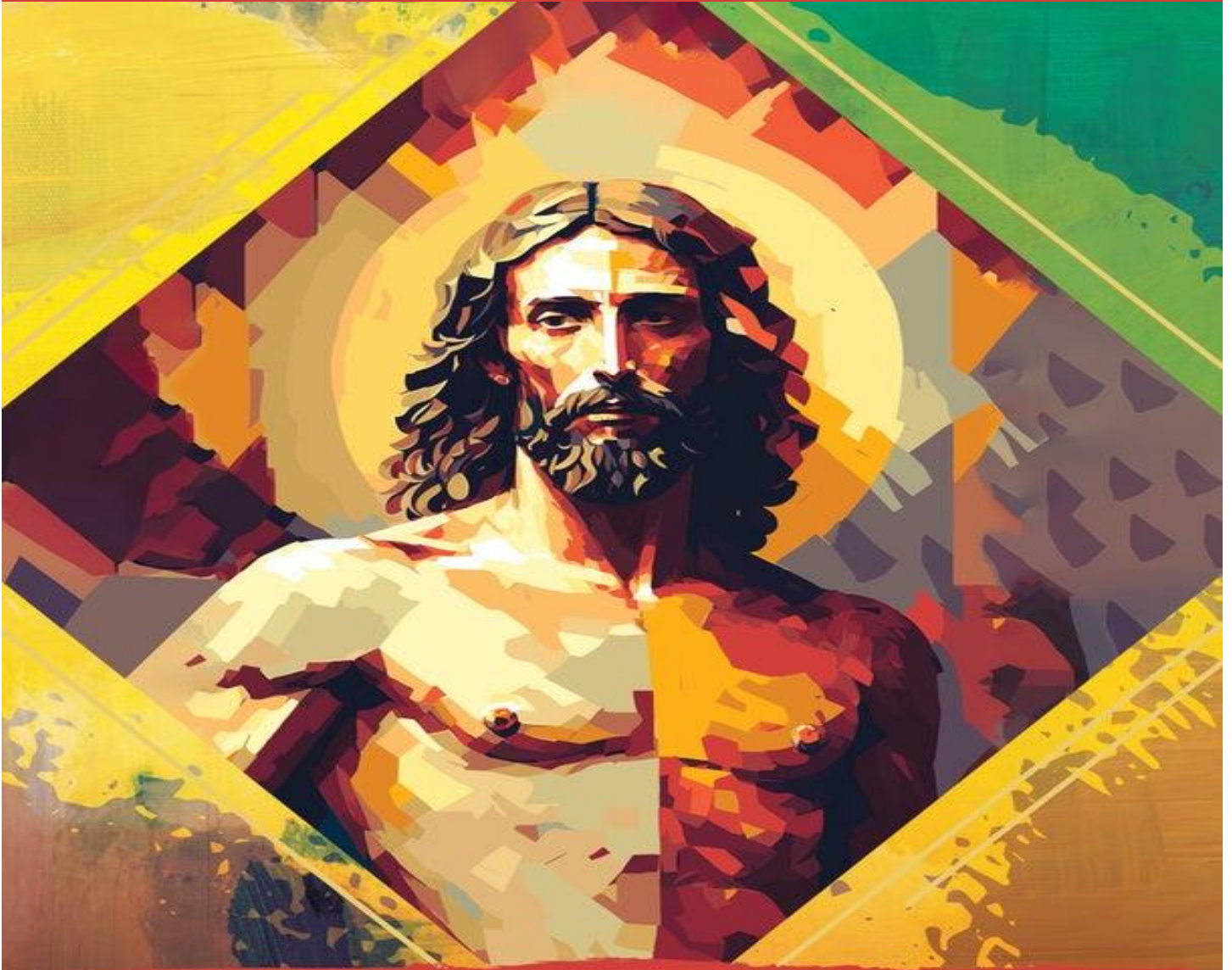


St. Joseph Parish



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever has ears ought to hear.”
- Mt 13:3, 7-9

