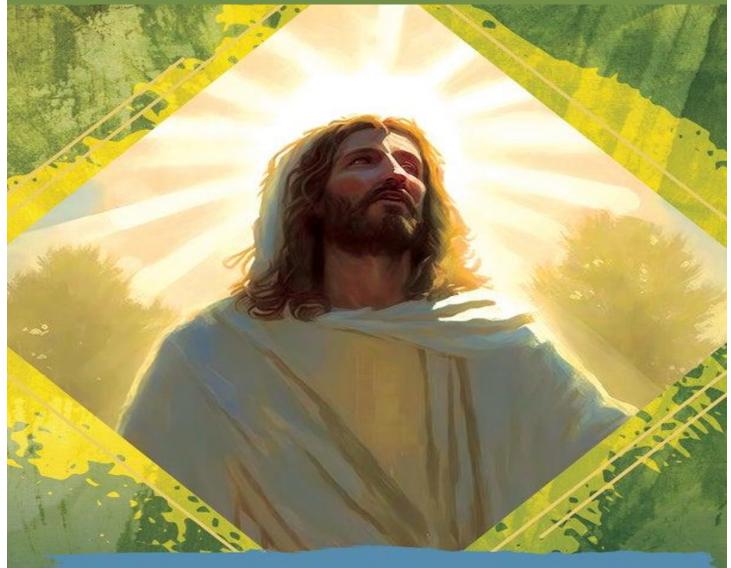
St. Joseph Parish



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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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.

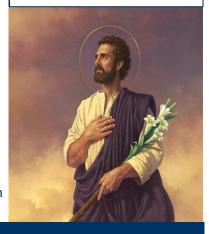
Daily Mass (M-W) 8:00 a.m.

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:

His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)

Psalm:

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth. (Ps 97)

Second Reading:

When that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory,

"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. (2 Pt 1:17-18)

Gospel:

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead," Jesus told his disciples. Why keep such an amazing thing as the Transfiguration a secret? Because the world wasn't ready for the end of the story yet. Sometimes, the glory only makes sense after the trials.

Observances for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Monday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,

Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Tuesday: St. Dominic, Priest

Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,

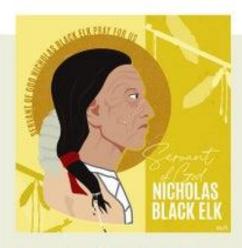
Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Friday: St. Clare, Virgin

Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk was a Lakota convert to Catholicism at the turn of the 19th century. He led hundreds to Christ while also helping his community preserve their Lakota traditions. He's remembered fondly as a catechist, healer, and cultural leader.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, Great Spirit!

Behold us, who stand before You, singing our song of thanksgiving for Servant of God, Nicholas Black Elk. Faithfully he walked the Sacred Red Road and generously witnessed the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ among the Native American People. We humbly ask You to hear the prayers we plead through his intercession. We ask Holy Mother Church to recognize his sanctity by acknowledging his presence among the company of Saints as one to imitate in his zeal for the Gospel. Open our hearts to also recognize the Risen Christ in other cultures and peoples, to Your glory and honor. Nicholas Black Elk, Servant of God, Pray for us!

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: https://www.rapidcitydiocese. org/please-keep-the-canonization-cause-in-yourprayers/)

©LPI SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023 | THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to all who clicked open this bulletin!! This Sunday we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord. The Feast is on August 6, so we are Blessed to celebrate this event in the life of the Lord, every six years!! The word *Transfiguration* literally means *Transformation*. No matter where you are in life, the Lord Jesus wants to touch you and transform your life into meaning, love and service!

Once a year we are reminded that as Catholics, we are a global Church! Next weekend, we'll welcome Fr. Leopold Mushobozi our annual Mission Co-Op Speaker from the Diocese of Relenge-Ngara in Tanzania, East Africa. This diocese is located in the north-western part of Tanzania, it serves a population of over a million people. This includes 334,000 Catholics and 30 parishes. Many of these people live on an income of under \$1 a day and survive on only one meal a day. The hardships they face include a lack of clean and safe water, lack of funds to train seminarians, and a lack of funds to support children in the Orphanage Centre. Any funds we are able to provide will help them drill and construct two wells and three water reservoirs (cost \$15,000 per well), contribute to the tuition of seminarians (cost \$2,000 per seminarian), and support the construction of the maternity ward for women and their babies). Bishop Severine Niwemugizi of the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese extends his deepest gratitude for any spiritual or financial support you are able to provide. We will have a second collection after Communion to support the work of Fr. Leo's Diocese and Mission! If you are offering a check, please make it to \$t. Joseph's and write "Mission Co-op" in the memo and we'll gather all the funds and send one check to the Mission.

