

St. Joseph Parish

December 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY

of
Advent

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Jesus said,

**“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”**

Matthew 11:4-5

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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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MATTHEW 11:4-5

Dear Parish Family:

As we enter the Third Week of Advent, the Scriptures remind us that we are all on a journey, we're all going home! As the Chosen People of God are heading home from exile, Isaiah is standing along the road calling out to the people as they make their way back home, “Be strong, fear not.” Turn to the Lord who will never abandon you!

On Page 5 of this bulletin and you'll find our Christmas Schedule. Please note that while Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, we are following our traditional Christmas Mass schedule, as 80% of you will attend Christmas Eve Masses.



All of you have noticed the beautiful Marian Garden that has been enhanced with new art, roses, and trees. On November 19th, Our Lady of Peace Garden was dedicated in loving memory of Elizabeth Lacey Long, Grandma Betty to the Long Family. Patricia and Peter and their three children are St. Joseph parishioners. Our Parish is grateful to the Long Family for their generosity and special thanks to Patricia who was “on hands” with the design and all aspects of enhancing the garden. The picture shows friends and family joined in honoring Grandma Betty’s life, love of gardening and devotion to Our Lady!

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Many of you know Mrs. Julie Gianessi, our school business manager. Her family had originally planned to move out of state in the summer of 2023 but their moving plans were accelerated and Julie retired this past week. Mrs. Gianessi has served on the staff at Saint Joseph school for over 27 years. As our Principal, Margaret Alvarez noted: “She will be greatly missed, not only for her excellent administrative skills, but for her welcoming kindness to all who entered into or called our front office. Our students will miss her ability to cure any minor ailment with an ice pack or a small piece of peppermint.” Our gratitude, thoughts and prayers go with Mrs. Gianessi and her family during this time of transition.

Happy Advent!
Msgr. Kevin

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10
Psalm 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10
James 5:7–10
Matthew 11:2–11

Safeguard the Children - Did You Know?



Garden of healing for victim-survivors of sexual abuse

Archbishop José H. Gomez recently blessed the inaugural [garden](#) of healing dedicated to victim-survivors of sexual abuse at Saint Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los

Angeles. Gardens of healing, which are being planned in the five pastoral regions of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, are a manifestation of our ongoing care for and support of those impacted by sexual abuse in all its forms. The Archdiocese encourages anyone with information regarding sexual abuse to please make a report to law enforcement and/or the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry at (800) 355-2545 or protect@la-archdiocese.org. For more information on the abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, please visit <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>. For more information about the Gardens of Healing, please visit lacatholics.org/healing-gardens, and read the article in Angelus News, <https://angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/la-garden-of-healing-for-abuse/>.





Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th - Vigil Solemnity of Christmas

4:00 PM - Outdoor Mass in Courtyard

(Bring your lawn chair)

6:00 PM - Mass inside Church

9:00 PM - Mass inside Church

Sunday, December 25th - Solemnity of Christmas

9:00 AM - Mass inside Church

10:30 AM - Mass inside Church

Dear Parish Family:

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to you and your family!! As we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, I send Christmas greetings to you with sincere gratitude for your loyalty and gracious gifts during this past year. This has been a most challenging year and globally the world yearns for peace. The Son of God, Emmanuel with us, is the light that's always scattering the darkness.

Know that you and your family will be remembered in the St. Joseph's Christmas Masses and I'm praying that the joyful and peaceful Spirit of Christmas will fill your loved ones and homes!

Thank you for your annual Christmas gift to your St. Joseph's Family and may it symbolize your appreciation of all the gifts our Lord has given to you!

Love and Prayers in the Birth of our Lord, Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik
Pastor

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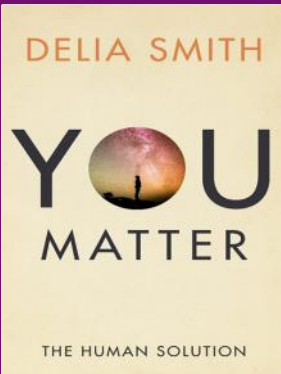
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Book Club



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

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**You Matter: The Human
Solution by Delia Smith**

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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.

