

St. Joseph Parish

December 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY

of

Advent

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**John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”**

Matthew 3:1

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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



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DECEMBER 4, 2022

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preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

MATTHEW 3:1

Dear Parish Family:

As we enter into the Second week of Advent, our scriptures are full of hope! We will hear the prophet Isaiah encouraging us to dream big. We'll have our annual encounter with the cousin of Jesus, John the Baptist who invites us to prepare the way of the Lord. May all of the activities of these December weeks be signs to us that the Lord is truly present every day in our generous acts of love, service and preparation to celebrate the Birth of the Lord.

This weekend we begin our Christmas Present Drive. Please pick a card from the Christmas tree and thanks for shopping as we prepare our Christmas baskets for needy families in our community. Scroll down to the MBW section in this bulletin for all the information!

This Thursday, December 8, is a Holy Day as we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother. Masses are as follows:

Wednesday, December 7 – Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM in church

Thursday, December 8 – Masses at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM in church



Our newest Catholic, Eric Heilman with his wife and family!

At the recent Vigil Mass on Christ the King Sunday, St. Joseph's welcomed Eric Heilman into our Church Family as Eric made a Profession of Faith, celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and received the Lord for the first time in the Eucharist. Eric is the new math teacher in our parish school and welcome Eric into the St. Joseph's Family!

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TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

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Last Sunday, our former intern and now the new Fr. Cesar Carrasco presided and preached at our 8:30 Mass on the Grass. After Mass we enjoyed refreshments as Fr. Cesar gave individual First Blessings to many of our parishioners. Fr. Cesar is now serving as the Associate Pastor at St. Mariana de Paredes in Pico Rivera. Please pray for this wonderful Priest and pray for an increase in vocations.



Fr. Cesar offering First Blessings.

Blessings on your Advent journey!
Msgr. Kevin



Safeguard the Children - Did You Know?



California act protects children online

The California Age-Appropriate Design Code Act, which was signed into law in September, requires companies to assess potential harm in how they use data from children (defined as any user under 18) in new services or features, and to enact plans to reduce risk. Companies are also banned from using minors' information in "materially detrimental" ways, such as routing searches for weight loss to photos of supermodels, and from collecting, sharing, or selling a minor's personal information by default. For more information about this new law, read "California takes child protection seriously with new online law" on [AngelusNews.com](https://www.angelusnews.com).



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.

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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

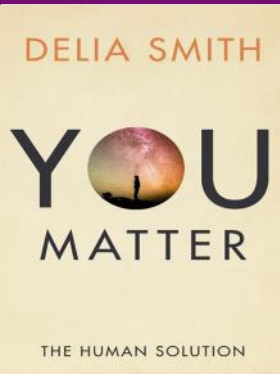
Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m. and on Thursday, December 8 at 9 a.m.

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

*"Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God."
Pope Francis*

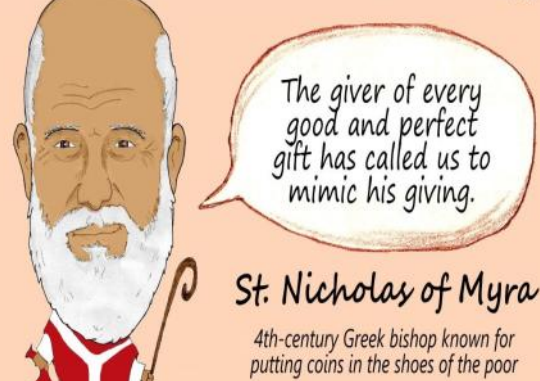
This Weekend – Christmas Present Drive: Envelopes are available at all Masses for the children we will support for Christmas. They contain a child's name, age, sex, sizes, and instructions. **Please return gifts to the parish office or church by Dec. 11 at 12:30 pm.**

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.

Can you help with food box preparation and packing? For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.

