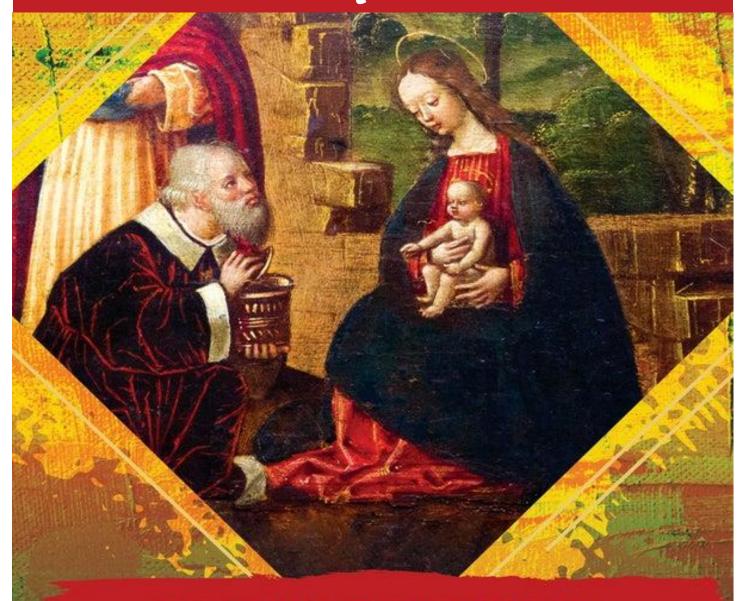
St. Joseph Parish



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

- Mt 2:10

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

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.





Dear Parish Family:

Happy New Year and may the Lord's abundant blessings be with you, your loved ones and family in this New Year of 2024 A.D., (Anno Domini – In the Year of Our Lord)!

Our Christmas Journey continues this weekend with the great Solemnity of The Epiphany, the manifestation of Jesus Christ as a light to the world. We all know the places of darkness, and the great star that the Wise men followed, became the source of direction, clarity and purpose in life. That star is Jesus Christ, the light who dispels all the darkness in our world. Tomorrow, Monday, January 8, the church celebrates the Baptism of The Lord and the Christmas season concludes. We will enter Ordinary time for a few weeks, and then... It's time for Lent!

This year our Lenten journey will include a Parish Mission Retreat. Mark your calendars for three evenings: Monday, February 19, Tuesday, February 20 and Wednesday, February 21. I've invited my good friend and Priest Professor from the University of Notre Dame, Fr. Michael Driscoll to lead us in the evenings of reflection which will commence at 7 PM. Stay tuned as I will offer you more information about our Parish Mission during the coming weeks.

Our next homeless kit drive is scheduled for next weekend January 13th—14th. If you would like to help, please take the envelope off the cross in the back of the Church.

We all know that scammers are out there! Please remember that neither I nor any member of our Pastoral Team will ever ask you through a text or e-mail to purchase gift cards or give us your personal information. Please don't fall victim to those who are committing fraud.

I will be away on a Christmas break this Monday through Friday. Visiting priests will cover the 8:00 am Daily Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. No personal column next week!!

Please continue to pray as we search for a new Director of Faith Formation!! Please scroll down to see the ministry position qualifications and requirements. Pray, pray, pray and the Lord will send us the best candidate!!

A Blessed Epiphany, Msgr. Kevin

ST. JOSEPH PARISH DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION JOB/MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

WAGE TYPE: \$26-\$32 hourly or \$50,000 - \$66,000 annually **SUPERVISION:** Part Time Paid Staff (Faith Formation Assistant)

Full Time Confirmation Co-ordinator/Youth Minister

Over 40 Volunteers In Faith Formation

Position Objective:

The Director of Faith Formation will provide personal leadership, training, support and oversight with regards to events, programs, catechists, retreats and spiritual growth of early childhood through adults.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Children Faith Formation (Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Early Childhood and Elementary Faith Formation

