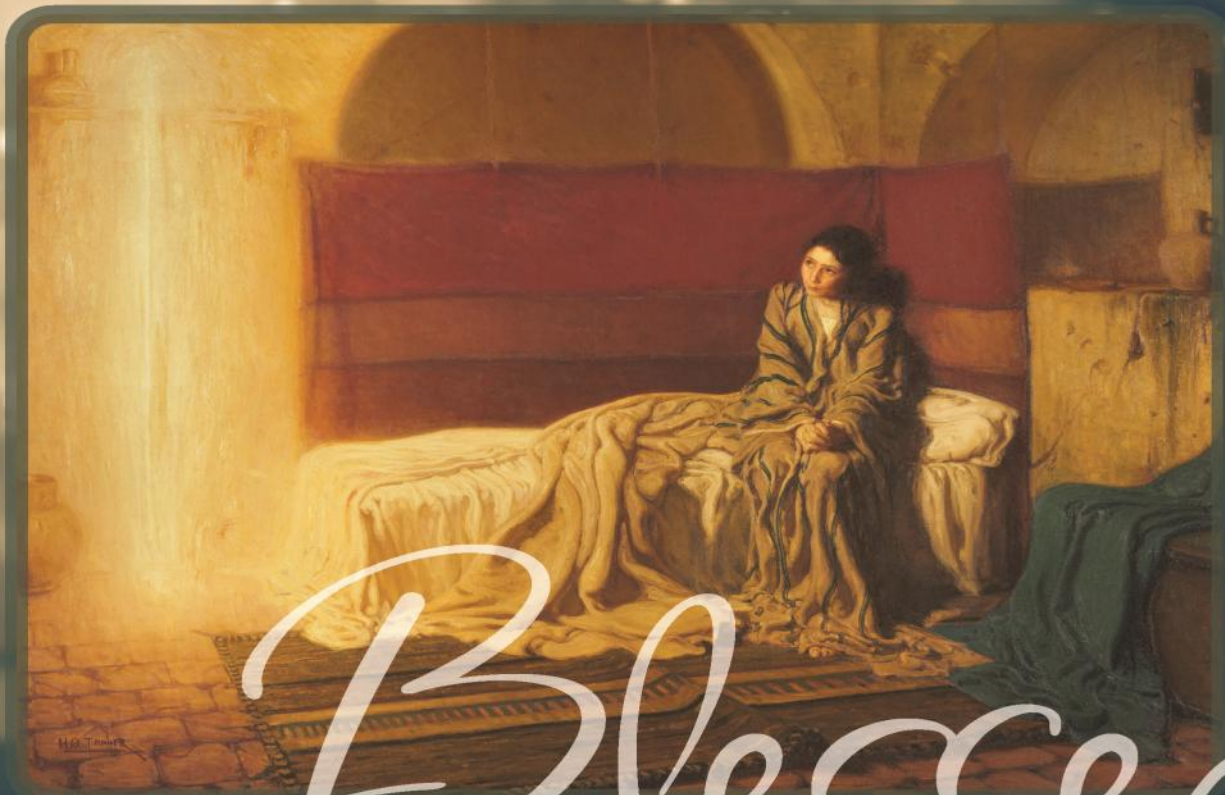


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## **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Indoor Vigil**

**Sunday**

**Mass on the Grass**

**Outdoors**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Indoor Mass**

**10:30 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Daily Mass (M-W)**

**8:00 a.m.**

## **Reconciliation**

**Saturdays**

**3:45-4:30 p.m.**

**Inside Church**

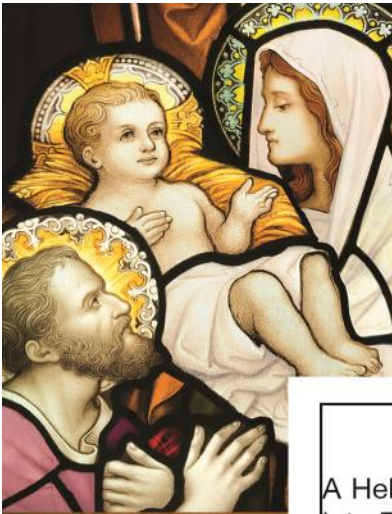
## **Adoration**

**First Fridays**

**8:00-9:00 a.m.**







*The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found*

# MARY AND JOSEPH, AND THE INFANT LYING IN THE MANGER.

Luke 2:16

January 1, 2023 • Mary, the Holy Mother of God

## SHALOM

A Hebrew word that many people are familiar with is *shalom*, commonly translated into English as “peace.” However, the word is much richer, deeper, and broader than that. As a matter of fact, when the blessing in today’s first reading concludes with *shalom*, it serves as a summary of the entire blessing: *shalom* is God’s wholeness, well-being, longevity, harmony, as well as God’s peace. Perhaps Mary prayed this blessing while she found herself in the midst of angels, shepherds, and—quite likely, thanks to the shepherds—inquisitive neighbors who had been told of the wondrous birth. Perhaps she prayed for God’s *shalom* not only for herself, but also for her child as she reflected on his birth. As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we can likewise pray this blessing, with Mary as our example, pondering the mysteries of Christ in our hearts, praying for the richness, depth, and breadth of God’s *shalom*.

