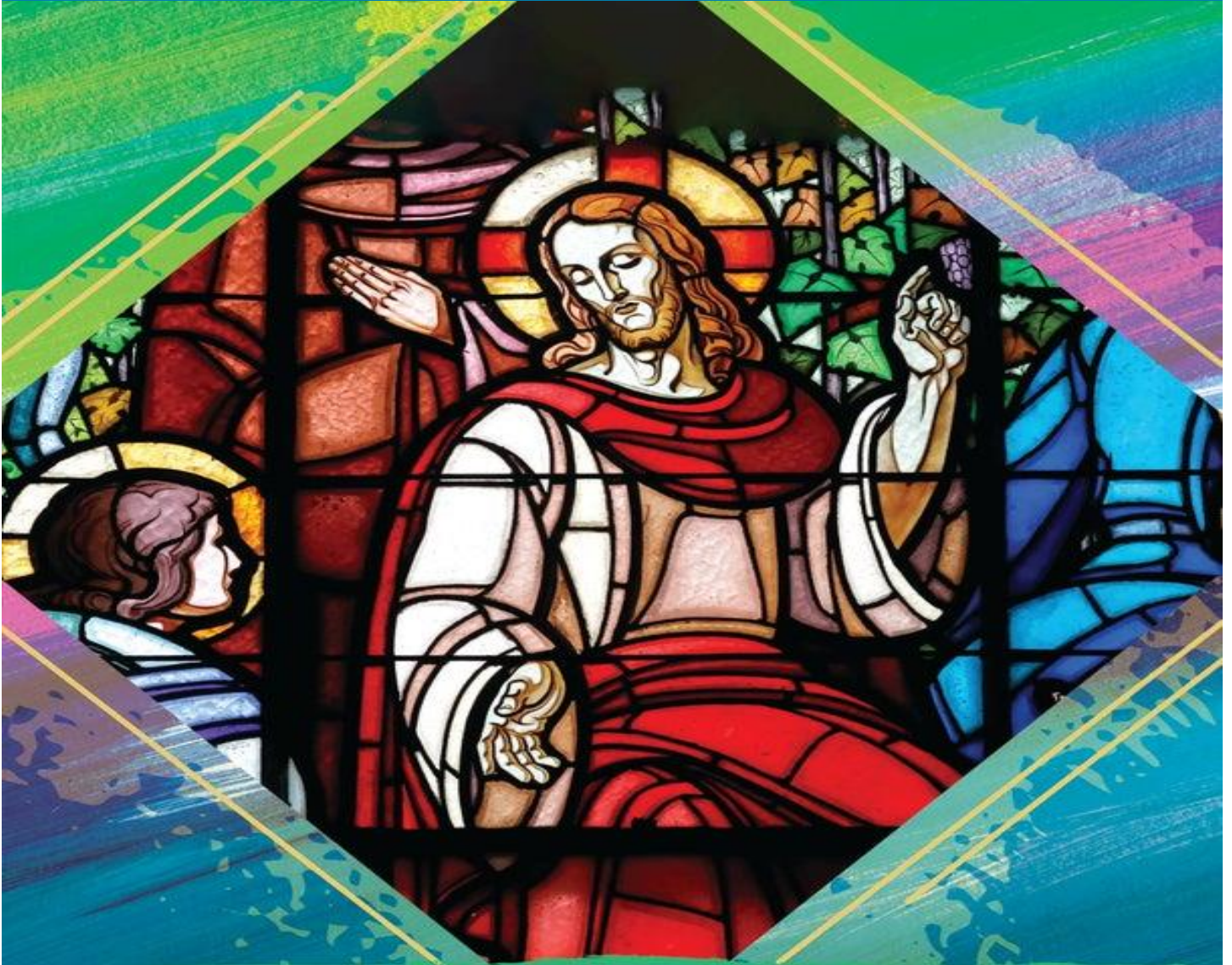


St. Joseph Parish



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

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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

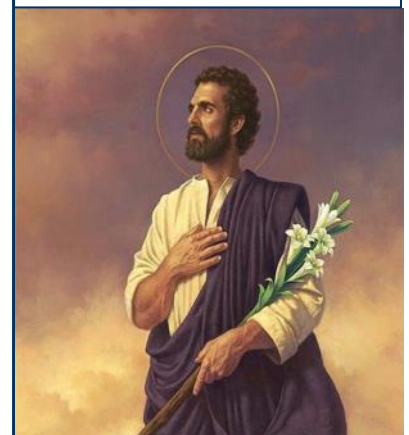
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. (Is 55:8)

Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or
by death.

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. (Phil 1:20-21)

Gospel:

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?” (Mt 20:14-15)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Let us never make the grave mistake of assuming we earn our salvation in the same way we earn a wage. It is a gift lavished upon us by a God who does not count the hours of our labor or measure the amount of our output.

Observances for the week of September 24, 2023

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday
- Tuesday:** Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz
and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels
- Saturday:** St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of
the Church
- Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday



Saint of the week

In Tlaxcala, Mexico, in the early 1500s, three indigenous boys embraced Catholicism after encountering Spanish Franciscan friars. Their names were Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan. Each was martyred for their faith, making them the first Catholic martyrs on the continent.

Prayer

Holy Trinity, I deeply venerate your generosity and infinite majesty, for the firmness that you granted to the children Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan, who, at the beginning of the evangelization of Mexico, and despite their young ages, were filled with immense love for carrying the word of your kingdom without stopping to think about the fear of suffering.

With their verve and their martyrdom, we inherited an example of an unbreakable and sincere faith. For the preference you had for these children, confer the special grace that, through their intercession, I ask of you (make your request).

