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SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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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

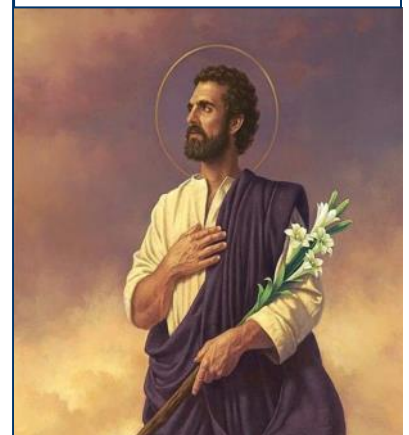
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

The centurion and the men with him who were
keeping watch over Jesus
feared greatly when they saw the earthquake
and all that was happening, and they said,
"Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

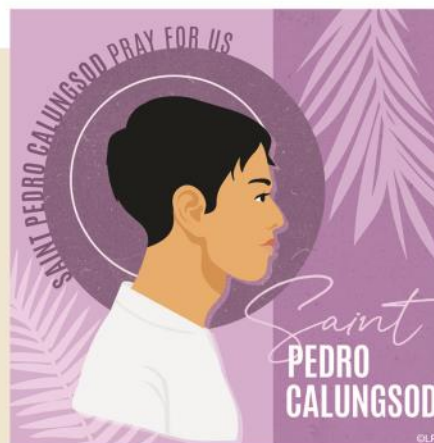
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our relationship with Christ should leave us mesmerized — "shaken," like Biblical Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It should leave our jaws hanging. If it does not, we should ask ourselves: what needs to change?

Observances for the week of April 2, 2023

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday
- Friday:** Good Friday
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday
- Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday



Saint of the week

Saint Pedro Calungsod, a teenaged Filipino missionary to Guam, was murdered by the chief of Tumon after baptizing his children at the request of his Christian wife. He remains an inspiration of unwavering faith and loyal friendship to young Catholics everywhere.

Prayer

Prayer for St. Pedro Calungsod's intercession

Saint Pedro Calungsod, student, catechist, young migrant, missionary, faithful friend, martyr, you inspire us by your fidelity in time of adversity; by your courage in teaching the Faith in the midst of hostility; and by your love in shedding your blood for the sake of the Gospel.

We beg you, make our cares and troubles your own [here mention the special intention you are asking him to bring to the Lord] and intercede for us before the throne of Mercy and Grace, so that as we experience the help of Heaven, we may be encouraged and strengthened to proclaim and live the Gospel here on earth.
AMEN.

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to Holy Week! As we commemorate Palm Sunday, we remember the self-emptying love of our Lord, Jesus Christ! I encourage you to scroll down and join us for any or all the beautiful liturgies at St. Joseph's. I want to draw your attention to the Easter Vigil, celebrated next Saturday night, April 8 at 8:00 PM.. While it is one of the longest Masses of the year, approximately two hours in length, it is the most beautiful. We begin outdoors with the lighting of the Easter fire and the lighting of our new Paschal candle. We continue with the Liturgy of the Word and the story of creation and salvation history is proclaimed. Then for the first time, our three catechumens, Michelle, Charley and Josh who have faithfully journeyed through the RCIA will be fully immersed in our new Baptismal Font! Then they'll be anointed with the new Chrism Oil in Confirmation and join us at the Table of the Lord for the first time! We will renew our baptismal promises and go forth into the dark night filled with the light of the Risen Lord! The Easter Vigil is the most beautiful liturgy of the year and if you've never been... come and celebrate the Lord's Resurrection when the Light of the World dispels the darkness of night!

Thanks to so many of you who showed up for our annual Lenten Penance Service and thanks for keeping the Priests of Long Beach so busy last Monday night! For those who didn't have a chance to celebrate Reconciliation, I'll be in the Church Sanctuary hearing Confessions this Tuesday, April 4 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

This weekend our Parish will deliver Easter food and books to 106 families! A big thank you to all who made any donations to support the families in need.

Scroll down to see the Holy Week Schedule and let us pray for one another and our world!

Holy Week Blessings,
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



How to Make a Gift to the Annual Fund for St. Joseph LB

If you'd like to make a gift online, or want to learn more ways to make a gift, you can go to <https://sjknights.net/ways-to-give>

If you'd like to send a check, please make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic School. Be sure to indicate that your contribution is towards The Annual Fund for St. Joseph School LB.

Checks can be sent by mail to:
St. Joseph Catholic School
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If you have questions regarding donations, please call Meghan MacRae at (562) 596-6115.

Thank you and God bless!



Annual Fund Update

As of Tuesday, March 28th, 2023

we have raised \$64,778.20! We are so close to reaching our goal of \$75,000. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and commitment to St. Joseph Catholic School.



If you would like to make a gift today, or want to learn more ways to give, you can go to www.sjknights.net and click the 'Giving' tab.

Thank you!



