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SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

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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

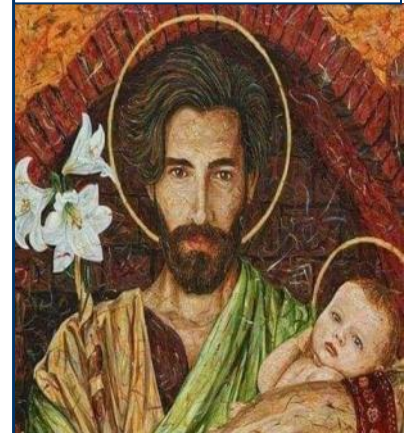
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Acts 1:14)

Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 51)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

Gospel:

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." (Jn 17:1)

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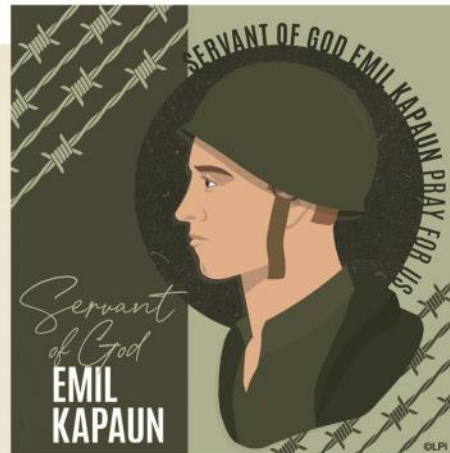
Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

When the world sees us, do they see to whom we belong? In what ways are we most manifestly Christian? In prayer, in service, in sacrifice? Whatever it is, let us devote ourselves to it with one accord, so that Jesus Christ may be glorified in all that we do.

Observances for the week of May 21, 2023

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
- Monday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Thursday:** St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday



Saint of the week

Servant of God Fr. Emil Kapaun was an American military chaplain who served heroically on the battlefield as well as inside of a POW camp in North Korea until his death. While a POW, he cared for other prisoners bodily with stolen food and medicine, and spiritually as a priest.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,

In the midst of the folly of war, your servant, Chaplain Emil Kapaun, spent himself in total service to you on the battlefields and in the prison camps of Korea, until his death at the hands of his captors. We now ask you, Lord Jesus, if it be your will, to make known to all the world the holiness of Chaplain Kapaun and the glory of his complete sacrifice for you by signs of miracles and peace. In your name, Lord, we ask, for you are the source of peace, the strength of our service to others, and our final hope.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: www.FatherKapaun.org)



Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the Solemnity of the Ascension, the 40th day after Easter. This weekend our children celebrate their First Communion and congratulations to all those who are receiving the precious Body of Christ for the first time.

The Code of Canon Law mandates that a Finance Council be established in each parish and the Archdiocese implements that mandate as a necessary component of parish life and operation. The role of the Parish Finance Council is to assist and advise the pastor in overseeing and controlling the financial affairs of the parish, including any school. The Council shall have a minimum of three and a maximum of ten voting members. We currently have 5 voting members and I would like to expand that number with four more people added to the Council. Members of the parish finance council should, be skilled in business with expertise in management, finance, accounting, law, development, or related fields. If you are skilled in one or more of these fields and would like to serve your parish family through the Parish Finance Council, please send Msgr. Kevin a brief resume at stjosephlb.org

Welcome to Fr. Athanasius Nnaima Okeiyi who will be moving into the residence this week. He is the new full time Chaplain at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital. He has been appointed by the Military Ordinariate to serve our veterans and Fr. Athanasius will be working fulltime from Sunday through Thursday and his days off will be Friday and Saturday. See his pic and bio below.

Next weekend is Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial start to summer. I have a long standing commitment so I'll be away next weekend. Thanks for welcoming Msgr. Bauler and Fr. Paolo.

Next weekend is Pentecost and the liturgical color is red! Celebrate the Holy Spirit when you come to Mass next weekend and wear red!

Ascension Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin

Birth

I was born in Nigeria to Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Rose Okeiyi.

Education

I did my Elementary, High School, and senior seminary (Philosophy and Theology) education in Nigeria.

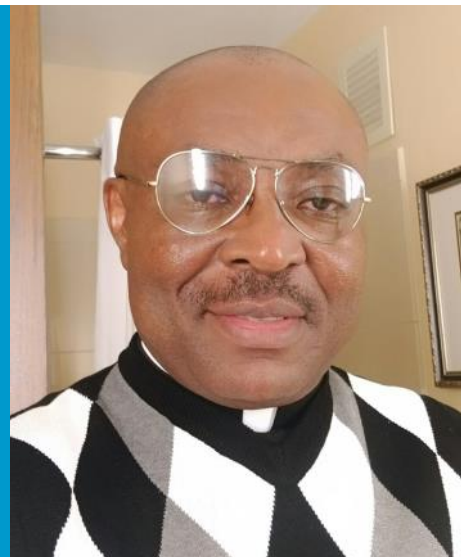
Priestly Ordination

On the 13th of July 1991, I received my ordination to the priesthood in Nigeria.