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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 rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a
fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are as nothing
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.
For creation awaits with eager expectation
the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

Gospel:

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:
"A sower went out to sow. (Mt 13:3)

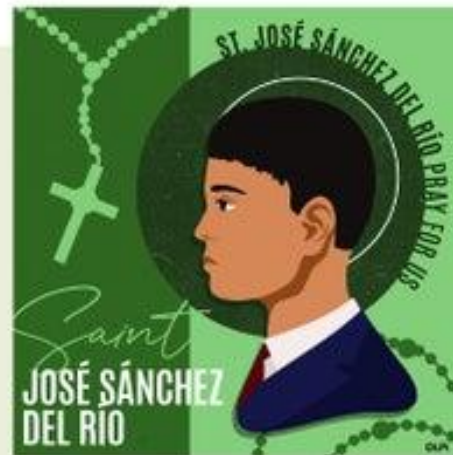
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our
money, our attention: these finite resources
are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we
scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that
will bear fruit for the kingdom?

Observances for the week of July 16, 2023

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Thursday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and
Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Saint José Luis Sánchez del Río was a 14-year-old boy when he was put to death by Mexican government officials trying to eliminate religious freedom locally. Despite continuous public torture and his eventual murder, he refused to ever renounce his Catholic faith.

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Help me to be courageous and steadfast in my devotion to You. Help me to identify causes and injustices in my day that are worth defending and standing up for. Give me perseverance and a desire to help others at any cost. Help me to revere Christ as the king of my life.

Saint José Sánchez del Río, pray for us.
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <http://secretariat.synod.va/content/synod2018/en/youth-testimonies/saint-jose-sanchez-del-rio.html>)



Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

I am away on vacation!!

Summer Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin

A photograph of several ripe oranges on a rustic wooden table. Some oranges are in a dark wooden basket, while others are scattered on the table surface. The background is a blurred green, suggesting an outdoor setting with trees.

**The seed that
falls on good
ground yields a
fruitful harvest**

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SORRY... WE'RE CLOSED

Due to a scheduled
Power Outage on
Tuesday July 18th the
Parish Office will be
closed.



Ladies of the parish!
Our annual retreat weekend is coming!
Join your sisters in Christ for a refreshing
and peaceful weekend at Sacred Heart
Retreat House. Save the dates for
September 8-10. Registration will open soon. If
you have any questions or need help with online
registration please contact
Marie Newton 562-209-1298 or
Madeline Majick 562-714-3607



Upcoming VIRTUS Trainings

- **VIRTUS Training with Ms. Perez**
(sign up: jperez@sjknights.net)
October 25th 3-6 PM– PLC
- **VIRTUS Training with Joe Voigt**
September 7th 6-9 pm
September 14th 7-8:30 pm
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QR code:



James

Pearls for Wise Living

James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Its teachings speak loudly to those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. This study offers “pearls for wise living” by applying the wisdom of James to our current day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances.

St. Joseph Long Beach will begin an eleven-week Bible study James: Pearls for Wise Living on **Thursday, September 7th at 7:00pm** in the PLC and on Zoom. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register contact Mike at 562-370-0769 or mike@stjosephlb.org.



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 (The women's weekend is now full)

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.



Men and Women of St. Joseph Parish

Is your heart on fire for Christ? Is it filled with the Holy Spirit or like a candle in the wind, flickering and barely alive? If you want to experience what the disciples felt on the day of Pentecost, then give yourself the gift of a Cursillo and light your heart on fire! A Cursillo weekend is unlike anything you've ever experienced. Cursillos run from Thursday evening thru Sunday, and they are ongoing.

The next Cursillo weekends are:

July 20 – 23 for the Men's weekend

Aug. 3 -6 for the Women's weekend

If interested contact Tom & Marie Newton
562 519 3189



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.



Book Club

Do I Stay Christian?

Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, September 6th at 7pm. We will discuss:



A GUIDE FOR THE DOUBTERS, THE DISAPPOINTED, AND THE DISILLUSIONED

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-Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation

All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com



Seniors Group



COME JOIN US

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The next meeting of the St. Joseph

Senior Group will be on

Monday, July 24th in the hall.

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The activities 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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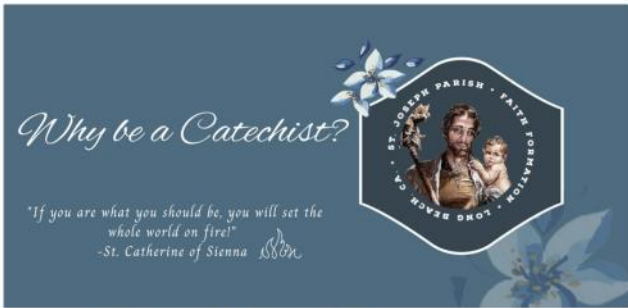
on-going classes for your support:

(This week's meeting will be Wednesday July 19th at 9:30am)

Tuesdays at 9:30am

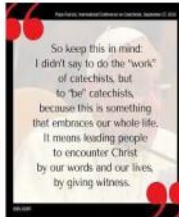
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classes are held in the PLC building.



Catechists Needed....Why You?

- You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
- Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
- Children and teens in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
- You have so much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share your faith with other catechists.
- You'll be helping our young Church deepen their relationship with Jesus.
- It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."



WHAT IS A CATECHIST?

The role of a Catholic Catechist is to catechize the Faith of the Catholic Church, both by word and example. A Catechist is someone who lets the word of God echo through their life. Catechists do more than simply teach the faith. A Catechist shares their faith and guides their students to learn how to apply and live their faith, as well.

WHAT DOES A CATECHIST DO?

The primary goal of a catechist is to model God's love to others. The primary prerequisite of a catechist is a love for God and a love for young people. Our Catechists are provided lesson plans and materials to use in their classroom. The catechist passes on to students a set of shared meanings and values that our Catholic Faith teaches in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOLUNTEER IN THIS ROLE?

We welcome any person over 18 years old who is actively practicing their Catholic Faith. Someone who wishes to lead others to grow in faith and understanding of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Someone who lives out their faith and participates in the Sacraments. Someone who is willing to share their faith and heart with others. Someone who enjoys working with youth.

If you are feeling called to give your time and talent but want to know more about what is involved please contact

Liz Moreno at 562-594-4657 or liz@stjosephlb.com

We have openings in 1st and 2nd year Confirmation



Safeguard The Children

Protect children with disabilities

Children living with disabilities are nearly three times more at risk for abuse and maltreatment, compared to children who do not have special needs. This mistreatment can range from physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or neglect. Safe adults can help prevent this abuse, by recognizing the higher risk for these children and being alert to any signs of abuse. Because parents and caregivers of these children are at increased risk of stress and isolation, abuse may be harder to spot. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Registration for the 2023-24 Faith Formation Classes is now open for new students. Current Students that need to re-register, please email Joe Voigt @ joe@stjosephlb.org.

Sunday Elementary Faith Formation Classes (1-5th Grades)

Parent Information Session: **Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 2pm in the Church**

Classes Start: **Sunday, September 17, 2023, from 10 –11:15am**

Middle School Faith Formation Classes (6th-8th Grades)

Parent Information Session: **Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 7 pm in the PLC/St. Joseph Room**

Start: **Tuesday, October 3, 2023, from 6:30-7:30 pm**

Current and new students need to register. Remember, it is an Archdiocesan requirement to have two consecutive years of religious education to receive sacraments. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate must accompany all **NEW** candidates registering for St. Joseph Faith Formation for the first time.



Confirmation meets on selected Sundays from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (includes 12:30 Mass), September through May. Open to all high school students Grades (9 – 12). New high school confirmation candidates need to provide an 1st Holy Communion certificate in addition to their baptism certificate.

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