

St. Joseph Parish



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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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

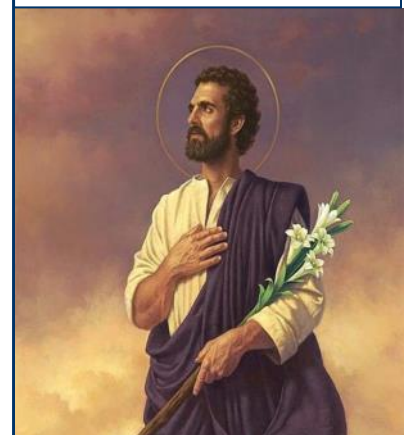
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 1, 2023

Sunday:

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday:

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and
22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday:

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday:

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday:

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
Lk 10:1-12

Friday:

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday:

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/
Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday:

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
(Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. "**Which did the will of his father?**" asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. *Everyone* is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't *them*. They are us. And Jesus wants all of *us* working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

— *Father John Muir*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time as we meet Jesus who tells another parable about following Him in discipleship and making a choice to do the will of God!

We have also dedicated this Sunday to the annual Movement for a Better World proclamation Sunday. We will have a brief presentation at all Masses summarizing the various ministries of MBW during this past year. You can scroll down in this bulletin to see the ministerial and financial reports. Copies will also be available on the tables outside the doors of the church and gate. We've tied this in with Feed a Baby Sunday and thank you for bringing items for the little ones in need.

From all accounts, our first "Welcome - Christ Renews his Parish Weekend for women was a great success! The ladies are on fire in their discipleship with Jesus Christ and thanks to the great team who lead them through the weekend experience. Our men's retreat is at the end of this month and you can find out more about this wonderful experience on our website.

As the Call to Renew Campaign winds down and most of us are writing our final check during these weeks, I just received our parish's August Call to Renew report:

Parish Goal: \$935,000.00
Total Pledged: \$2,876,462.81
Total Paid: \$2,667,085.03

A mountain of gratitude to all of you who participated, have completed your pledges, or will complete them during these final weeks. May God bless you in abundance for your generosity!

I will be away the next two weekends. Next weekend I will be attending the Annual Meeting of the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulcher. As a Knight, I am commissioned with my fellow Knights and Dames to protect the Shrines in the Holy Land, and to support the dwindling population of Christians living in the Holy Land. Next week during our meeting in Palm Desert, we'll strategize about our mission to support the Latin Patriarch and all the ministries in the Holy Land. The following weekend I'm going home to the University of Notre Dame! A wonderful opportunity to see some of my brother priest friends and attend the game between USC and ND! I will light a candle in the grotto for you! GO IRISH!!

Blessings on your week,
Msgr. Kevin



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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



“Charity is the form, mover, mother and root of all the virtues.” -St. Thomas Aquinas

This Weekend! Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: We are collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

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! Contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or jmsalinaz@yahoo.com.

Family Adoptions: Would you like to adopt a family to support Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Questions? Call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss cr.bauss@verizon.net.

Oct. 22-23: New Blanket Drive: Collecting new blankets for our Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution.

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!



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).

Deacon Tom will lead Eucharistic Adoration this **Friday October 6 at 8:00 am.**



PRAY FOR THE SYNOD

This week in Rome, Pope Francis will convene the worldwide Synod. Please pray for the Church, on the eve of a new phase in the synodal journey, that the presence of the gospel, alive, and at work in her, may make her like the Vineyard in the parable, a vital place, where all women and men who seek meaning in their life, find a place, a word and a breath of hope in the church.

~ Amen ~

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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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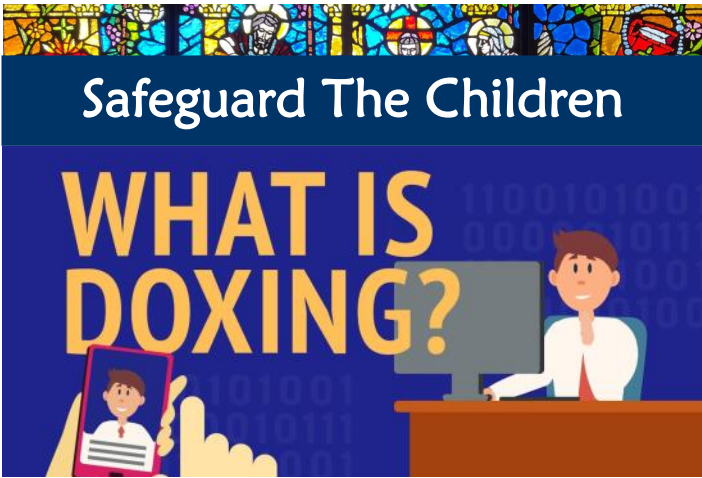
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&
OCTOBER 4, 2023

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MEET UP @ PLC PATIO
7PM - 8:30PM

For info contact: Youth Minister -
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St. Joseph Grief Support Seminars help and offer Encouragement after the death of a loved one.

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on-going classes for your support:
Tuesdays at 9:30am

Call May 562-833-6370
classes are held in the PLC building.