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

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St. Nicholas of Myra
4th-century Greek bishop known for putting coins in the shoes of the poor

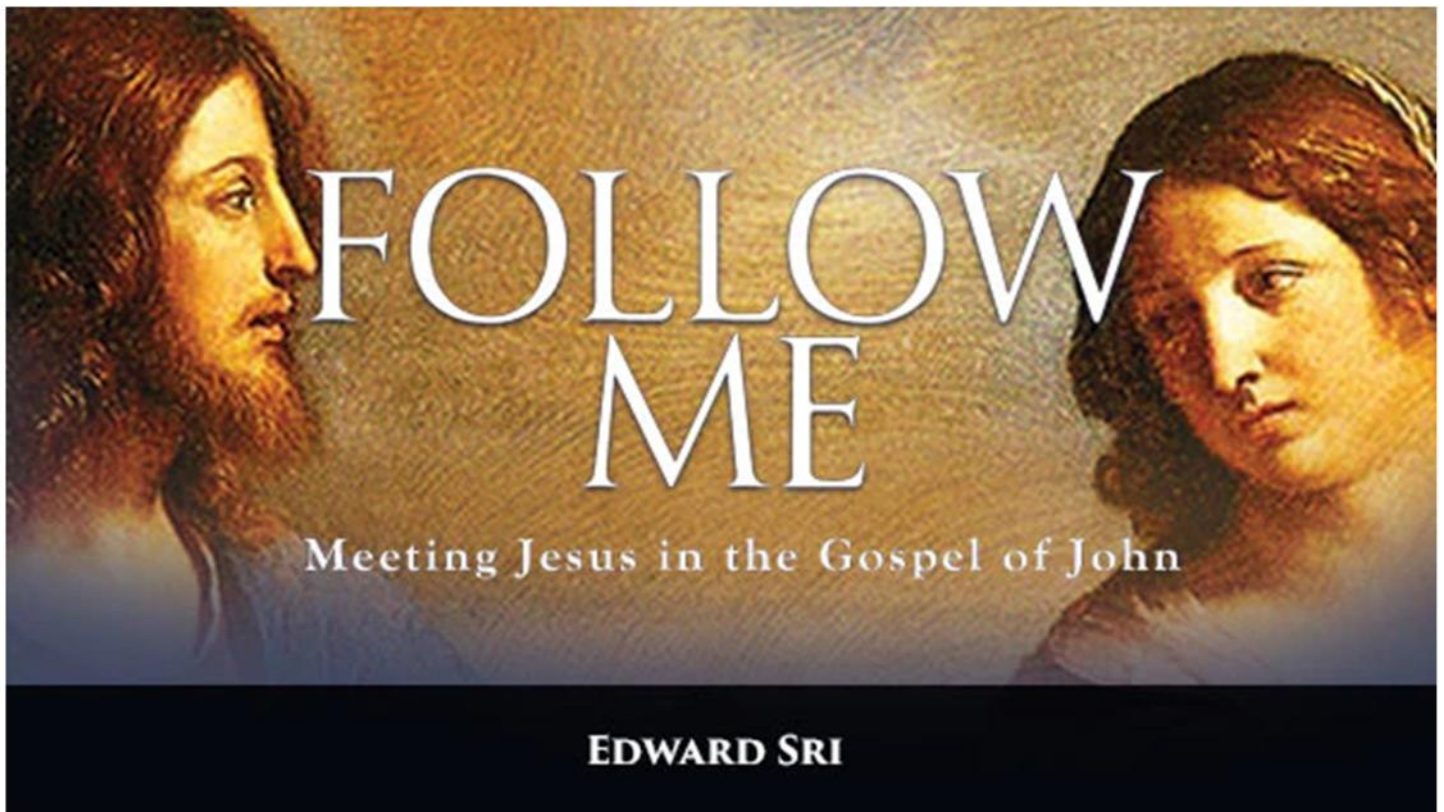
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WELCOME Retreat



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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