Almost time to start the OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.!! I'm grateful that Fred and Susan Whitcraft are coordinating the OCIA and if you have any questions, they can be reached at Fredandsusan2001@yahoo.com If you are not baptized, or share in another Christian faith, and have questions or are curious about the Catholic faith, please give me a call or send me an e-mail. It's your time!!!

Our parking lot will be closed from 9:00 AM this Wednesday thru Friday night as a company will slurry seal and restripe the parking spaces.

FYI – Tuesday August 15th is the Holyday of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Scroll down to see the schedule of Masses.

This weekend the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has resurrected the City of Saints Conference at UCLA. Twelve of our High School Youth and Liz Moreno, our youth director are spending the weekend praying together – please pray for them! Pray for the Youth of the World gathered in Portugal with Pope Francis for World Youth Day!

As we prepare for another great year of faith formation for our youth, we are in need of catechists!! Can you help on Sunday mornings? Scroll down for further info.

That's All!! Thanks for clicking, opening and reading! 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

This week: 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.

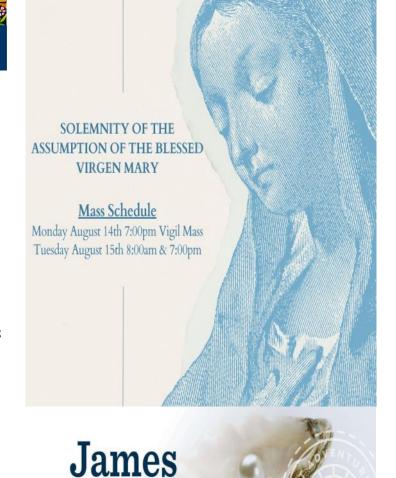
Homeless Kit Ministry: Donations from our June 24-25 Homeless Kit Drive and from other specially-directed parishioner donations have enabled us to prepare 360 homeless hygiene kits to be distributed to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters by our St. Joseph Homeless Ministry. The next two encampment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

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:



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.

Pearls for Wise Living

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 the Men of our Parish

Do you sense that something is missing from your life? Do you feel that if you weren't too 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 is 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 Men 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.

The Women's weekend is full and registration is closed, however there are a few more spots left for the Men's weekend which is October 28-29, 2023.

To learn more and to sigh up, visit https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-christ-renews or scan the QR code.





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.



July 30 is designated as "World Day Against Trafficking in Persons." On this day people and organizations across the globe joined forces to raise awareness of the reality of Human Trafficking. The theme for the year is "Reach Every Victim of Trafficking: Leave No One Behind."

One of the goals of ESTHER Ministry is to raise awareness about this crime so that no one is left behind the child at risk of exploitation, the one woman caught in the cycle of trafficking, and the one man taking steps toward restoration. We mustn't take our eyes off the ONE or lose our passion for the problem.

Here are three things you can do to help in the fight against trafficking:

- 1. Learn about human trafficking
- 2. Donate to trafficking victims
- Support fair trade and fair-trade wages to survivors of trafficking

What you have to offer matters. Your voice matters. Your choices matter. Your freedom matters. You can use your freedom to protect the freedom of others.

If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to St. Joseph Church and include ESTHER Ministry on the memo line.



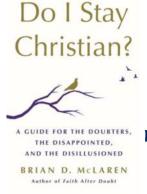
St. Joseph Grief Support Seminars help and offer Encouragement after the death of a loved one.

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Tuesdays at 9:30am

Call May 562-833-6370 classes are held in the PLC building.

Book Club



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



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



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.

Somone 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

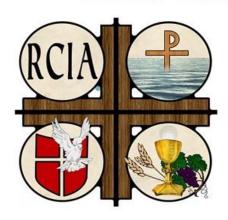
We have openings in 1st and 2nd year Confirmation



Healthy boundaries to create an environment of trust

Adults have a responsibility to share information about themselves in age and scenario-appropriate ways to the children in their care. Being authentic does not necessarily mean sharing every detail but rather being approachable, honest, and caring. Oversharing information, especially inappropriate information, can lead to boundary violations and inappropriate behavior. For more information on setting boundaries, read the VIRTUS® article "Barriers to Implementing Strong Boundaries" at <u>lacatholics.org/did-you-know/</u>.

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.

For more information and to register for our programs, please scan the code to the right with your cell phone camera).

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