

St. Joseph Parish



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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

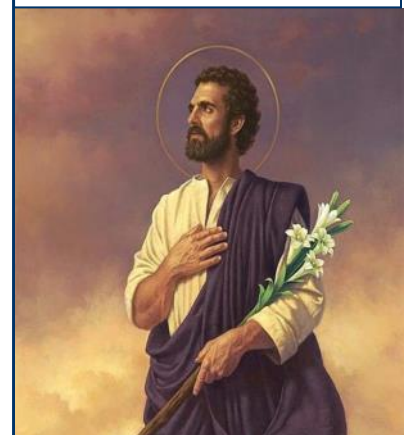
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday:

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday:

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday:

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:

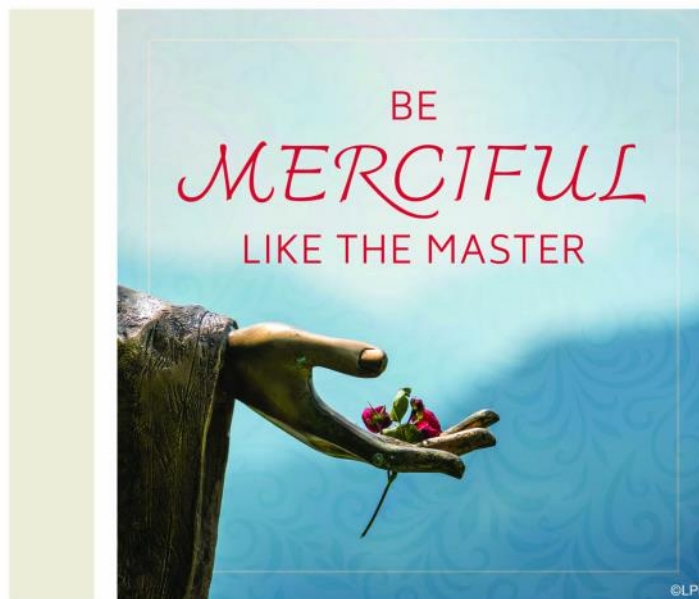
1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday:

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— *Father John Muir*



Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

The final donation has been recorded and this past week we were able to send a check to the Propagation of the Faith for \$20,944. This is our largest mission co-op appeal collection in years, and I know that your generosity and support of the mission of Fr. Simon Tabuu is deeply appreciated. Based on Fr. Simon's appeal back in mid-August, we will be able to help build a water well, and support two or three seminarians with tuition this year. Thank you, missionaries of St. Joseph!

Your parish finance council has updated the part-time Bookkeeper position for Saint Joseph and the announcement is posted below. You can also go to our website to see the full job/ministry description. We will begin to advertise here in our parish, and in the San Pedro Region, as there may be one among us who has the gifts and wants to serve. Please pray that the Lord will send us the best candidate to support our financial stewardship.

This weekend during the homily, I will review the procedures for receiving Holy Communion, including the ritual of drinking from the Chalice of the Lord's Blood, that we will commence next weekend. Parents, please have a conversation with your children who receive Holy Communion, and you are responsible for making this decision about them receiving from the Chalice.

This weekend is National Catechetical Sunday. At the 8:30 AM Mass on the grass, all our catechists in Religious Education and our teachers in the school will receive a special Blessing as they commence the new year of instructing and forming our youth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please pray for our teachers and catechists!

Next weekend is our first retreat weekend called "Welcome - Christ Renews His Parish." God Bless the 25 women of our parish who will gather and be renewed in Christ. Let's pray for them and the team!!

Have a Blessed Week,
Msgr. Kevin



WE ARE HIRING

BOOKKEEPER POSITION ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH (SALARY RANGE: \$23- \$30 PER HOUR BASED ON EXPERIENCE)

Join Our Team as Paid Part-Time Bookkeeper (10-12 hours/week) at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Long Beach, CA

Are you a meticulous and dedicated individual with a passion for financial stewardship? St. Joseph Catholic Church is seeking a skilled Part-Time Bookkeeper to join our welcoming community at St. Joseph, where faith, service, and community come together. If you're ready to make a difference in a faith-based environment, read on!

As an employee and Part-Time Bookkeeper at St. Joseph, your responsibilities include monthly bank reconciliations, vendor invoice processing, payroll, receivables collection, monthly financial statements, annual budget preparation, attending Parish Finance Council meetings, serving as the financial liaison to the Archdiocese, employee benefits, and adhering to Archdiocesan policies.

A working knowledge of QuickBooks and previous accounting/bookkeeping experience is essential.

If you're ready to contribute your talents and financial expertise to a vibrant and caring community for 10-12 hours per week, please visit <https://stjosephlb.org/> for the job/ministry description and submit a cover letter with your resume to stjoseph@stjosephlb.org, by Monday October 9th.

Thank you for your interest in helping us in our mission, and in maintaining our parish's financial well-being



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 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.

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

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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

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

Steve Majick

Services September 22nd at St Joseph
Viewing & Rosary: 9:30 - 10:30am
Funeral Mass: 10:30am

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 all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

~Amen~



Safeguard The Children



Why Children Don't Tell

Why do children not disclose abuse?

Child abuse victims are often scared and anxious to tell a trusted adult about the abuse they have suffered. These fears prevent a majority of victims from telling their parents, teachers, or other trusted adults about abuse, which, sadly, perpetuates the cycle. Victims may be afraid that they will get in trouble, or will not be believed, or will be ashamed or criticized. For information on how to overcome or counteract these fears, read the VIRTUS® article “Barriers Minors Face to Disclosing Child Sexual Abuse” 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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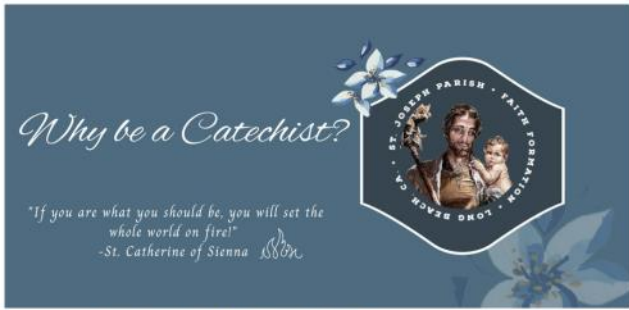
The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on **Monday, September 25th** in the hall. The activities will begin at 11:00 am and will include Bingo, many kinds of card games, Mexican train, and lots of socializing. Bring your brown bag lunch, and coffee, tea, water, snacks and dessert will 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



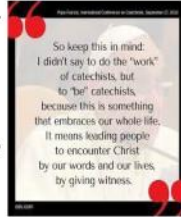
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Catechists Needed....Why You?

- 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

We have openings in 1st and 2nd year Confirmation



Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, December 6th at 7pm. We will discuss: **American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins**

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

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

Sessions have just begun, but it is not too late to join.

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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