

St. Joseph Parish



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12

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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.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time. This weekend and for the next four Sundays, my homily will focus on **How to Pray the Mass**. During this year of the Eucharistic Revival, we could all use a spiritual tune up so that we might fully and actively participate in the Sunday Eucharist.

Many of us are paying off our final Called to Renew Pledges. Here are the latest numbers for our parish from the CTR Office:

Parish Goal - \$935,000.00
Total pledged: \$2,876,517.81.
Total paid: \$2,692,962.36.

On behalf of your parish community, thank you very much for your faithfulness to completing your pledges.

Next Saturday morning, November 18, we'll be distributing the Thanksgiving boxes of food and gifts to over 100 families that are in need in the greater Long Beach area. Whether you donated a blanket, wrote a check or you'll be driving to distribute to a family – thanks for your good care!

Just a reminder as you plan for Thanksgiving Day – join your parish family in giving thanks as we celebrate the Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day at 9AM. Bring to Mass the bread and wine that will grace your table for a special blessing! Please don't bring the turkey!!

We look forward to Dr. Bill Creasy inspiring us this Advent. A typo in last week's flyer had the wrong days – please note that Dr. Bill will be here on Tuesday evening, December 5 and Wednesday morning December 6. Scroll down for further info.

Have a Blessed Week,
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
(1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel:

"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

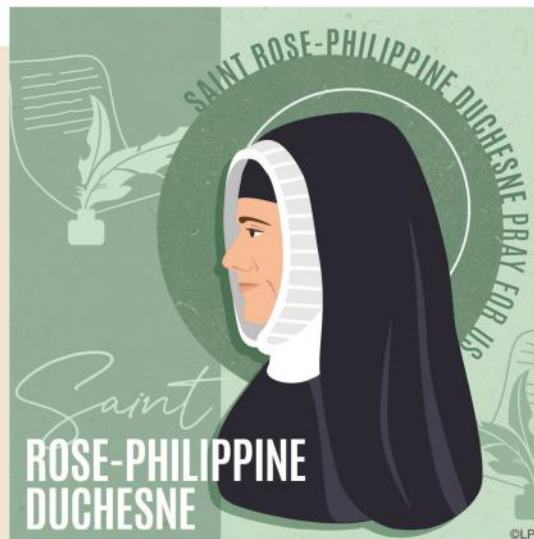
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through. If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out.

Observances for the week of November 12, 2023

- Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne was a French Roman Catholic religious sister and missionary who served France during the French Revolution before immigrating to the USA. She established the First Sacred Heart convent in North America and dedicated her life in service to the poor.

Prayer

Lord, You alone are the Center in which I find rest. Give me Your arm to support me, Your shoulders to carry me, Your breast to lean upon, Your Cross to uphold me, Your Body to nourish me. In You, Lord, I sleep and rest in peace.

Amen.

-Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday:

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday:

Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday:

Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday:

Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday:

Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,
175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday:

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday:

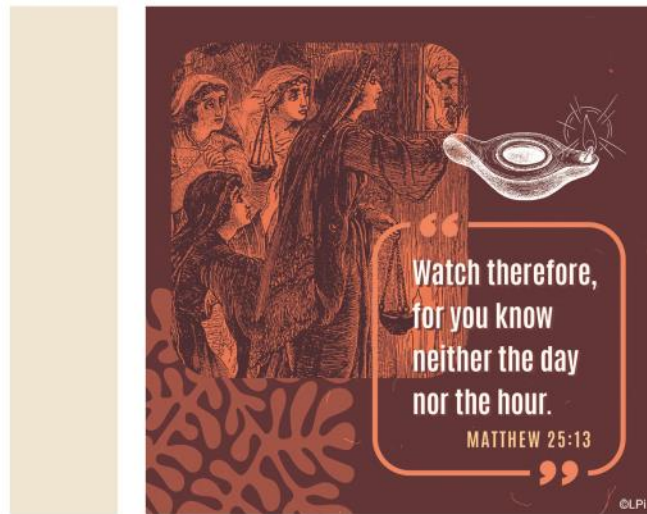
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3,
4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or
25:14-15, 19-21