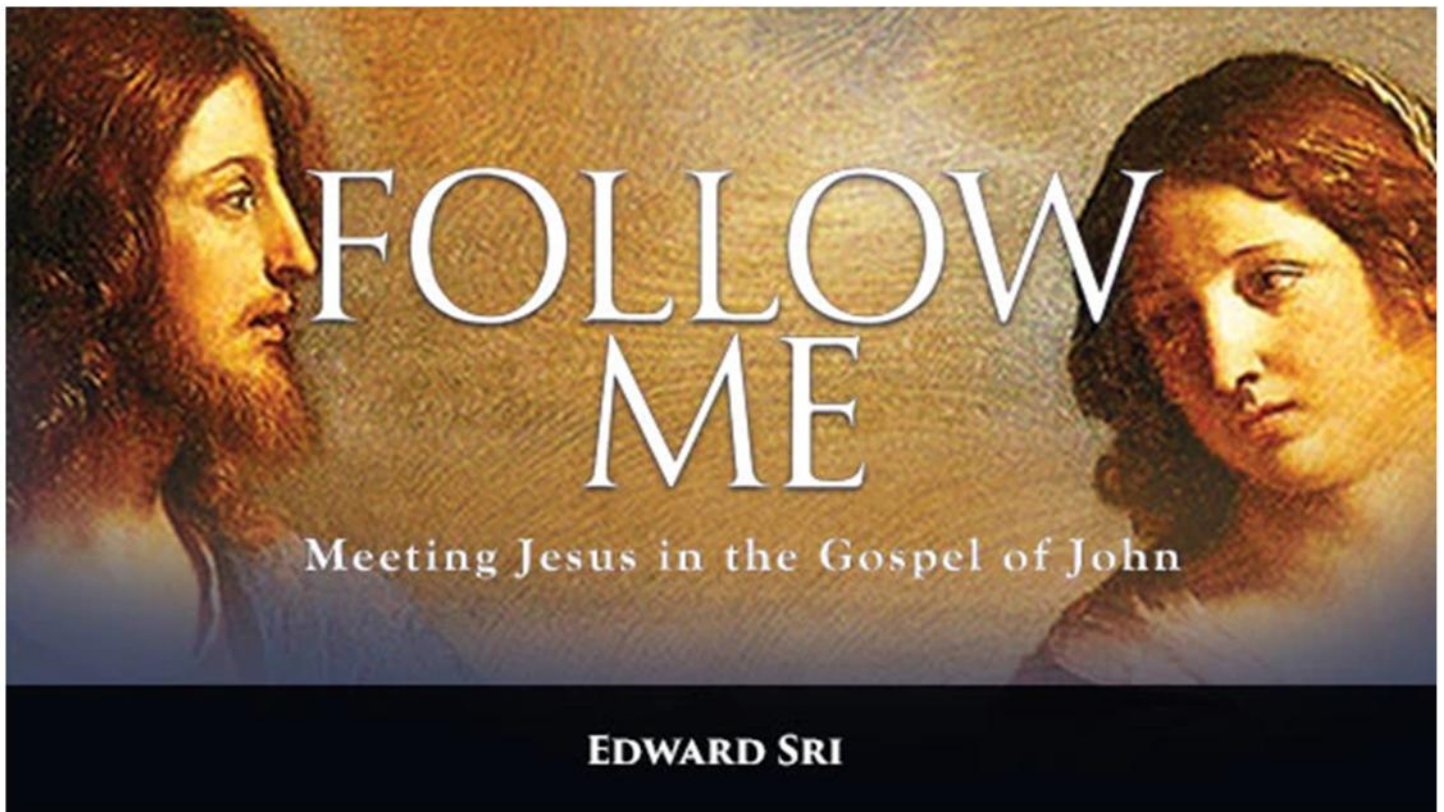
Project Achieve Guest Chefs

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





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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