

St. Joseph Parish



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” - Mt 16:19

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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

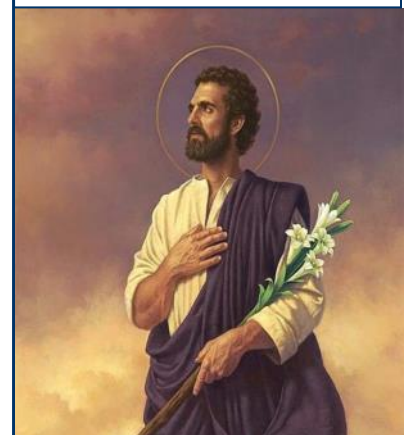
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.



In Loving Memory



Joe Voigt

March 22, 1973 - August 18, 2023



Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Peace and greetings to you as we come together to celebrate the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asked Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responds, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus' question was not meant only for Peter and the apostles but for all of us. When we profess that Jesus is the Christ, we pledge to follow Him. Let's pray for each other that we will be faithful enough to get up and keep going even after falling! What do you say when Christ asks you, "Who do you say that I am?"

As I announced last weekend, the sudden and unexpected passing of Joe Voigt has left a real absence in our community. The family has not yet chosen a date for his funeral, and they are considering that the service will be held towards the end of September. Our parish community needs to come together and pray for Joe and his family, and for all of us. Therefore, we are going to hold a **Memorial Mass this Monday, August 28 at 7:00 PM in our church**. The Bishop of the San Pedro region, Bishop Marc Trudeau has graciously accepted to preside and lead our community in prayer, and I will deliver the homily. Please continue to keep Joe and his family in your prayers.

Let's pray for all our students returning to school during these weeks. Welcome back to our St. Joe's students who return to the classroom this Wednesday!

Summer Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin



Pray for students, parents and teachers as another school year begins; may our Catholic community provide the proper environment and resources for our young people to thrive and excel in their formation as disciples of Christ, and sons and daughters of our Catholic Church.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel:

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.
I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."
(Mt 16:18-19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Let our whole lives be the answer, given not in words, but in action. If the world looked at your life, your decisions, your words, and your deeds, would they conclude that you are a person who believes Christ is the son of the living God?

Observances for the week of August 27, 2023

- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Despite being forced into marriage at 16, Venerable Teresa Fardella de Blasi still pursued her heart's desire to serve the poor wherever she lived with her husband. Originally from New York, she founded and eventually joined the Poor Daughters of the Crowned Virgin in Italy.

Prayer

O loving Jesus, please grant that Your servant, Venerable Teresa Fardella de Blasi, who worked selflessly for poor and homeless children and adolescents, may, through the intercession of Mary Queen of Heaven, be glorified by visible signs and miracles; so that for Your glory and salvation of souls, she may, by Your power, be declared Blessed. Amen.



Movement for a Better World

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Mt 25:40

Sept 20 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.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please skip a meal weekly, donating that savings in support our mission. Skip-a-Meal envelopes are available in the church. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Church and Skip-a-Meal on the memo. There is also a Faith Direct option for online giving.



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). Fr. Athanasius will lead Eucharistic Adoration this **Friday September 1st 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**
September 7th 6-9 pm



September 14th 7-8:30 pm
(recertification
only) To sign up scan QR
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Women's Retreat



SACRED HEART RETREAT HOUSE

Women's silent retreat registration is open for September 8-10, 2023

Ladies of the Parish! Our retreat weekend is upon us! Join your sisters in Christ for a refreshing and peaceful weekend. Signing up is easier than ever. Go to: www.sacredheartretreathouse.com Please call with any questions or if you need assistance with registering. God Bless You!
Marie Newton 562-209-1298
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

Joe Voigt

Memorial Mass at St. Joseph: August 28th at 7:00pm

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



The NCMEC CyberTipline

Online exploitation and enticement of young people is an ongoing problem, across social media, gaming platforms, and other websites. Victims can range in age and background, making it harder to prevent exploitation. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) operates the CyberTipline, a centralized system for reporting suspected cases of technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation. Reports can be filed online at report.cybertip.org or via a 24-hour hotline at **1-800-843-5678**. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Online Child Sexual Exploitation and the NCMEC CyberTipline” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



St. Joseph Grief Support



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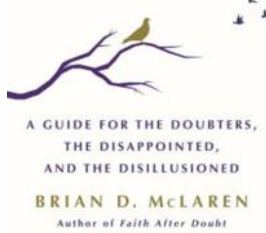
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classes are held in the PLC building.



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
All are welcome!

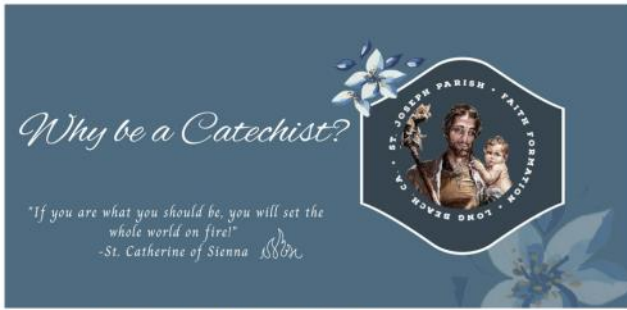
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Seniors Group

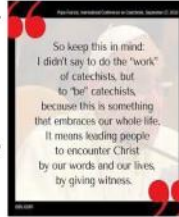


The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on **Monday, August 28th** in the hall. The activities will begin at 11:00 am and will include Bingo, many kinds of card games, Mexican train, and lots of socializing. Bring your brown bag lunch, and coffee, tea, water, snacks and dessert will be 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

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."
PHILIPPIANS 3:20

Please join us

Mass in Recognition of All Immigrants

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
Archbishop José H. Gomez, Presiding

Sunday
September 17, 2023
3:00pm Pre-Procession | 3:30pm Mass

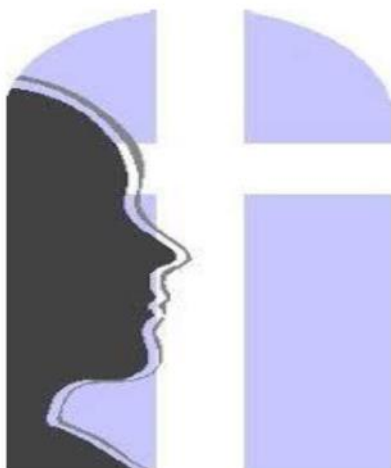
Every parish and religious ministries are invited to attend the Mass. Speak with your pastor for more information on how to have your parish represented in the pre-procession.

For more information, contact the Office of Immigration Affairs at (213) 637-7484 or immigration@la-archdiocese.org

In collaboration with

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 Michelle: michelle@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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