Safeguard The Children



“Keep Kids Safe” Pinwheel Resource Booklet

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2023 “Keep Kids Safe” Pinwheel Resource Booklet. This useful Resource Booklet will help parishes and schools plan and prepare for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Resource Booklet includes order forms for the colorful “Keep Kids Safe” pinwheels and stickers and the 2023 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure, as well as prayers, petitions, and homily helps. For more information go to: lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Joseph Parish Fair
April 28-30, 2023

More details at: stjosephlb.org/fair



WHERE FRIENDS AND FAMILY COME TO PLAY



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

Paschal Triduum

The **Easter Triduum** or **Holy Triduum** is the three-day celebration of the Paschal Mystery: the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

PASCHAL: associated with the Hebrew Passover; referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God
TRIDUUM: derived from the Latin for three days

The Paschal mystery has two aspects: **by his death**, Christ liberates us from sin; **by his Resurrection**, he opens for us the way to a new life.

The Paschal Triduum bridges the seasons of **Lent** to **Easter**.

In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen.
The Roman Missal

DAY 1:
sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Good Friday



DAY 2:
sundown on Good Friday to sundown on Holy Saturday



DAY 3:
sundown on Holy Saturday to sundown on Easter Sunday



HOLY THURSDAY:
"Jesus gives himself to us as food and, in the washing of feet, teaches us the need to serve others."

GOOD FRIDAY:
"In the mystery of Christ's death on the cross, we contemplate that undying divine love which embraces all mankind and summons us in turn to love one another in the power of the Spirit."

HOLY SATURDAY:
"The day of God's silence - invites us not only to solidarity with all who are abandoned and alone, but also to trust in that faithful love which turns death into life."

SOURCE: POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE, MARCH 23, 2018

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"These, then, are days which speak to us **powerfully** of God's **love** and **mercy**."
- Pope Francis



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, April 10th.

The activities will begin promptly at 11:00 am and will include Bingo, many kinds of card games, Mexican train and lots of socializing. Bring your brown bag lunch. Coffee, tea, water, snacks and dessert will be provided. We look forward to seeing all our members and any new friends who would like to join us.



Movement for a Better World



"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." African Proverb

Easter Food and Book Distribution: A huge thank you to everyone who helped and contributed to our food and gift distributions for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter! We brought blessings and hope to 106 families including over 285 children. Our School and March 25-26 book drives were very successful, providing books to the children of our supported families for Easter.

May 17 6:30 PM: Committee Meeting: Join us in the Parish Life Center for a very important, final meeting of this program year. We will decide what activities to promote and organizations to support in our program year beginning July 1.

June 24-25 Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to people experiencing homelessness. Shopping lists will be available June 17.

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.



Easter Vigil

Join us for our celebration of Easter at our Easter Vigil Mass the Saturday Night before Easter Sunday at 8:00 pm

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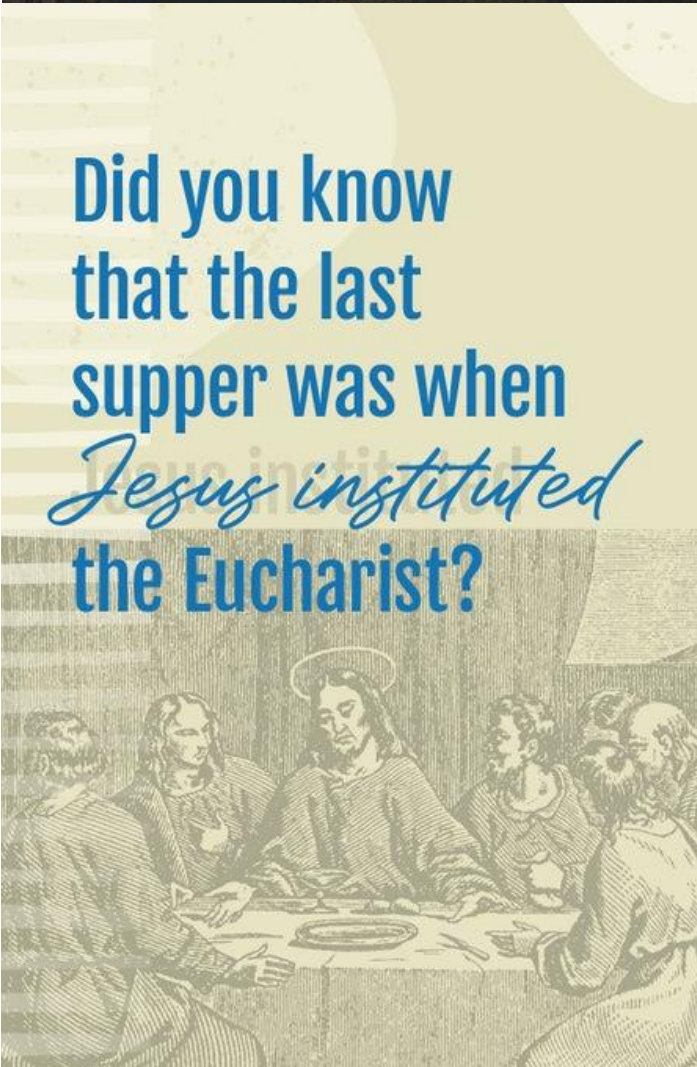
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Prayer for Holy Week

Lord God, as we go through this Holy Week, grant us humility to see our sins. Grant us a grateful heart for the redemption that Your Son has won for us. Bestow on us the grace to remember the goodness You have shown us by redeeming us. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN



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“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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