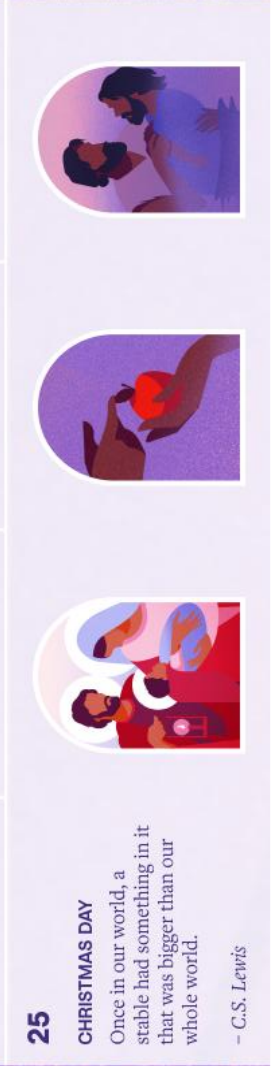


TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 START OF ADVENT Therefore the Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)	28 Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God...you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. (Luke 1:30-31)	29 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. (Isaiah 11:1)	30 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and knowledge and the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2)	1 "In Advent, we await an event which occurs in history and at the same time transcends it." - <i>St. John Paul II</i>	2 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. (Malachi 3:1)	3 Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. - <i>Pope Francis</i>
4 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope. - <i>Pope Benedict XVI</i>	5 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people..." (Luke 2:10)	6 FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic His giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves. - <i>St. Nicholas</i>	7 And the Word became flesh, and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)	8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)	9 FEAST OF ST. JUAN DIEGO Listen, put it into your heart, most little of my sons; let nothing frighten or grieve you... - <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	10 Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord. - <i>Henri Nouwen</i>
11 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. (Luke 2:12)	12 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE I am truly your merciful Mother... - <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	13 FEAST OF ST. LUCY May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem. - <i>Pope Francis</i>	14 For a child has been born for us... and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)	15 You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. (Luke 1:14-15)	16 At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? - <i>Mother Teresa</i>	17 Advent creates people, new people. - <i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer</i>
18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT And in the end, everything else will turn out to be unimportant and inessential, except for this: Father, Child, and Love. - <i>St. John Paul II</i>	19 Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. (Luke 2:8)	20 The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. (Luke 2:9)	21 So God throws open the door of this world - and enters as a baby. As the most vulnerable imaginable. - <i>Ann Voskamp</i>	22 And so, after patient waiting, he obtained the promise. (Hebrews 6:15)	23 Come, Lord Jesus, take our distracted hearts and make them watchful. Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love. - <i>Pope Francis</i>	24 LAST DAY OF ADVENT We are Your people, walking in darkness yet seeking the light. To You, we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!" - <i>Henri Nouwen</i>



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CHRISTMAS DAY
Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.
- *C.S. Lewis*

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?

Dangerous TikTok trend:
“sleepy chicken”



The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently issued a notice advising people against participating in a dangerous TikTok trend: cooking chicken in NyQuil, a nighttime cold medicine. According to videos on the popular social media site, people are cooking “sleepy chicken” as a challenge, but the FDA warning indicates it may be more than a harmless joke. Cooking with cough medicine can lead to a person ingesting dangerously high amounts of codeine that can cause serious health complications and even death.

Meditation Ministry



St. Joseph Meditation Ministry will meet in person

Monday, December 5, 2022

Knights of Columbus Room (PLC -upstairs) from 7-8PM.

No meditation experience is necessary. For more information contact Frank McKown at 310-633-1744.

Project Achieve Guest Chefs

Project Achieve is a transitional housing facility administered by Catholic Charities of Long Beach. Since Covid, Project Achieve is currently housing about 15-20 residents.

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**. 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



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

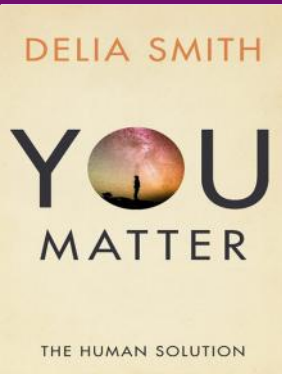
Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m. and on Thursday, December 8 at 9 a.m.

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. They will be held in the Parish Life Center (PLC) just east of the church entrance.

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

*“You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.”
2 Cor 9:11*

Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: **THANK YOU** for your generous support of 103 very grateful families for Thanksgiving! An abundant amount of food, household supplies, two or more blankets, and BLESSINGS were provided.

Next Weekend – Christmas Present Drive: Envelopes will be available at Masses for the children of families we will support for Christmas. They will contain the child’s name, age, sex, sizes, and instructions. Please return gifts to the parish office or church **by Dec. 11 at 12:30 pm.**

Dec. 17 - Christmas Food and Present Distribution: As a parish community, we will support 66 families for Christmas, and Easter. **Can you help us deliver?** Please contact Tom and Marie Newton (562) 209-1298 or tjn8343@gmail.com.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest.