- Encourage youth to participate in the daily workings of the church.
- Develop a systematic and intentional plan for adolescent catechesis that utilizes a creative variety of formats, settings, and timeframes.
- Provide resources (print, video, audio) for effective programming,
- Supervise the catechetical classes by:
 - Providing sufficient training sessions for catechists and prospective catechists to become certified according to Archdiocesan guidelines.
 - o Organize and plan catechist retreats.
 - o Supervising the selection of textbooks, visual aids and scheduling of classes to implement the curriculum.
 - o Providing parents with opportunities to become familiar with and participate in the aims and methods of the curriculum. Engage parents in catechetical/spiritual formation.
 - o Organize, plan and lead family retreats, family nights, etc.
 - o Organize Vacation Bible Camp in the future.

High School Formation (Confirmation) – In collaboration with Confirmation Director:

- Oversee the development of a core support group of youth, catechists, chaperons and other volunteers.
- Oversee and review the overall high school confirmation program.
- Provide administrative support (registration, handbooks, website updates and certificates).
- Acknowledge youth as part of the total church family and therefore, take
 opportunities to create the youth program within the present structures of the
 parish and encourage youth to develop leadership abilities.

Adult Faith Formation

- · Support adult bible study sessions.
- Develop, organize and plan adult formation speaker series.
- Promote adult formation events and series sponsored by the Archdiocese and other local parishes.

Overall Duties and Responsibilities

Oversee financial records and prepare annual budget for all faith formation endeavors with assistance

of Faith Formation Assistant.

- Manage and offer ongoing support for Faith Formation staff and volunteers.
- Provide information and training on Safeguard the Children for all catechetical volunteers and provide record information to the proper authority.
- Member of the Parish Safeguard the Children committee.
- Facilitates the Safeguard the Children Awareness Sessions, Teaching Touching Safety Sessions, and Keeping the Promise Alive Sessions.
- Oversee and maintain Safeguard the Children training records.
- Coordinate sacrament prep programs (First Reconciliation and Holy Communion) with the school.
- Oversee any inquiries about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children
- Oversee and coordinate the management of Faith Formation Database (PDS).
- Communicate and Coordinate events and activities with the church staff.
- Provide bulletin announcements, website, and social media updates.
- Aid the sacramental preparation programs according to Archdiocesan and Parish Policy.
- Ecumenical endeavors in the Archdiocese, parish and deanery.
- Parent/Guardian information updates.
- Assist in planning Religious Education Congress for parish participants.
- Answer the telephone and respond to catechetical inquiries.
- Attend Pastoral Team meeting once a month.
- Collect and maintain all sacramental records.
- · Collect and maintain all registration fees.
- Digital knowledge in Publisher, MS Outlook, Word, Excel.
- Order supplies, maintain inventory and keep RE spaces clean and in good order.
- Provide any assistance or help as needed to the St. Joseph Staff and Parish Life Center.

If you are gifted with strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work well with children and adults in fostering lifelong spiritual growth in the Catholic faith, we hope to hear from you!!

Please email cover letter and resume to Brenda Pineda at <u>brenda@stjosephlb.org</u> or mail to St. Joseph Church, 6180 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:

to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,

and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church; BVM

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Tarcisius was a 12-year-old boy who lived in 3rd-century Rome. Although much of what is known of him is from a poem written by Pope Damasus (366-384), he is considered an important martyr who protected the Eucharist from desecration with his life.

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,

With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday:

Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/ Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

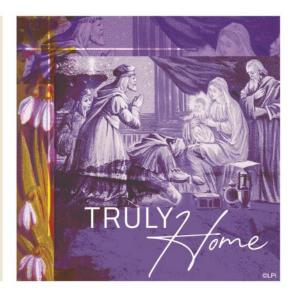
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

Father John Muir

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"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." 1 Jn 3:18.

Jan. 13-14: Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to people experiencing homelessness. Shopping lists are available at the back of the church.

<u>Feb. 3-4: Book Drive</u>: Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our supported families for Easter.

