

St. Joseph Parish

January

15 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



NOW I HAVE SEEN
AND TESTIFIED
THAT HE IS THE
SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34

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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

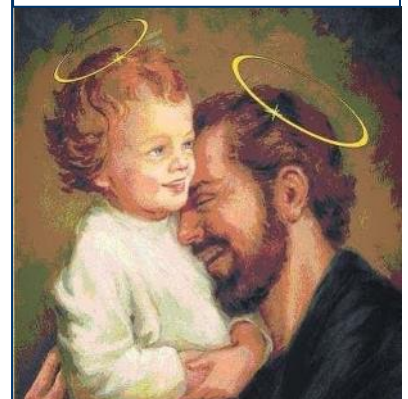
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.



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BAPTISM

As we the Church begin Ordinary Time, we reflect upon the Baptism of Jesus, and its significance in our own lives and communities. The Gospel of John does not narrate the Baptism like the other Gospels. Instead, John the Baptist gives testimony, emphasizing that Jesus has received the Holy Spirit. Jesus will go on to baptize with this same Spirit, as he did immediately after his resurrection (John 20). What might this mean for us, who share in this same Baptism? Today's reading from Isaiah suggests that we are to be a "light to the nations," a people proclaiming and sharing God's love. Paul's greeting to the church in Corinth reminds us that we are simultaneously God's sanctified people and yet continually called to become holy. Baptism begins our journey, where we know the Spirit dwells within, and the same Spirit summons us to full maturity in Christ.

LAMB OF GOD

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist names Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This name "Lamb of God" is rich in meaning, and can be interpreted in various ways. From the Old Testament, it evokes the lamb of Passover, linked to God's rescue of the Hebrew people from Egypt. It is also an image of God's faithful servant, as in Isaiah 53 as a "lamb led to slaughter."

We can notice that here Jesus is the Lamb "of God." He is God's own Lamb, belonging to God. Jesus is not a cultic sacrifice to God, or a demand from God. John is presenting a traditional image in a new way. The Lamb "takes away" our sin, both exposing the reality of our sin to us (which we often hide from ourselves), and also forgiving us our sin. This same Lamb is filled with the Holy Spirit, and shares this Spirit to heal our troubled hearts.

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

Today's first reading is taken from the second of four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah. This Song was written around the time that the people of Israel were near release from their exile in Babylon. Israel, and also the author, had been traumatized by their separation from Jerusalem and their seeming abandonment by God.

At this time of great vulnerability and despair, God gives them consolation and affirmation. God gives the exiles a vote of confidence and an expansion of vision. God will heal their hearts, and give them new energy to be "a light to the nations." Their purpose is not just survival, but to be the means by which God will bring the whole world into communion and harmony with God. For us today, when sometimes our parishes and communities face challenges of shrinkage and survival, perhaps God may similarly energize us, and remind us of the dignity and breadth of our mission.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34



Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

The liturgical calendar says that it's Ordinary Time, a period of weeks during which we are invited to grow in ordinary ways in our relationship with Christ and the Church. The 34 Weeks of Ordinary Time will be interrupted with the Season of Lent that commences with Ash Wednesday on February 22.

Please welcome our two newest Catholics who were recently baptized at the Sunday 10:30 Mass!!



Ophelia Megumi Mizokami



Landon Mario Ohde

I'm praying for you and your family!
Msgr. Kevin



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I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach
to the ends of the earth.

— *Isaiah 49:6b*



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In Memoriam

Coach Robert Fitzpatrick

Funeral Mass: February 4, 2023
at 11:00 am

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
~Amen~

Blood Drive



St. Joseph Parish Blood Drive
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place on **Saturday, Feb. 4th from 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM in the Parish Hall.**
You can sign up online at redcrossblood.org;

Sponsor Code: JosephLB. You can also sign up on Jan. 29th after the 8:30 AM or 10:30 AM Mass. For more information contact Knight Tony Diaz at bstdad2@msn.com.

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) 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.



Meditation Group

St. Joseph Meditation Ministry
will meet in person Monday January 16
in the PLC at 7PM-8PM
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No meditation experience is necessary.
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For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com



Safeguard The Children



Understanding the VIRTUS® “Protecting God’s Children” program

Child sexual abusers often target nurturing, child-friendly environments, where parents and participants assume that no one would ever want to harm a child. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles began implementing the VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children sexual abuse prevention program in 2004 to send a message to potential predators that child sexual abuse is not tolerated. Through this program, adults learn that through early identification, awareness, and education they can be “proactive” in protecting children and young people from child sexual abuse. Since the program began, more than 405,000 adults have been trained in abuse prevention.

Additionally, more than 165,000 Catholic school and religious education students are trained annually with an age-appropriate curriculum on boundary awareness and how to communicate if violations of those safe boundaries occur. For more information, visit lacatholics.org/education-and-training.



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 or 562/833 6370



Movement for a Better World

“The things we pray for Lord, give us the grace to labor for.” St. Thomas More

Jan. 21-22: Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to people experiencing homelessness. Can you help? For these and many other fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.

- Prepare 250 homeless kit supplies envelopes for distribution Jan. 14-15
- Receive homeless kit donations at Masses Jan. 21-22
- Inspect donated homeless kits in preparation for Jan. 29 homeless encampment visits Shopping lists will be available at Masses Jan. 14-15.

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