



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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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 who keep the sabbath free from profanation
and hold to my covenant,
them I will bring to my holy mountain
and make joyful in my house of prayer (Is 56:6-7)

Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

For God delivered all to disobedience,
that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

Gospel:

Then Jesus said to her in reply,
"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"O woman, great is your faith!" The Canaanite woman stood firm in her belief that God would answer her — even when those closest to him tried to send her away, and even when Christ himself challenged her. She never wavered.

Observances for the week of August 20, 2023

- Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius X, Pope
Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Celestina Bottego was born in Ohio. She went on to be the foundress of the Xavier Missionaries Sisters of Mary in Italy. The Sisters rejected the traditional habit commonly worn by religious women in favor of wearing the same clothing styles as those they served.

Prayer

Almighty and merciful Father, You placed in the heart of Mother Celestina Bottego the ardent desire that Your Kingdom spread throughout the world and made her capable of giving all of herself for the creation of a missionary Family. We humbly ask You to allow us to imitate her holiness of life and, through her intercession, to grant us the grace that we confidently ask of You.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.fondazioneantiac.org/venerabile/celestina-bottego/bottego-celestina/>)



Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

We've all witnessed the images of destruction and loss of life that occurred in West Maui. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is coordinating an optional collection, and if you would like to help the suffering people there, please scroll down to the article below.

May the Aloha spirit be strong!

Summer blessings,
Msgr. Kevin





August 14, 2023

Dear Pastors, Administrators, Parish Life Directors, ADLA Parish Business Managers:

RE: Maui, Hawaii Wildfires

As the death toll from the devastating wildfires on the island of Maui, Hawaii continues to climb, officials have confirmed that this to be the deadliest disaster in the state's history. We are reaching out to our Archdiocesan parishes and communities to join together to offer prayer and financial support for all whose lives are being touched by this devastation.

In a telegram addressed to the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Pope Francis expressed his deep sadness at "the loss of life and the destruction caused by the wildfires" in Hawaii and assured those affected by the fires of his prayers.

In solidarity with our suffering sisters and brothers, Archbishop Gomez has asked all parishes to consider conducting a non-mandatory special collection during the weekends of August 19-20 and August 26-27, 2023.

All checks should be made payable to THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH-memo: MAUI WILDFIRES. Donations may be mailed to **SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH, 3424 Wilshire Boulevard-3rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90010**. If anyone wishes to make an on line donation, they may do so at: <https://missionsla.org/product/donate> or by scanning the QR code and specify *Maui Wildfires* in the memo box. 100% of the collection will go towards those affected by this tragic natural disaster.



For any questions or concerns, please contact the Mission Office at (213) 637-7223 or missionoffice@la-archdiocese.org

Thank you for your prayers and your support.


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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.

Thank You for your prayers!



We extend our gratitude to our parish community for your prayers during the three-day City of Saints congress. The congress was truly a glimpse of heaven on earth and our youth expressed feeling a stronger connection to God.

If you would like to learn how you can get involved in our youth ministry please contact Liz Moreno (562)598-0519 Ext 230

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

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.



Women's Retreat



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



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~



Safeguard The Children

Set Your Child Up for Success
BY TEACHING HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

The importance of respecting a child's boundaries

Children have the right to set their own boundaries based on what they are comfortable with. One way to be a safe adult is to honor these boundaries to the best of our abilities. For example, if a child doesn't want to high five, we can honor that desire and find another way to celebrate, maybe with a wave or friendly smile. When we respond positively to a child's preferred interactions, we show them that their comfort does matter, and should be respected whenever possible. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "How Safe Adults Can Maintain Health Boundaries" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



St. Joseph Grief Support



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

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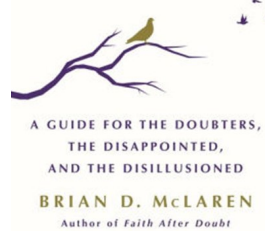
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classes are held in the PLC building.



Book Club

Do I Stay Christian?



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

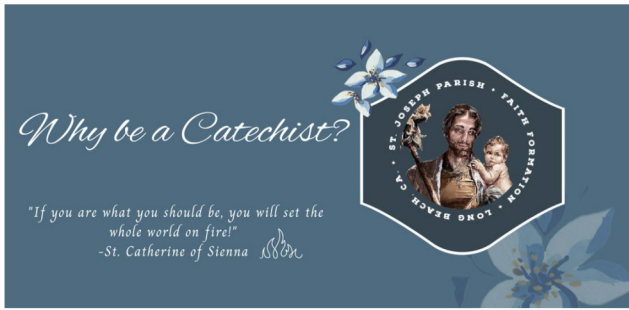
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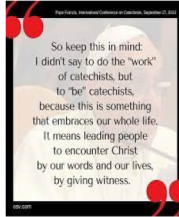
Seniors Group

The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on **Monday, August 28th** 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. We appreciate the members who have come forward to offer help on different committees. We hope every member will consider being an active part of the board. And thank you again to Ann Jianuzzi and Cecelia Witt for treating us to ice cream bars and to Ann's daughters who helped.



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



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.



2023-24 GRADES 1-8

FAITH FORMATION



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.



2023-24 HIGH SCHOOL

CONFIRMATION

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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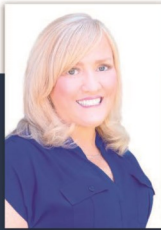
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