## MARY THE CAREGIVER

At some point in time, most people will find themselves needing to watch over another person. This is true for parents and children of course; for others, perhaps an aging parent or spouse; a friend or neighbor living alone after surgery. At these times, along with the caregiving of the moment, there is often a focus on the future, a wondering about what will come. Quite naturally for the new mother Mary there is this future focus, with many possibilities for her to hold in her heart. She reflects quietly in the midst of the very hectic series of events that follow the birth of her child: hurrying shepherds who go and tell the wondrous news to others, then those others sharing their amazement. Luke tells us that Mary keeps all of this, and reflects on it in her heart. Mary is watching over Jesus as mothers do, watching over each and every moment.

## GOD THE CAREGIVER

As Mary watches over her child, so did Israel pray for God to watch over them and one another, to bless and keep them, as Mary kept and reflected on things in her heart. Mary’s face surely shone upon the infant Jesus, as Israel prayed for God’s face to shine upon them with that graciousness we also know in her whom we call “full of grace.” At the conclusion of the blessing in today’s first reading is a prayer for God to look on us in kindness and, even more, to grant us peace. It may be in this final line of the blessing that we see God most at work in the face and the care of Mary, gazing gently on her child, wishing the fullness of God’s *shalom* for Jesus and his future. Our mission as disciples is to show the divine care we hear in the blessing prayer, and to live out the care-giving we see today in Mary.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Numbers 6:22–27  
Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8  
Galatians 4:4–7  
Luke 2:16–21

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## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

I hope all of you had a wonderful and joyous Christmas with your family and friends. As we commence the new year of 2023 AD (Anno Domini – In the year of our Lord), be assured of my prayers for your family and intentions.

This year we'll commence a new spiritual exercise. Every first Friday of the month, from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM, Deacon Tom will offer a Holy Hour in the Church with Eucharistic Adoration. Join your fellow parishioners this Friday January 6 for the Holy Hour.

Our Parish office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023 in observance of the New Years Day Holiday.

I'm grateful for all the prayers and support you have offered my family as we mourned the passing of my beloved brother, Keith. My family gathered for his funeral this past week in their hometown of Fontana. May Keith and all the faithful departed rest in eternal light and peace!

Happy New Year!

Msgr. Kevin



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**Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
January 1, 2023**

Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart.

— Luke 2:19



St. Joseph Catholic School is now accepting applications for Alpha K and Kindergarten for next school year. We also have limited spots available in select grade levels from 1st Grade through 8th Grade. Our 2023-2024 Early Acceptance Pool is now open and we will be offering rolling acceptances to applicants who apply before February 1st. After February 1st, 2023, applicants will be placed into our General Applicant Pool and will be notified regarding acceptance in March 2023.

Students enrolling in Alpha K must be four years old by September 1st, 2023. Students enrolling in Kindergarten must be five years old by September 1st, 2023. Parents can apply now online to schedule a campus visit and student pre-screening. Go to our website ([www.sjknights.net](http://www.sjknights.net)) to apply and learn more today.

Save the date to visit our classrooms, book fair, and art fair at our annual Open House on Sunday, January 29th after mass! You can follow us on Instagram [@sjknightslongbeach](https://www.instagram.com/sjknightslongbeach) for more information on the latest happenings at St. Joseph Catholic School.




## Eucharistic Adoration



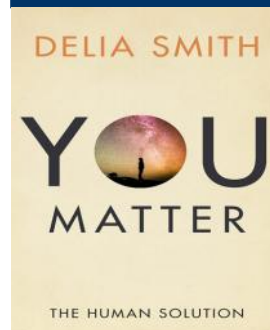
We will have Eucharistic Adoration each first Friday from 8:00-9:00a.m., beginning on January 6, 2023.

Come spend an hour with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

We invite you to begin the New Year by responding to Jesus' call:  
"Could you not watch with me one hour?"  
(Matthew 26:40).



