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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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

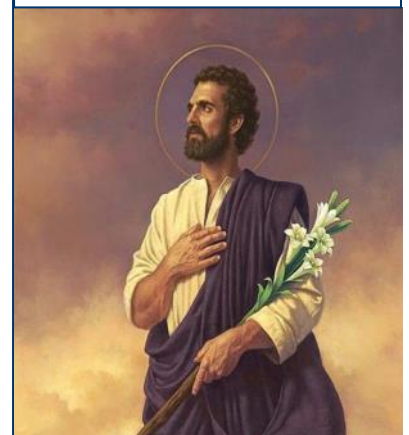
3:45-4:30 p.m.

**Inside Church**

## Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

### Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

### Second Reading:

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

### Gospel:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

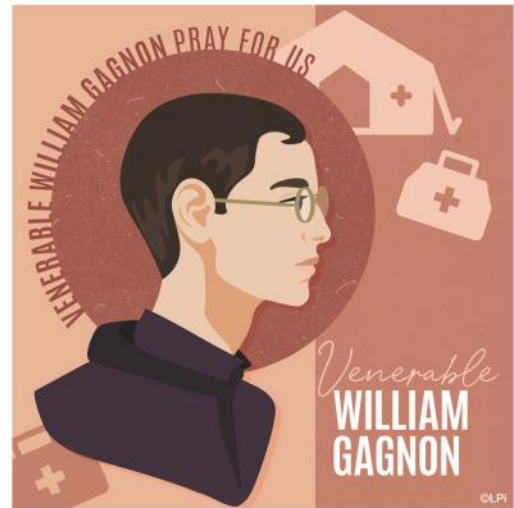
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We worship a God who understands human limitation. A God who has felt the pangs of fasting and the enticements of the tempter. Our God, hungry and tired and weakened, has stared into the face of the devil and said: "I am stronger than you."

## Observances for the week of February 26, 2023

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent  
**Monday:** St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church  
**Friday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin  
**Saturday:** St. Casimir  
**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent



## Saint of the week

Venerable Brother William Gagnon cared for every victim of war who entered his hospital regardless of military affiliation. A missionary to Vietnam between 1952 and 1972, he is remembered as a true servant leader who loved Jesus and his fellow man.

## Prayer

*Prayer for Venerable Brother William Gagnon's intercession*

Lord, Jesus, your mercy inspired the Venerable William Gagnon, O.H., to live hospitality with the ill, the refugees and the poor. Grant that we may always minister to all suffering people with charity, as did this son of St. John of God. Lord, hear the prayer that we address to you [personal intention] by the intercession of the Venerable William Gagnon, in order that we may be affirmed in our faith and that your glory and the joy of the Church be proclaimed.  
Amen.



## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Greetings as we approach the First full week of Lent. Just a reminder that during the Fridays of Lent, we have Adoration at 6:30 PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM. We'll also have a Lenten Penance Service on Monday, March 27 at 7:00 PM. Mark your calendars to come and be reconciled as several Priests will be available to hear your confession.

Next weekend I'll be away celebrating the wedding of a longtime friend of 45 years. The Nuptial Mass will be taking place at St. Mary's in New Orleans. I missed Mardi Gras by ten days! Please welcome the visiting Priests who will take care of your Sunday spiritual needs!



We were all shocked and saddened to hear that Bishop David O'Connell was murdered in his home last weekend. I knew Bishop David and I was honored to serve as the Master of Ceremonies at his Ordination as a Bishop in 2015. He served as the Auxiliary Bishop of the San Gabriel Region of the Archdiocese. He was a great Priest, always kind and supportive of me. He was well known for working with people on the margins of society, especially at-risk youth and gang members. As Archbishop Gomez said of him: "He was a peacemaker with a heart for the poor and the immigrant, and a passion for building a community where the sanctity and dignity of every human life was honored and protected." Bishop Dave's life was taken in the parish community of St. John Vianney, where I grew up and my vocation was fostered and nourished. He died in the home where I frequently visited my retired Pastor back in the 1990's. I will miss Dave (as I called him) very much. Pray for Bishop David's soul to be at rest, pray for his family in Ireland and pray for all those who mourn his passing. St. John Vianney, the Patron Saint of Priests, pray for us!

Lenten Peace,  
Msgr. Kevin





## RCIA



Charlie



Josh



Michelle

Pray for Our Candidates and Elects!

### RCIA Prayer

Lord, we pray for those in the RCIA process who journey to you. Strengthen their faith. Open their hearts to the fullness of your love. Deepen their understanding. Set their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all. Amen!



## Cursillo



If you are interested in deepening your Catholic Faith please join us on future Cursillo Weekends.  
April 20-23 for Men's weekend  
May 4-7 for Women's weekend  
Marie and Tom Newton  
[tjn8343@gmail.com](mailto:tjn8343@gmail.com)



## Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, April 12 at 7pm.

