

St. Joseph Parish



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

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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

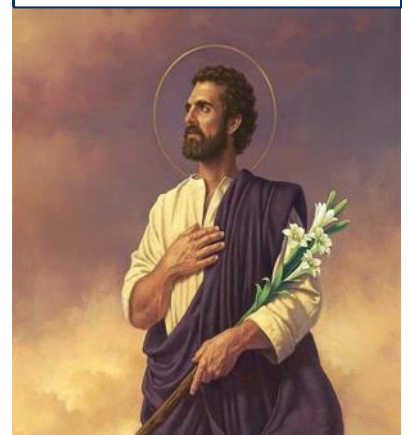
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Because you have asked for this—
not for a long life for yourself,
nor for riches,
nor for the life of your enemies,
but for understanding so that you may know what is
right—
I do as you requested." (1 Kgs 3:11-12)

Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

For those he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
so that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters. (Rom 8:29)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a
field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and
buys that field." (Mt 13:44)

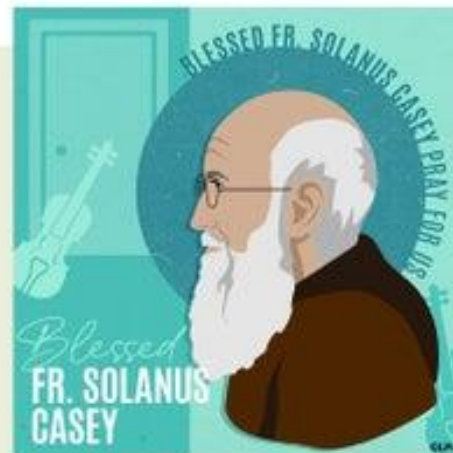
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Following Christ will take everything we have.
Are we ready to give it all? At the end of our
lives, let us hope we can say truthfully that we
sold all we had in order to purchase the field
which contained the great treasure.

Observances for the week of July 30, 2023

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter
Julian Eymard, Priest
Friday: St. John Vianney, Priest
Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major
Next Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord



Saint of the week

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey would have up to 200 people a day visit him for prayer and counseling while he worked as a doorkeeper at his various postings. He also co-founded the Capuchin Soup Kitchen during the Great Depression. It still serves people in Detroit to this day.

Prayer

"Let us, therefore, not weaken. Let us hope when darkness seems to surround us. Let us thank Him at all times and under whatever circumstances. Thank Him for our creation and our existence. Thank Him for everything — for His plans in the past, that by our sins and our want of appreciation, have so often frustrated — and that He so often found necessary to change. Let us thank Him for all His plans for the future — for trials and humiliations as well as great joy and consolations; for sickness and whatever death He may deign to plan; and with the inspired Psalmist let us call all the creatures of the universe to help us praise and adore Him Who is the Divine Beginning and the everlasting Good — the Alpha and the Omega."

(Prayer Source: An exhortation by Fr. Solanus Casey)



Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend Jesus teaches us that the kingdom of heaven is like.....!The Lord reminds us, that in the daily activities of our lives, we can find the kingdom in our midst. The readings teach us that true wisdom is to seek the kingdom of heaven above all else. So, on this hot Midsummer day, fill in the blank – the kingdom of heaven is like.....!!

As I mentioned at all of the Masses last Sunday, during this year of Eucharistic Revival, it's a joy that Archbishop Gomez has announced that the distribution of the precious Blood of Christ may be restored at the Pastor's discretion. We will restore this beautiful rite of the liturgy, for the command is fulfilled in the liturgy of the Eucharist, when we consume His Body and Blood. The church teaches that "Whoever receive Holy Communion under only one kind, receives the whole Christ, Body and Blood, soul, and divinity", since the living Lord is totally and completely present in each of the species. However, the church also teaches that "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds." (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal 287*). Receiving from the Chalice is optional, and, as soon as we retrain our ministers, the practice will commence here at Saint Joseph.

Your Parish Fair profits are at work! On Wednesday, August 9, immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass, the main parking lot will be closed through Saturday morning August 12. The parking lot will be slurry sealed and the parking stalls will be restriped. We are also going to add a couple more handicap spaces closest to the church. Please know that you will not be able to access the parking lot during those days and if you have to go to the school or the parish life center, please park on Willow Street.

Stay cool during these hot days and pray that all the necessary workers who must work outside be safe.

Summer Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin



Movement for a Better World

“True charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need.” - Pope Francis

Aug. 5-6 Food from the Heart Drive: Collecting family food for those served by Catholic Charities of Long Beach. Please call Tim Clark to learn about many opportunities to serve, (562) 431-4385.

Homeless Kit Ministry: Donations from our June 24-25 Homeless Kit Drive and from other specially-directed parishioner donations have enabled us to prepare 360 homeless hygiene kits to be distributed to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters by our St. Joseph Homeless Ministry. The next two encampment visits will be July 30 and Oct. 29. Can you help?

LB Multi-Services Center Coordinator: Monitor support opportunities for the LB Multi-Services Center. Coordinate monthly, Coffee in the Park hospitality at the facility.



Adoration



Come and spend an hour with our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Experience what Catholic author Matthew Kelly calls “The Classroom of Silence,”

and respond to Jesus’ call: “Could you not watch with me one hour?” (Matthew 26:40).

Deacon Tom & Pat will lead Eucharistic Adoration this **Friday August 4th at 8:00 am.**



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.