## 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](mailto:agoodlife@msn.com)



## Safeguard The Children



### What to do when a child discloses abuse

When a child discloses abuse, the first thing to remember is to stay calm. Coming forward takes incredible courage and trust; it is usually very hard for children to open up. If a child discloses abuse to you, it is important to listen fully to what he or she is saying. Limit your questions to short, simple queries: What happened? Who did this? Where? When? Let the child know you want to help and coming forward is the right thing to do. As soon as possible, make a report with a child protection agency in your state. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article, "When a Child Discloses" on [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



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



## St. Joseph Grief Support



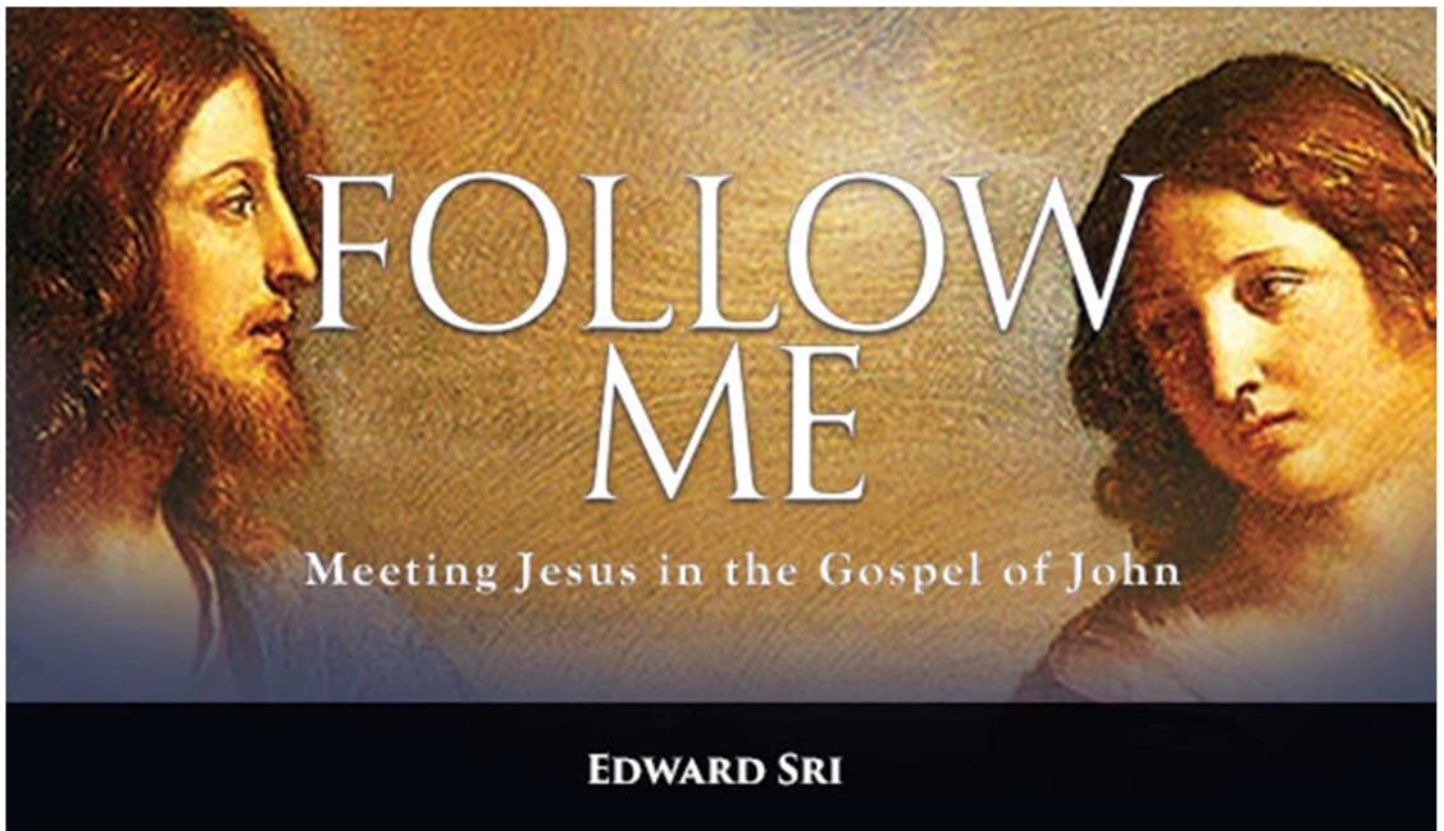
St. Joseph Grief Support Seminars help and offer Encouragement after the death of a loved one.

**WE KNOW IT HURTS, HEALING STARTS HERE.**

Next 13 week seminar starts January 10, 2023 at the PLC each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Contact May Pace, Bereavement Ministry @ [maypace@gmail.com](mailto:maypace@gmail.com) or 562/833 6370





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](mailto: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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