We will discuss:  
**See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love**  
by Valarie Kaur.

Valarie Kaur—renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer—describes revolutionary love as the call of our time: a radical, joyful practice that can transform a relationship, a community, a culture, even a nation.

All are welcome!

For more info, email [agoodlife@msn.com](mailto:agoodlife@msn.com)



## Seniors Group



The next St. Joseph Senior Group meeting will be on Monday, February 27 at 11:00 am. Please be on time. You don't want to miss important announcements and a chance to buy 50/50 tickets. Remember to bring a sack lunch. (drinks and snacks will be provided) Share our Senior Group with others and bring a friend. Please note: Information will be given on the Lenten retreat which will be on March 27, and we will be taking reservations at this meeting. The cost for the retreat is \$15 which includes a box lunch and drinks. See you at the meeting February 27th!



## Annual Fund Update

Dear Parishoners,

As of February 14th, 2023 we have received \$48,170.15 in donations to The Annual Fund for St. Joseph School LB. We are more than halfway to our goal! Your participation means the world to us.

From all of us at St. Joseph Catholic School, thank you!



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### General Guidelines and Practices

#### Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

**Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year until the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year. Fasting allows for one full meal and two smaller meals not to equal one full meal. Abstinence from meat is obligatory for all who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year of age.

**Fridays in Lent** are obligatory days of abstinence from meat for all who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year. As always, anyone for whom fasting or abstinence would pose a health risk is excused.



## JOIN US FOR ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS

Adoration 6:30pm  
Stations of the Cross 7pm





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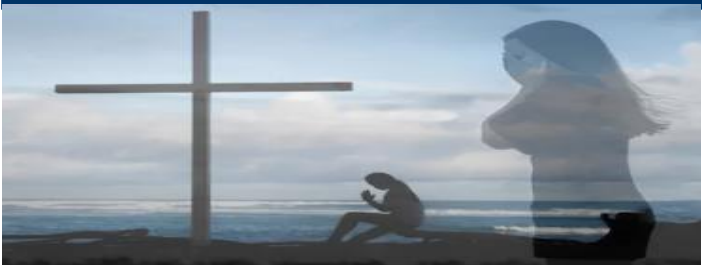


### Know how to report abuse in California

It is important to take immediate action if someone discloses abuse to you, or if you suspect abuse or neglect is happening. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles offers a detailed list of resources with information about what to do if you suspect a child, vulnerable or elderly adult is being abused. All employees and volunteers within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are expected to report suspected abuse to the appropriate civil authorities and to Victims Assistance Ministry. For more information, visit [lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse](http://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse). For more information about support for victim-survivors and abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, visit [lacatholics.org/protect](http://lacatholics.org/protect).



## 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.

Our evening seminar will start on Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m. in the PLC.

Reservations are Required.

Contact Deacon Tom at 310/995-2725



## Movement for a Better World



**“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.” Mt 18:5**

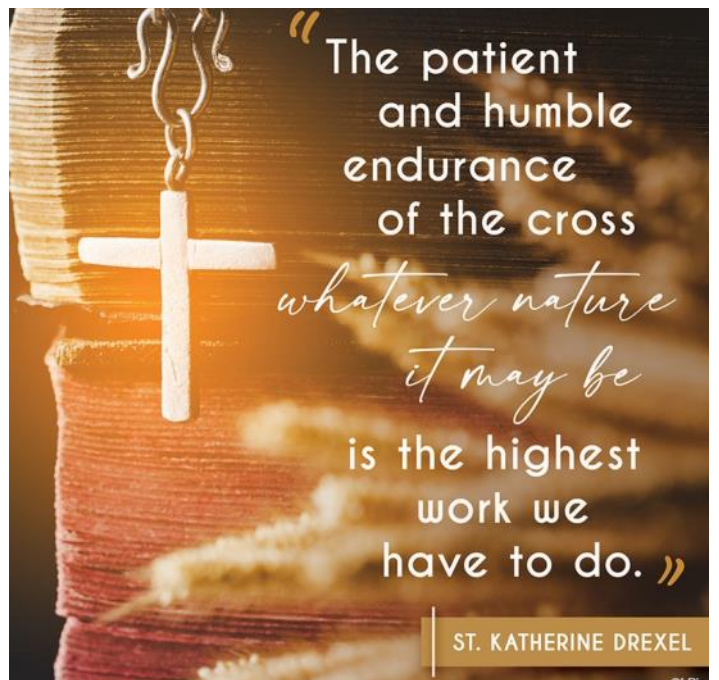
### **This Weekend - Feed-a-Baby Food Drive:**

We will collect non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

### **March 1 6:30 PM – Committee Meeting:**

Join us in the Parish Life Center as we support 105 families from our Easter Food and Book Distribution. Share your insights for improving our ministry!

**Important Role to Fill!** Parishioner driver coordinator for our holiday food and gift deliveries. For these and many other fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark at (562) 431-4385.



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