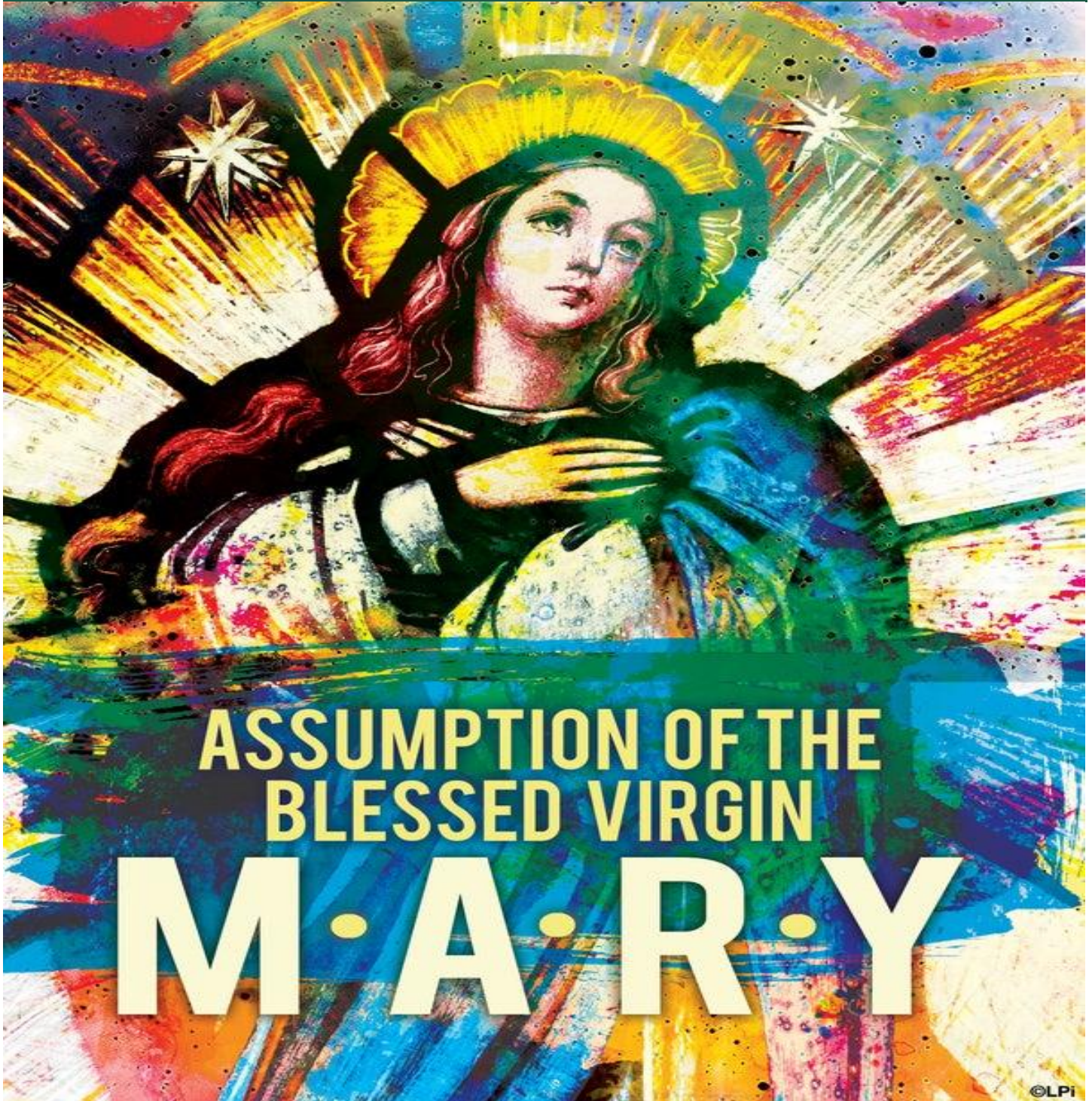


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Mass Schedule

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:

Then the LORD said to him,
"Go outside and stand on the mountain before
the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing
me witness
that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in
my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut
off from Christ
for the sake of my own people. (Rom 9:1-3)

Gospel:

Peter said to him in reply,
"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on
the water."
He said, "Come."
Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the
water toward Jesus. (Mt 14:28-29)

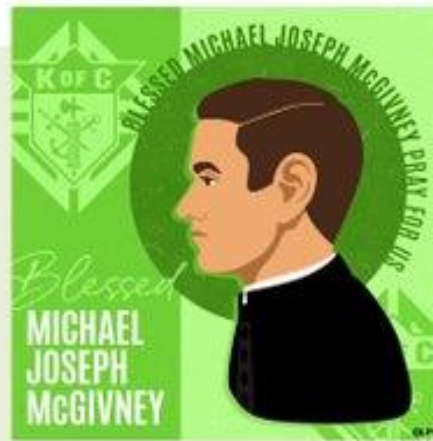
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is always coming to us in ways that we do not expect. Ways that shock us. Ways that frighten us. Ways that seem impossible. Are we ready to accept him however he comes, amidst whatever fear and doubt we are battling with in our hearts?

Observances for the week of August 13, 2023

- Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Tuesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Blessed Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney was a diocesan priest from Connecticut born to an Irish immigrant family. Together with men from his church, St. Mary's in New Haven, he founded what is now the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization — the Knights of Columbus.

Prayer

Founder of the Knights of Columbus
God, our Father, protector of the poor
and defender of the widow and orphan,
You called Your priest, Blessed Michael
McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian
family life and to lead the young to
the generous service of their neighbor.
Through the example of his life and virtue,
may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ,
more closely, fulfilling his commandment
of charity and building up his Body which
is the Church. Let the inspiration of Your
servant prompt us to greater confidence
in Your love so that we may continue
his work of caring for the needy and the
outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify
Blessed Michael McGivney on earth
according to the design of Your holy will.
Through his intercession, grant the favor
I now present. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/>)



Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

This weekend our Parish celebrates our annual Mission Cooperative weekend. This past week there was a change in our missionary speaker and joining us will be Fr. Simon Taabu who is from the Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara in Africa. He has the experience of American culture as he did his PhD here in America and served in the diocese of Peoria, Illinois before he returned to Tanzania in 2021. May we experience the global mission of Jesus Christ through the ministry and words of Fr. Simon. If you would like to support Fr. Simon's missionary work, please make a check out to St. Joseph's and in the memo, write "Mission Co-Op" and we'll gather all the funds and send one check to the Mission.

Just a reminder that this Tuesday is a Holyday honoring the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses are as follows:

Monday, Aug. 14 – 7:00 PM Vigil Mass

Tuesday, August 15: Mass at 8:00 AM, Mass at 7:00 PM

If you would like to share your enthusiasm for your faith with young people, please consider becoming a catechist – scroll down for further info.

It was with great joy that on behalf of St. Joseph's family, I met with Alba Colorado, a parishioner and school parent who serves as the Office Administrator for the Henry L. Guenther Foundation. The Board of Directors of the Henry L. Guenther Foundation approved a grant and Mrs. Colorado presented the check in the amount of @\$250,000.00. The funds will support the current remodel/upgrade of the gym/hall. Please pray for the Board of Directors of the Henry L. Guenther Foundation and all the good they do to support and better our community!



Stay cool during these summer days!!

Blessings, Msgr. Kevin



Movement for a Better World

“The things we pray for Lord, give us the grace to labor for.” - St. Thomas More

Food from the Heart Drive: *Thank you* to all who contributed to our family food drive Aug. 5-6. We collected over 60 shopping bags of food items! Cash donations supported \$1,250 additional food purchases in support of Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

Sept 27 6:30 PM - Committee Meeting: As we begin our 38th year of channeling the generosity of our St. Joseph parish community to the poor and marginalized of Long Beach, please help guide our upcoming activities.

