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SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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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

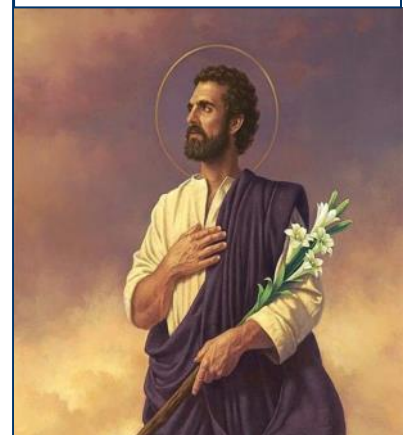
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD
rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Ps 23)

Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

Gospel:

He spat on the ground
and made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means
Sent — .
So he went and washed, and came back able to
see. (Jn 9:6-7)

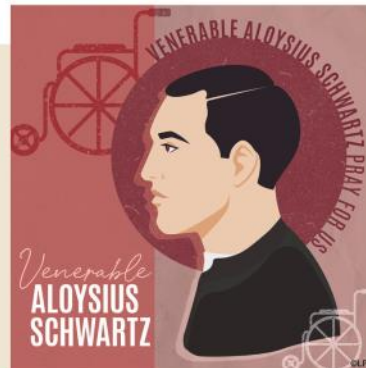
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself.

Observances for the week of March 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Venerable Aloysius Schwartz (Father Al) spent his life embracing poverty, building hospitals, and supporting orphans in war-torn Korea, the Philippines, and the Americas. His legacy lives on through the religious orders he founded — the Sisters of Mary and the Brothers of Christ.

Prayer

Prayer for Venerable Aloysius Schwartz's intercession

Almighty, ever-living God, giver of good gifts, You have filled Msgr. Al with an ardent love for You and for souls. You have inspired him to dedicate his life to relieve the suffering of the orphans, abandoned, the sick and poor, especially the youth, which he did with all humility and courage until the end of his life. May his holy life of love and service to the poor be recognized by the Church through his beatification and canonization.

For Your honor and glory, we pray that the life of Msgr. Al. be an inspiration for us in striving for perfection in the love of God and service to others. I ask You to bestow upon me, through the intercession of Fr. Al (your intention).

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, and the maternal aid of Mary, the Virgin of the Poor.
Amen.



Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the Fourth week of Lent!! This Sunday's Gospel from John invites us to meet the Man Born Blind whose sight is restored by Jesus. In the dialogue Gospel we will be invited to participate by singing the refrain, "Open my eyes Lord, help me to see"! May the Lord open our eyes to see Jesus Christ present in our daily lives and in our world!

Calling all Sinners! Reconciliation, Mercy, Penance, Confession! It's all yours as we celebrate our Lenten Communal Penance Service on Monday, March 27 at 7:00 PM. I've arranged for several Priests from our Long Beach parishes to be here and hear your confession! If it's been a long time since you've celebrated the Sacrament, maybe even before Covid, please join us and let the Lord lift the burdens and sins from your heart!!

Scroll down and see our Holy Week and Easter schedule of liturgical services. Mark your calendars and join us in prayer as we commemorate the holiest days in our Catholic lives!

While Sunday, March 19 is the Feast Day of Saint Joseph, a Saints commemoration is never held on a Sunday, so the Saint Joseph Solemnity has been transferred to Monday, March 20. Pray to Saint Joseph and ask him to intercede for you and your family.

A Prayer to Saint Joseph:

Hail, guardian of the redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

Have a Blessed Lenten week,
Msgr. Kevin



St. Joseph Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday April 1st & 2nd

5:00 pm Saturday	Mass Indoors
8:30 am Sunday	Mass on the Grass (Please Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs)
10:30 am Sunday	Mass Indoors
12:30 pm Sunday	Mass Indoors

Holy Thursday April 6th

8:00 am	Morning Prayer – Indoors
7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper – Indoors

Good Friday April 7th

8:00 am	Morning Prayer – Indoors
1:30 pm	Passion Liturgy – Indoors

Holy Saturday April 8th

9:00 am	Morning Prayer - Indoors
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass – Indoors

Easter Sunday April 9th

7:00 am	Easter Mass Indoors
8:30 am	Easter Mass on the Grass (Please Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs)
10:30 am	Easter Mass Indoors
12:30 am	Easter Mass Indoors



Day of Giving



Tuesday, March 21st
Make a Gift Online
Thank you!



We are excited to invite you to Mass on Tuesday, March 21st, at 8:00am, where we will be celebrating our patron saint, St. Joseph, and supporting the mission and advancement of St. Joseph Catholic School. We are currently more than halfway to our goal of \$75,000 and, with your participation and the participation of our whole community, we know we can reach our goal together! You don't have to wait though, you can "Make a Gift" today by going to our school website at www.sjknights.net. Thank you, God Bless, and Gooooo Knights!