Ministry

1. 12th of August 1991 – 16th of July 2007: Ministry in Nigeria
2. 17th of July 2007 – date: Ministry in The United States
3. I am presently the Catholic Chaplain Priest at the VA Medical Center, Long Beach CA.

Hobbies: Music, Poetry, Graphic Arts, Writing, and Nature Watching



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Music Ministry



The 10:30 choir is seeking new members! We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm In the church and at 9:45am on Sunday mornings and would love to have you join us in this life-giving, spirit-nurturing activity. The only requirement is that you are able to sing on pitch. Please reach out to Vivian Doughty, Music Director with any questions.



A Special Opportunity for our Parish Women and Men

Do you sense that something's missing in your life? Do you feel that if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe even a better person?

Come to the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend! It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other people in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday to have fun, you will find what you are looking for – and more.
Women's Weekend – September 23-24, 2023

Men's Weekend – October 28-29, 2023
To learn more and to sign up, visit <https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-christ-renews/> or scan the QR code.



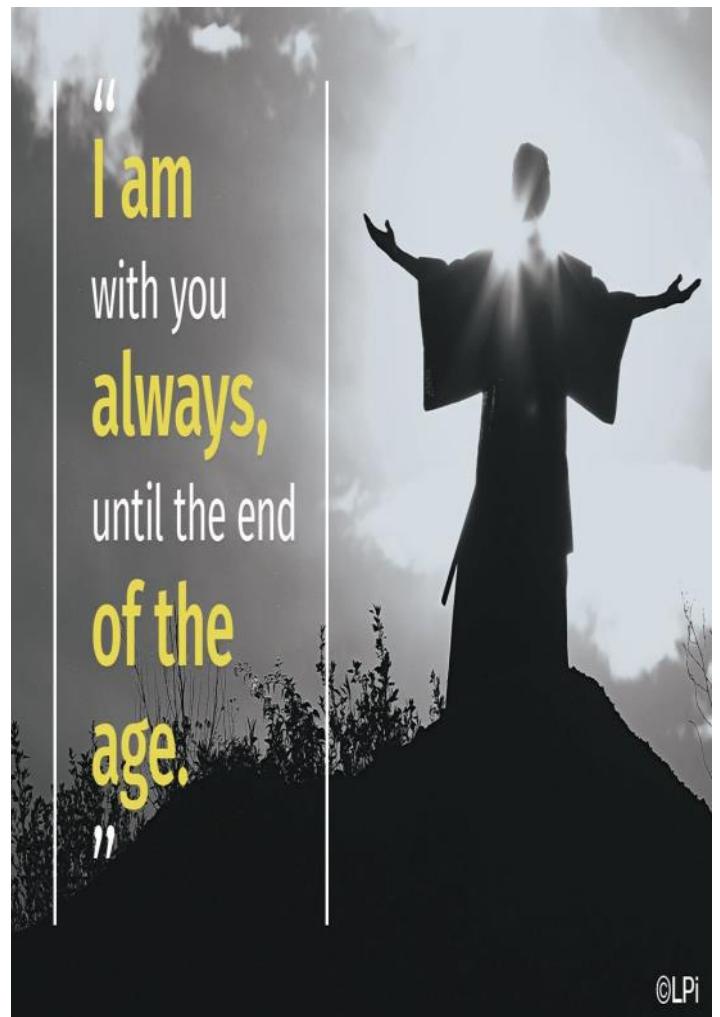
GIVE BLOOD

You can make a difference.



St. Joseph Parish Blood Drive
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place on **Sunday, June 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 May 28th after the 8:30 or 10:30 Mass. For more information contact Knight Tony Diaz at bstdad2@msn.com





Movement for a Better World



“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” 1 John 3:18.

May 24 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. For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark at (562) 431-4385.



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

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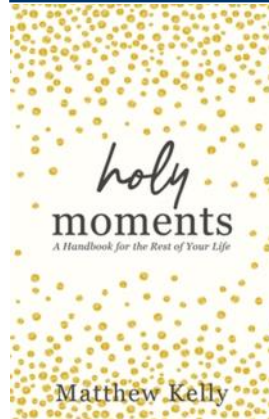
Monday 7 p.m. until June 5th

Call Deacon Tom/Pat 310-995-2725

All classes are held in the PLC building.



Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, June 7 at 7pm. We will discuss:

Holy Moments – A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life by Matthew Kelly.

Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them changes our lives forever. It’s time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible. It’s time to explore your soul-potential.

All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com



Seniors Group



The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on

Monday, May 22 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 dessert will be provided.

We look forward to seeing all our members and any new friends who would like to join us.

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