Sept 30-Oct. 1 - Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: We will collect non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach. Please call Tim Clark to learn about many opportunities to serve, (562) 431-4385.

SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

Mass Schedule
Monday August 14th 7:00pm Vigil Mass
Tuesday August 15th 8:00am & 7:00pm

James
Pearls for Wise Living



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. 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.

WALK-INS WELCOME

Wednesday Youth Night

Movie Night!

August 16, 2023
@ 7pm - 8:30pm
PLC PATIO

For info contact: Liz Moreno
 Youth Minister
 (562)598-0519 Ext 230



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 sign 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



In Memoriam

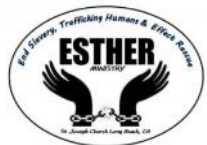
Philip Seymour

Funeral Mass at All Souls: August 25th at 11:00am

Harriet Miller

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph: October 2nd at 10:00am

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of
 of
 all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
 ~Amen~



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
3. 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



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

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classes are held in the PLC building.



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



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**.

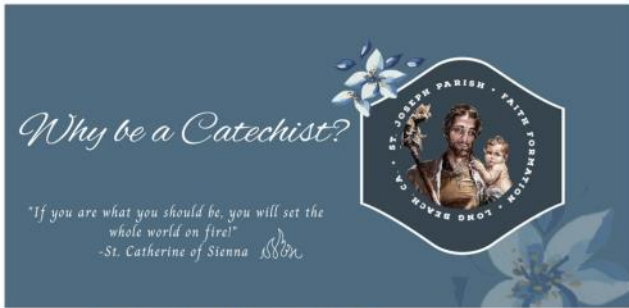
The activities will include Bingo, many kinds of card games,

Mexican train, and lots of socializing.

Bring your brown bag lunch, and coffee, tea, water, snacks and a special dessert will be

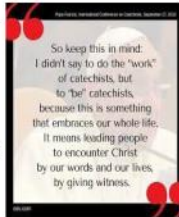
Provided by Cecelia Witt & Ann Jianuzzi.

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



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

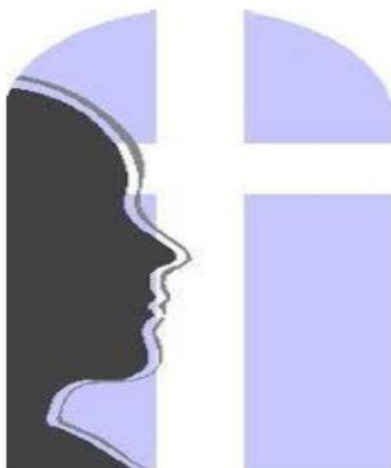


What to do if a child discloses abuse to a peer

Abuse victims often struggle to disclose what has happened to them, especially children. This struggle may be due to fear or shame, but studies show it is easier for children to disclose abuse to a trusted person. In adolescence, that is often another peer. This makes it important to educate children about what to do if a friend discloses abuse. Teach children the importance of not keeping unsafe secrets, and how to help their friends by sharing these "secrets" with a trusted parent or other adult. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Barriers Minors Face to Disclosing Child Sexual Abuse" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

OPEN HOUSE - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and reunion for past RCIA participants

**Sept. 10, 2023 - 9:30 am – 11:00 am
In the Parish Life Center**



Are you or someone you know searching for-

- A community of believers?
- An opportunity to explore Catholic beliefs?
- Ways to form a closer relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Preparation for becoming a Catholic?

Come to the open house and see if OCIA might be what you are seeking.

OCIA is a process for exploring Catholicism in weekly small group sessions. OCIA is open to any adult who is

- Unbaptized
- Baptized in another Christian faith
- Baptized Catholic but has not received first Holy Communion and confirmation.

For further information, contact fredandsusan2001@yahoo.com.



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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