WHERE FRIENDS AND FAMILY COME TO PLAY

SAVE THE DATE!
St. Joseph Parish Fair
April 28-30, 2023
More details at: stjosephlb.org/fair



JOIN US FOR ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS

Adoration 6:30pm
Stations of the Cross 7pm

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!

In Memoriam

Trudy Carroll

Funeral Mass: March 20th at 10:00am

Lorraine Terrebrood

Funeral Mass: March 24th at 10:00am

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~

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

Seniors Group



The next St. Joseph Senior Group meeting will be on Monday, March 27.

This will be our Lenten Retreat with Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik.

Reservations had to be made by March 15th.

The retreat will begin promptly at 10:30 am with coffee, followed by Msgr. Kevin's talk.

Box lunches have been ordered for those registered for the retreat.

Please be on time and be ready for an inspiring morning.

Hope to see you there!



Safeguard The Children

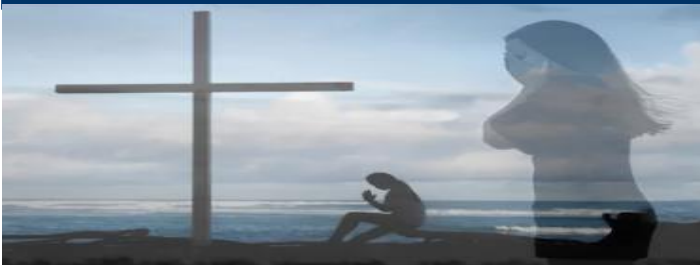


Healing gardens for victim-survivors offer a way forward

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles unveiled its first “Garden of Healing” for victim-survivors of sexual abuse, at the St. Camillus Center for Pastoral Care, near East LA. Its goal is to bring peace and comfort to those who have been victims of abuse. Inspiration for the garden came from a victim-survivor who has worked with Archdiocese’s Victims Assistance Ministry for many years. To learn more, visit angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/la-garden-of-healing-for-abuse.



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 Continue each week through Monday, May 22 at 7 p.m. in the PLC. Contact Deacon Tom at 310/995-2725



Movement for a Better World



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

March 25-26 – Book Drive: Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our supported families for Easter.

April 1 - Easter Food and Book Distribution: As a parish community, we will support 68 families for Easter. **Easter is our most challenging holiday to enlist delivery support!!** To help, please contact Tom and Marie Newton (562) 209-1298 or tjn8343@gmail.com.

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.





Act of Consecration to St. Joseph By St. Bernardine of Siena

O my beloved St. Joseph, adopt me as thy child. Take charge of my salvation; watch over me day and night; preserve me from the occasions of sin; obtain for me purity of body. Through thy intercession with Jesus, grant me a spirit of sacrifice, humility, and self-denial, burning love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and a sweet and tender love for Mary, my mother. Saint Joseph, be with me living, be with me dying, and obtain favorable judgement from Jesus, my merciful Savior.

Amen.

March is especially dedicated to honoring the spouse of Mary and foster father of Jesus. The man Jesus Christ – true God and true Man – himself called “father” is a saint venerated by the saints. To venerate means to honor. It is called the “cult of *dulia*” (from the Greek “*douleuo*”). The Church honors Mary with a special “*hyperdulia*” cult, of a higher order than the cult given to the other saints; and Saint Joseph is given the cult of “*protodulia*,” that is, he is honored as the first among the Saints, after Mary Most Holy. There is an axiom that says: “*Gloria sanctorum imitatio eorum*” (the glory of the saints is in the imitation of their virtues). Saint Joseph gave his whole life to protect Jesus and Mary. In the Scriptures, we do not hear a single word from him, but his silence is a school of virtues for every Christian.

St Joseph’s silence in the Scriptures, and his full obedience to God, have much to teach us. St Joseph (just like the Blessed Mother) shows us through his silence that it is in humility, in silence and obedience, that God comes to meet us and performs miracles in our lives. God reveals Himself to the little ones (Matthew 11:25), to the humble, and to them is given the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 18:3).

He is the head of the Holy Family and intercessor for all Christian families.
He is the Universal Patron of the Church and protector of the Mystical Body of Christ.

Saint Joseph, pray for us!

– Miguel Augusto (*) (*) with Felipe Aquino, Acidigital and Aleteia

WISDOM

GOD'S VISION FOR LIFE

“Wisdom is seeing with God’s eyes.” - Pope Francis

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. To help you learn to gather and live with greater wisdom, St. Joseph Long Beach will begin Wisdom: God’s Vision for Life on Thursday, April 20th at 7:00pm in the PLC and on Zoom. For more information or to register, please contact Mike at 562-370-0769 or mike@stjosephlb.org. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as we grow closer to Christ together.



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