

# St. Joseph Parish



## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For where two or three are gathered together  
in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

- Mt 18:19-20

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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

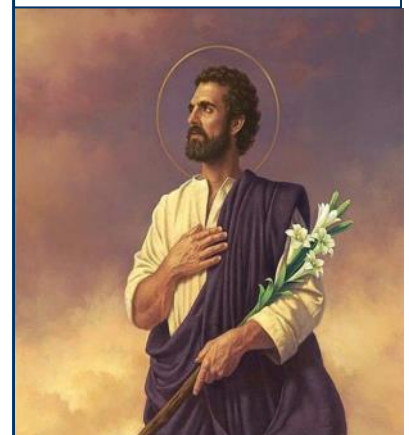
3:45-4:30 p.m.

**Inside Church**

## Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die,"  
and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked  
from his way,  
the wicked shall die for his guilt,  
but I will hold you responsible for his death.  
(Ez 33:8)

### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

### Second Reading:

Love does no evil to the neighbor;  
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:10)

### Gospel:

"If your brother sins against you,  
go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If  
he listens to you, you have won over your brother."  
(Mt 18:15)

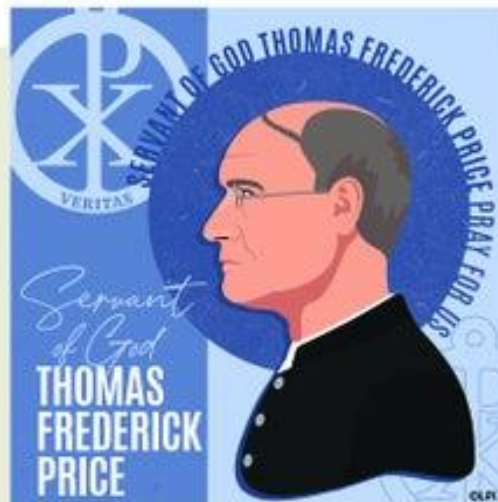
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our personal relationship with Christ is important,  
yes — but thank God, that is not all there is to  
being a Christian. We depend upon the support,  
the encouragement, and even the correction of  
the rest of the Body of Christ.

## Observances for the week of September 10, 2023

- Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** Patriot Day
- Tuesday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Wednesday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Friday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Saturday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop,  
Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catechetical Sunday



## Saint of the week

Servant of God Thomas Frederick Price survived severe illness and a shipwreck as a young man before becoming a priest. He cofounded the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, better known as Maryknoll, and led the institution's first mission to China.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, You so inspired Father Thomas Frederick Price with love for You and zeal for the Gospel that he dedicated his life to serve You and Your Church, first in North Carolina, his home state, and then in the foreign missions. Grant that by his example we may grow in holiness and into a deeper union with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to be authentic witnesses of the Gospel and proclaim the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the Diocese of Raleigh and to all the people and in all the places we are sent to love and serve. If it be according to Your will, glorify Your servant, Father Thomas Frederick Price, by granting the favor I (we) now request through his prayerful intercession (mention your request here) I (we) make this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. Welcome back to the students of St. Joseph School who just completed their first full week of the new school year. We have a record enrollment this year with 315 students. Let's pray for all of our parishioner students in many different schools that they may grow in wisdom, age and grace!

In two weeks, we'll commence an important element to our Sunday/Weekday liturgies during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival. The return of the distribution of the Chalice of the Lord's Blood will be offered to those who would like to share in the fulness of the Eucharistic Meal, the Banquet of the Lord. Receiving from the cup is optional. Archbishop Gomez recently stated, "The church teaches that whoever receives Holy Communion under only one kind, receives the whole Christ, Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity," since the living, Lord is totally and completely present in each of the species. However, it also teaches that "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal #281).

I have recently met with our many volunteers who serve you as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. They have been renewed in Eucharistic Theology and reviewed the practices of Distributing Holy Communion under both forms of the bread and wine that becomes the Body and Blood of the Lord. Just a reminder that if you are not feeling well or are sick, you are not obliged to attend Mass and please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

It should be remembered that all movements in the liturgy must be carried out with dignity and reverence. Next weekend, I will be reviewing our liturgical movements, including the procession for receiving Holy Communion. It's very important that our liturgical movements are never hurried. Every Sunday, the Lord comes to meet and feed us. In our reception of Holy Communion, may we be One in the Body of Christ!

Blessings,  
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.



## 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

## 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 14th 7-8:30 pm  
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**YOUTH WEDNESDAYS!**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023  
&  
OCTOBER 4, 2023

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7PM - 8:30PM

For info contact: Youth Minister -  
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Please pray for our women's retreat team as they make the final preparations for the retreat. May the retreat planning go smoothly and the team be blessed with energy, wisdom, grace, and joyful spirits as they prepare. Please also pray for all of the women attending next weekend's retreat. May they each experience renewal through Christ and feel a stronger connection with one another and with St. Joseph's Parish.



**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

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"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~



### Online relationships and abuse

Parents and caregivers need to be aware of the many ways predators can develop online relationships with their victims. Predators often seek out children or teens who share a lot of information about themselves online and use that information to build “friendships” that they can then use to their advantage. They may pretend to share the same interests or insecurities, offer excessive compliments, or claim to have access to desired items, usually drugs or alcohol. To learn more about what to watch out for when your children are online, read the VIRTUS® article “Online Child Sexual Exploitation” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



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

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**Tuesdays at 9:30am**

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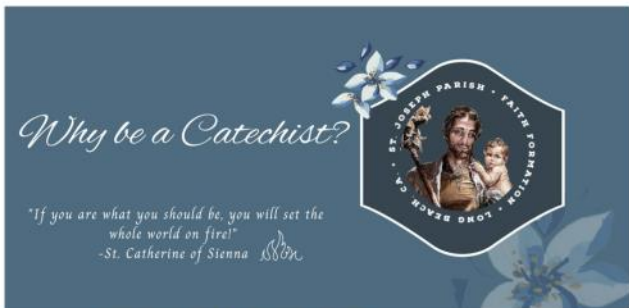
The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on **Monday, September 11th** in the hall. The activities will begin at 11:00 am and will include Bingo, many kinds of card games, Mexican train, and lots of socializing. Bring your brown bag lunch, and coffee, tea, water, snacks and dessert will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

### St. Anthony High School Class of 2028 Applications Open



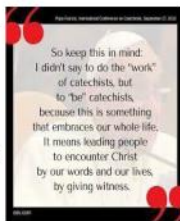
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**Catechists Needed....Why You?**

- 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

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

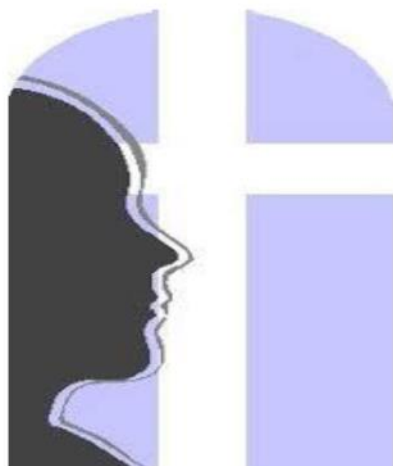
Every parish and religious ministries are invited to attend the Mass. Speak with your pastor for more information on how to have your parish represented in the pre-procession.

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

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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
- Baptized Catholic but has not received first Holy Communion and confirmation.

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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