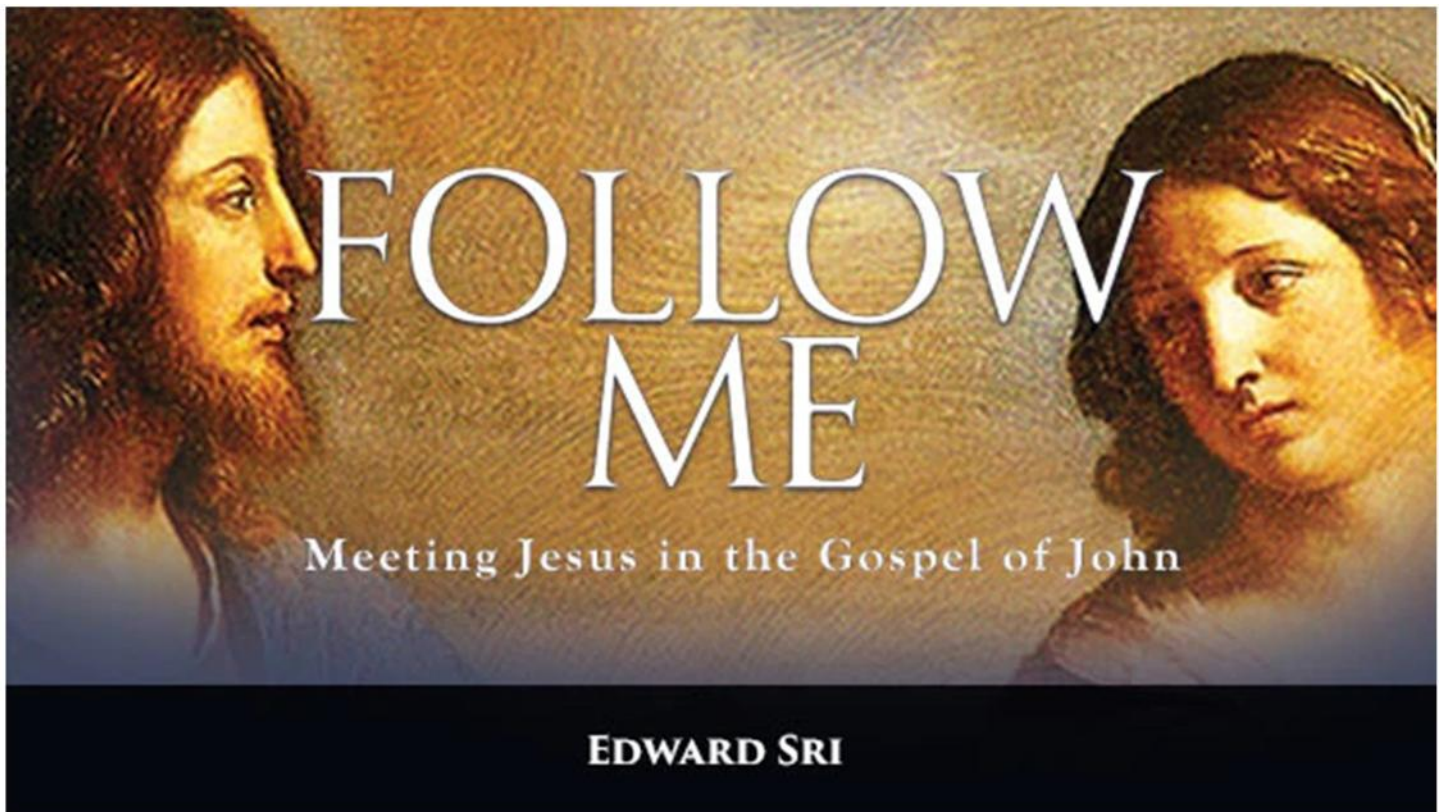
Holiday Distribution Food Buyer: Can you help us coordinate food purchases for Christmas, and Easter? For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.

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.



Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to deeper friendship with Christ, St. Joseph Long Beach will begin Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John on Thursday, January 12th at 7:00pm in the PLC and on Zoom. For more information or to register, please contact Mike Santy at 562-370-0769 or mike@stjosephlb.org. Cost of the materials and online video is \$20. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

Follow Me invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. You will learn what it takes to follow him. You will experience the joy of divine friendship, and you will see how God— and only God—can satisfy the deepest desires of your heart.

Participants of Follow Me will receive a workbook and will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The eight 30-minute videos, presented by Dr. Edward Sri, will guide you through the Gospel of John. Dr. Sri will explain how Christ's encounters with others in the Gospel are examples of how he lovingly and persistently calls each of us to a more intimate and life-changing relationship with him.

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