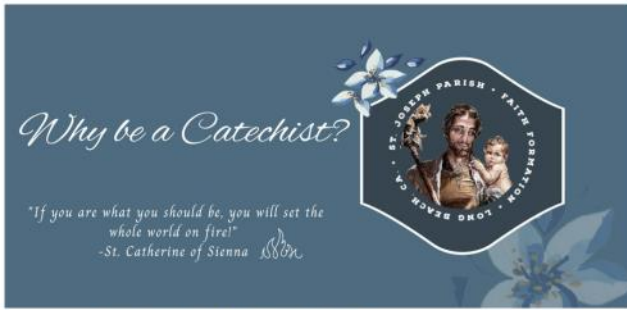
The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on **Monday, October 9th** in the hall. The activities will begin at 11:00 am and will include Bingo, many kinds of card games, Mexican train, and lots of socializing. Bring your brown bag lunch, and coffee, tea, water, snacks and dessert will be 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



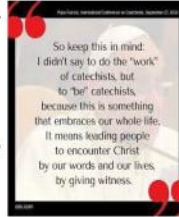
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Catechists Needed....Why You?

- 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.

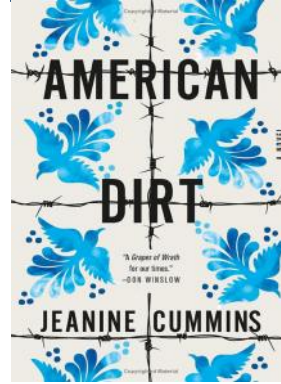
WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOLUNTEER IN THIS ROLE?

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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—Kirkus Reviews

"Both a moral compass and a riveting read. I couldn't put it down. I'll never stop thinking about it."

—Ann Patchett, #1 New York Times bestselling author

All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



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?

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.

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.

For more information and to register for our programs, please scan the code to the right with your cell phone camera).





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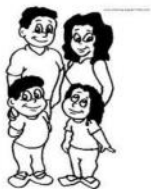
"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, . . . naked and you clothed me." Mt 25:35



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- ❖ **Holiday Gift Drives** ✓ 65 local families in need
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- ❖ **Holiday Food and Gift Distribution** ✓ 65 local families in need
Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter
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Contact Jill Salinaz, (562) 822-7367 or jmsalinaz@yahoo.com.
- ❖ **Holiday Family Adoption** ✓ A local family in need
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- ❖ **Feed-a-Baby Food Drives (3)** ✓ Catholic Charities ✓ New Life Beginnings
Opportunities: drive coordinator, volunteer coordinator, baby food donations, distribute to charity organizations, purchase food from cash donations.
- ❖ **Food from the Heart Family Food Drive** ✓ Catholic Charities of LB
Opportunities: drive coordinator, volunteer coordinator, family food donations, distribute to charity organizations, purchase food from cash donations.
- ❖ **Homeless Kit Drives (2)** ✓ 120 homeless, 4 times/year
Opportunities: assemble kit information packets, donate supplies.
- ❖ **City of Long Beach Community Outreach** ✓ Multi Service Center
Opportunities: meal service for homeless, *Welcome Home* new housing provisions
- ❖ **Community Clean-up** ✓ Our common home
Opportunities: clean-up coordinator, clean-up crew



Blue Skip-a-Meal Envelope donations support our ministry!

Please call: Tim Clark (562) 431-4385





St. Joseph Movement for a Better World
Program Year Financial Summary
 July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Available Funds – July 1, 2022		\$6,329	
<u>Donations</u>			<u>For</u>
Skip-a-Meal Envelopes	\$28,958		- Movement for a Better World - Special Needs & emergency
Feed-a-Baby (2 drives)	\$3,421		- Catholic Charities, Long Beach - New Life Beginnings
Food From the Heart	\$795		- Catholic Charities, Long Beach
Homeless Support	\$1,310		- Catholic Charities, Long Beach - Multi-Services Center
Other Donations, Christmas	\$3,235		- 105 local families
Directed to Concern America	\$1,000		- Concern America
Other Donations			
Blanket Drive	\$356		- Movement for a Better World
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$1,000		
Total Donations	\$40,075		
<u>Expenses</u>			
<u>On-going Activities</u>			
Wednesday Lunches		-\$11,066	- Catholic Charities, Long Beach
<u>Special Programs</u>			
<u>Holiday Food Distribution</u>			
Thanksgiving		-\$7,089	- 105 local families
Christmas		-\$5,760	- 105 local families
Easter		-\$6,400	- 105 local families
<u>Organization Support and Grants</u>		-\$3,284	- Catholic Charities
		-\$1,102	- St. Joseph Homeless Ministry
		-\$1,000	- Concern America
		-\$615	- New Life Beginnings
<u>Sp'l Needs & Emergency Aid</u>		-\$3,613	- 8 local families - Christmas gift cards for 65 families
<u>Operating Expenses</u>		-\$130	Movement for a Better World (0.3%)
Total Expenses		-\$40,058	
Available Funds – June 30, 2023		\$6,346	



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