Amen.

©LPi SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time. In this weekend's Gospel, we hear the well-known parable about the landowner who sends workers into his vineyard. At the end of the day, he pays everyone the same equal pay. The cry of those who worked all day, the cry of many in our culture and society, **"THAT'S NOT FAIR"!!** Come this Sunday and meet our God of generosity and abundance!!

This is a historic weekend for our parish community as we commence our First **"Welcome - Christ Renews his Parish"** weekend. 25 women from our parish will be making the weekend here on campus. May all of us persevere in our prayer, sacrifice, and maybe even fasting for them this weekend, so that they may truly discover Jesus Christ in their spiritual journeys. Thanks to the amazing team of women who have formed a small faith community during these months of preparation and prayer. You can read all about the weekend and watch a video on our website.

Next weekend is our **Feed a Baby Food Drive**. Please bring any non-perishable baby food and products which will be distributed to Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

Saint Joseph's is hiring! We are searching for a new bookkeeper to serve as a financial steward for our parish. See the invitation below and the job/ministry description can be found on our website! Please pray that the Lord will send us the best to serve!!

Please see the letter below from Fr. Simon Tabuu who expresses his gratitude for all the generosity given to his mission appeal!

Blessings as we start the Season of Fall,
Msgr. Kevin



Letter From Fr. Simon Taabu

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I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your friendly welcome and outstanding contribution during my visit at St. Joseph Parish on the weekend of August 12th and 13th! I was warmly welcome by your pastor Msgr Kevin Kostelnik and the whole Christian Community of your Parish. Your attention during my homily gave me energy to talk with passion about our different ministries in our home Diocese. Although it was my first time to visit your Church I felt like I have been with you for a long time. Really the Catholic Church is one and Universal.

I can assure you your generous contribution will be a catalyst to our programs and projects in the Diocese and will benefit many people in the Diocese. You have helped our Diocese in the big challenge of paying for an increasing number of Seminarians and acute water problem of our people and other ongoing projects.

May the Good Lord reward you abundantly for all you do for your needy brothers and sisters in the Mission Countries!

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Simon Taabu



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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!

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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

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.” Mt 18:5

Next Weekend! Feed-a-Baby Food

Drive: We will collect non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

Sept 27 6:30 PM - Committee Meeting: As we begin our 38th year of channeling the generosity of St. Joseph Parish to the marginalized of Long Beach, please join us in the Parish Life Center to help guide our upcoming activities.

Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: DRIVERS NEEDED. As a parish community, we will support 65 families for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Can you help us deliver? So meaningful to kids! Please contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or jmsalinaz@yahoo.com.

Please call Tim Clark to learn about many opportunities to serve (562) 431-4385 and be attentive to Skip-a-Meal donations during the holiday season!



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 all of the women attending this weekend's retreat. May they each experience renewal through Christ and feel a stronger connection with one another and with St. Joseph's Parish.

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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

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 it is important not to dismiss a child's everyday emotions?

A key part of creating a safe environment is being a trusted adult to the children in your care. Children who have been abused are more likely to confide in a trusted adult whom they know will listen to and believe them. For this reason, it is important to affirm a child's everyday emotions, including anger or fear. Far too often, adults tell children "you're fine," or "get over it," in response to what a child perceives as a true emotional problem, but an adult may see as an inconvenience or insignificant event. Affirming a child's feelings while still helping them work through their issue productively will help create a bond of trust. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Overcoming the confusing paradox we teach children about emotions and safety" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



St. Joseph Grief Support



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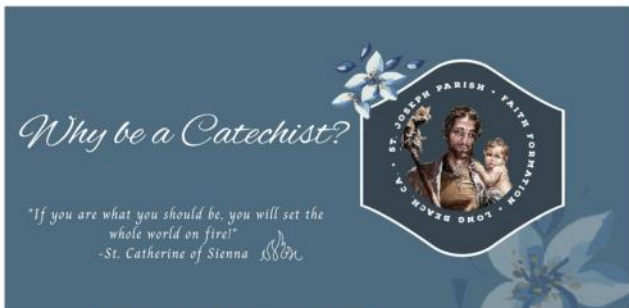
The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on **Monday, September 25th** in the hall. The activities will begin at 11:00 am and will include Bingo, many kinds of card games, Mexican train, and lots of socializing. Bring your brown bag lunch, and coffee, tea, water, snacks and dessert will 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



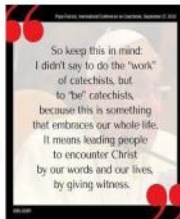
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- Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
- Children and teens in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
- You have so much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share your faith 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**

Intensely suspenseful and deeply humane, this novel makes migrants seeking to cross the southern U.S. border indelibly individual."

—Kirkus Reviews

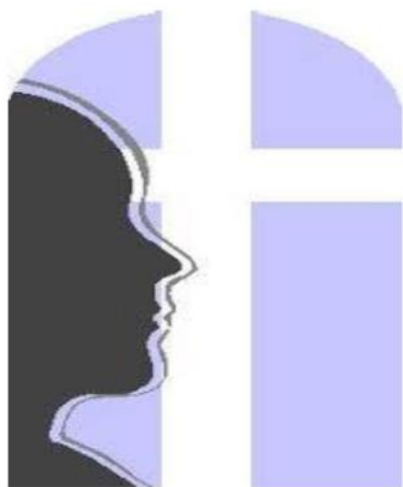
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- An opportunity to explore Catholic beliefs?
- Ways to form a closer relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Preparation for becoming a Catholic?

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- Unbaptized
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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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