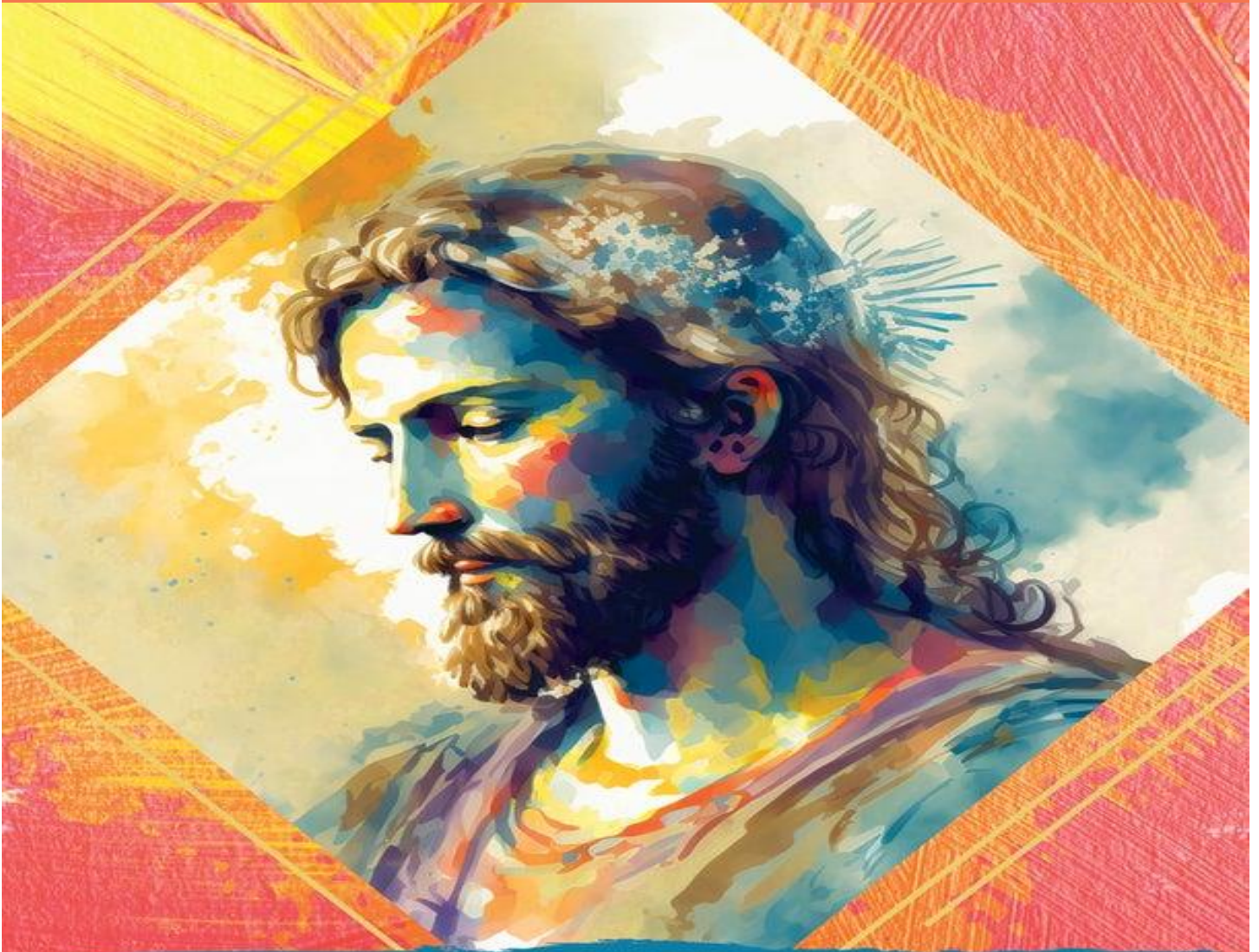


# St. Joseph Parish



## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” - Mt 16:26-27

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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

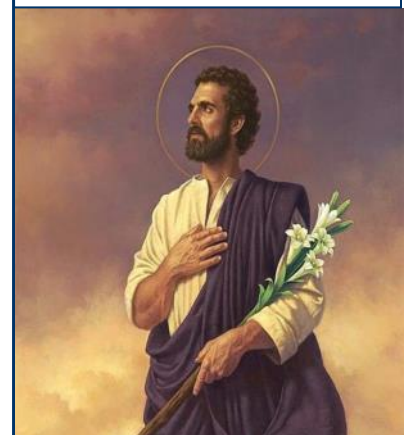
**3:45-4:30 p.m.**

**Inside Church**

## Adoration

First Fridays

**8:00-9:00 a.m.**



## Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

### Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/  
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

### Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,  
13/Lk 4:16-30

### Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk  
4:31-37

### Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk  
5:1-11

### Friday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

### Saturday:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

### Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom  
13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.

— *Father John Muir*



## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to Labor Day Weekend and the unofficial end to summer! The season of Autumn officially begins on September 23! As we continue our journey with Matthew, we hear the Lord say, "If you want to be my disciples, deny yourself, take up a cross and follow me." The key word is *want*. Desire to follow the Lord and you will be fulfilled and your life will have meaning, especially in difficult times!! The happiest people I know are those, who amidst carrying a cross trust totally in the Lord and walk in His path.