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 (recertification only) To sign up scan QR code:



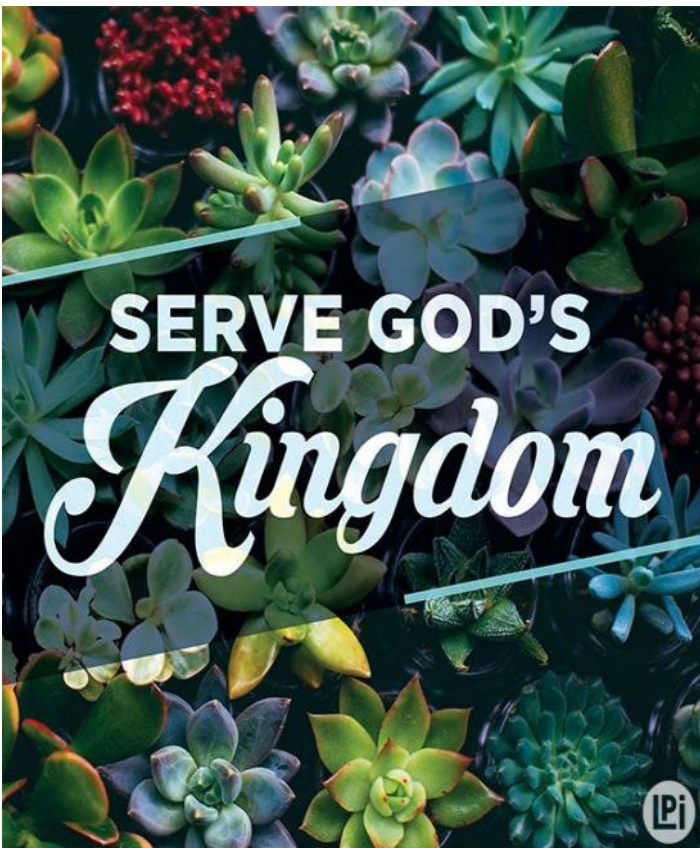


June Collection

Collection	
Faith Direct	\$14,762.27
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Total:	\$52,854.27

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stjosephlb.org/about-us/giving



Virtual Information Day

Hosted by the
 Diaconate Formation Office
Sunday, October 15, 2023
 2pm—4pm

Presentaciones en inglés y español.

To register contact:
 Deacon Melecio Zamora

dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son..."



He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests."
Matthew 22:1f

Next Sessions: Jan. 14, 2024, April 14, 2024, July 7, 2024, October 13, 2024



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.



Book Club

Do I Stay Christian?



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

BRIAN D. McLAREN
Author of Faith After Doubt

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

Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned
by **Brian McLaren**

"Brian's new book on remaining Christian knocks it out of the ballpark in terms of framing and naming the questions. I cannot stop reading it."
-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
WE OFFER A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TO KEEP YOU ENGAGED

The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on **Monday, August 14th** in the hall. The activities will begin at **11:00 am**. 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 a special dessert will be Provided by Cecelia Witt & Ann Jianuzzi. We look forward to seeing all our members and any new friends who want to join us.



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MANY PEOPLES**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26,
2023**

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
555 West Temple Street
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Join Archbishop José H. Gomez and representatives of the many cultures, papal orders, and fraternal service orders to pray for peace and unity through the intercession of Our Lady of the Angels, the patroness of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

3:00 p.m. – Cultural Dances
3:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary
4:00 p.m. – Votive Mass with Archbishop Gomez

For more information go to:
lacatholics.org/one-mother-many-peoples





St. Joseph Grief Support

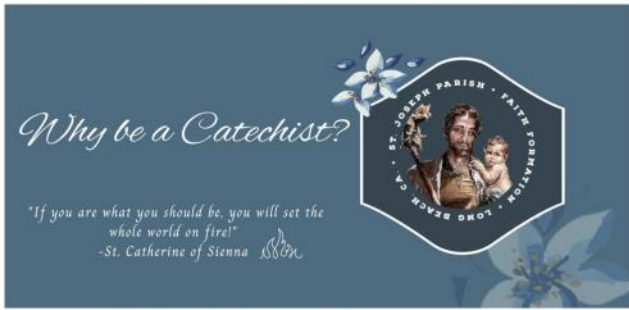


St. Joseph Grief Support Seminars help and offer Encouragement after the death of a loved one.

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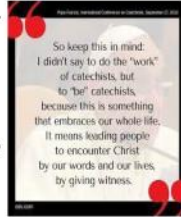
on-going classes for your support:
Tuesdays at 9:30am

Call May 562-833-6370
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

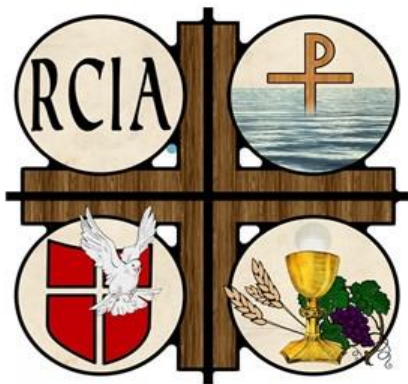
We have openings in 1st and 2nd year Confirmation



Why is it important to screen volunteers and staff?

A screening process for hiring new staff members or volunteers is critical to protecting children, because this process makes it harder for abusers to gain access to potential victims. When organizations are careful about screening, it sends a message that they are committed to preventing child abuse. Screening practices can include requiring standard application information, or thorough references and criminal background checks. For more information on screening processes, read the VIRTUS® article "The Importance of Screening and Selecting Employees and Volunteers" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults



For more info, contact Fred & Susan Whitcraft at fredandsusan2001@yahoo.com

OCIA is a program for any non-baptized adult interested in becoming a Catholic. It is also for adults baptized in the Catholic faith (or in another Christian faith), who would like to complete the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

OCIA begins with a period of Inquiry, where you can find out what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. If you, or anyone you know, would like to find out more please contact Fred & Susan Whitcraft at fredandsusan2001@yahoo.com

Come-and-See what OCIA is all about!



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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