Mar. 24: Easter Food and Book Distribution: As a parish community, we will support 69 families for Easter. Would you like to adopt a family to support for Easter? Please call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss cr.bauss@verizon.net.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest. For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark, 562-431-4385

In Memoriam

Thomas Vincent

Rosary followed by Funeral Mass at St. Joseph: January 17th at 10:00 am

Alex Hauser

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph: January 20th at 10:00 am

Carolyn Maney

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph: January 26th at 10:00 am

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

~Amen~



The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on Monday, January 8, 2024, in the hall. The activities will begin at 11:00 am and will include Bingo, many kinds of card games, Mexican train, and lots of socializing. Bring your brown bag lunch, and coffee, tea, water, snacks and cookies will be provided. We look forward to seeing all our members and any new friends who would like to join us. Many blessings to you during this holiday season.



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

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Our seminar will start on Monday, January 16th at 9:30 a.m. in the PLC. on-going classes for your support: Tuesdays at 9:30am

Call May 562-833-6370 classes are held in the PLC building.







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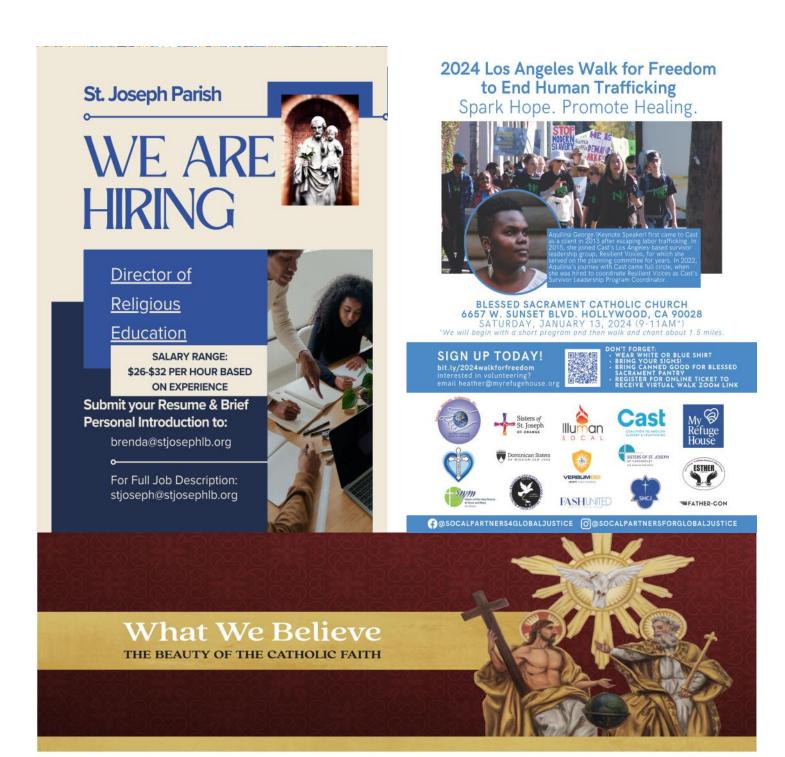
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What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. It is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church. Join us for *What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith* at St. Joseph in the PLC and on Zoom beginning Thursday, January 11th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm and continuing every Thursday for 10 weeks. For more information or to register for the study, contact Mike Santy at 562-370-0769 or by email at mike@stjosephlb.org.





HOMELESS KIT DRIVE

January 13th - 14th

Pick up shopping list envelopes January 6th-7th

Bottle of Shampoo Deodorant Lotion
Tube of Toothpaste Shaving Cream Razor
Toothbrush Hand Sanitizer Bar of Soap
Lip balm Socks, 1 or 2 pairs - athletic or work Very important!
Healthy Snack (non-perishable)

Also, please include a personal note to the person experiencing homelessness offering encouragement, hope, blessings, prayers, or good wishes.

Questions? Call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385

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