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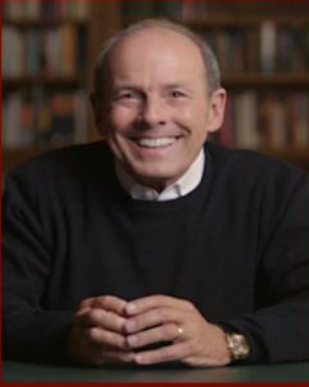


Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world. The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look *exactly* the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: **"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."** Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark. — *Father John Muir*



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Dr. Creasy has an incredible gift of storytelling uniquely bringing the Bible to life. Give yourself a gift this Christmas season...join us this Advent as we join the over 250,000 people who have thus far participated in Logos Bible Study events and courses.

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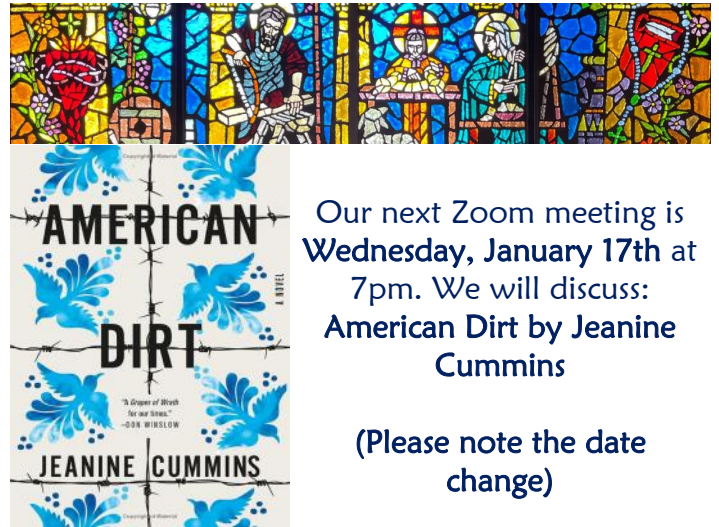
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Movement for a Better World

Thanksgiving FOOD BASKETS

“If you want peace, work for justice.”
-Pope Paul VI



Our next Zoom meeting is
Wednesday, January 17th at
7pm. We will discuss:
American Dirt by Jeanine
Cummins

(Please note the date
change)

Blanket Drive: Thank you for the outstanding support of last weekend’s blanket drive! 175 blankets were collected, as well as additional commitments. \$376 in cash donations will be used to purchase additional blankets in support of our over 100 families for Thanksgiving.

Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: DRIVERS NEEDED. As a parish community, we will support 68 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.

Family Adoptions: 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.

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In Memoriam

Paula Pettit

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph: November 13th at
10:00 am

Leona Branch

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph: November 15th at
10:00 am

JoAnn Koester

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph: November 16th at
10:30 am

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



WHEN IN DOUBT ALWAYS REPORT. KEEP CHILDREN SAFE.

REPORT ABUSE OR NEGLECT

What happens if an adult fails to report abuse?

A child's disclosure of abuse must always be taken seriously and handled properly by mandated reporters, teachers, and all trusted adults. The duty to report abuse is the ethically responsible action to take. Failure to report could result in repeated offenses, more severe abuse, and other victims being exposed to a predator. For more information on the importance of reporting abuse, read the VIRTUS® article "The Consequences of Failing to Report Child Maltreatment: The Impact of All of Us" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Seniors Group



The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on **Monday, November 13th** 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.

We are planning our **Christmas meeting** for **Monday, December 11th**, and will be taking paid reservations for lunch (\$10). The Alpha K and K classes will entertain us at the December meeting. We always look forward to that.

We are also collecting hand knit blankets for babies and other baby and small children items of new clothing or toys. These will be distributed to the Movement for a Better World families that the Parish supports during the Holidays. Thank you for your generosity!



St. Joseph Grief Support



Offering support and care this holiday season.

We are offering two sessions to help you deal with grief. Both sessions are the same.

Grief support in person session plus video.
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