Thank you to all who came last Monday evening to celebrate the Memorial Mass in honor of Joe Voigt. It was beautiful to see a full church, to witness everybody singing and to celebrate Joe's life in our community with so many of Joe's family present for this special evening of grace. The family just set the date for the Funeral Mass for Joe. Here is the info:

**Date: Thursday, September 28th**

**Time: 12:30 PM**

**Location: Mortuary Chapel at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City**

Parents, it's time to enroll your child/children in our religious education program. Help your child to know Jesus Christ and to walk with him. Scroll down or go to our website and follow the steps to registration. Thanks for caring for your child's faith!

Please join me in a couple of prayer intentions:

1. Pray that the unbaptized or those in other Christian faiths would like to join our Catholic community. Anyone interested can join us at an open house next Sunday, September 10 following the 8:30 Mass and scroll down for further information.
2. During the next couple of weeks, please pray, as your finance council and parishioners formulate the ministry/job descriptions for a new Bookkeeper and Director of Religious Education. We'll publish these soon and then pray that God brings forth the best candidates to serve our parish.

May the Lord Bless all your labors,

Msgr. Kevin



## 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.

## Upcoming VIRTUS Trainings

- **VIRTUS Training with Ms. Perez**  
(sign up: [jperez@sjknights.net](mailto: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 code:



## Music Ministry



### Do you play an instrument or sing?

Are you called to share your gift of music with the St. Joseph Community? The Music Ministry is looking for confident and talented musicians and singers to support the band at the 12:30pm Sunday Mass as well as to Cantor at other Masses. If you are interested, please reach out to the Parish Music Director, Vivian Doughty, before or after Mass, or call the Church and leave a message **(562) 594-4657**

**James**  
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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.

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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](mailto:mike@stjosephlb.org).



# 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](http://www.sacredheartretreathouse.com) Please call with any questions or if you need assistance with registering. God Bless You!  
Marie Newton 562-209-1298  
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### 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](mailto: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

Funeral Mass at Holy Cross: September 28th at 12:30pm

### 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



### How can we combat human trafficking?

Human trafficking is the forced exploitation of people — it is estimated that 27 million people are enslaved across the world. This can include sweatshop labor, sex work, forced marriage, and more. Every state in the US. has documented instances of human trafficking. Spreading awareness about the immensity and pervasiveness of this problem is the first step in fighting back. Learn about the resources available, such as the National Human Trafficking Hotline (1-888-373-7888) and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Human Trafficking Awareness” at [iacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://iacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



## St. Joseph Grief Support



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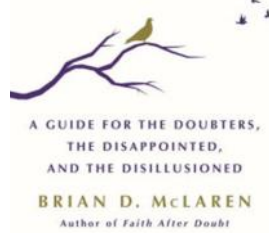
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classes are held in the PLC building.



## 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!

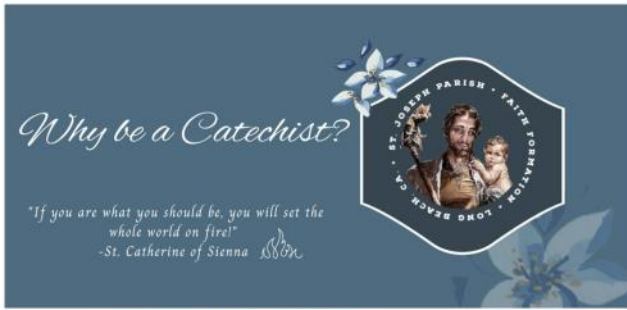
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## Seniors Group

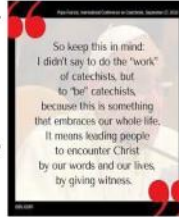


The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on **Monday, September 11th** in the hall. The activities will begin at 11:00 am and will include Bingo, many kinds of card games, Mexican train, and lots of socializing. Bring your brown bag lunch, and coffee, tea, water, snacks and dessert will be provided. We look forward to seeing all our members and any new friends who would like to join us.



**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](mailto:liz@stjosephlb.com)

We have openings in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation

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

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Archbishop José H. Gomez, Presiding

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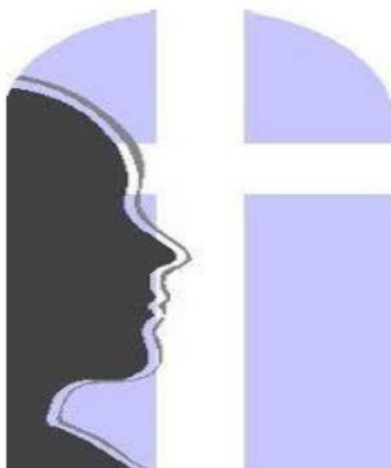
Every parish and religious ministries are invited to attend the Mass. Speak with your pastor for more information on how to have your parish represented in the pre-procession.

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

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

**Sept. 10, 2023 - 9:30 am – 11:00 am**  
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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
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For further information, contact [fredandsusan2001@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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