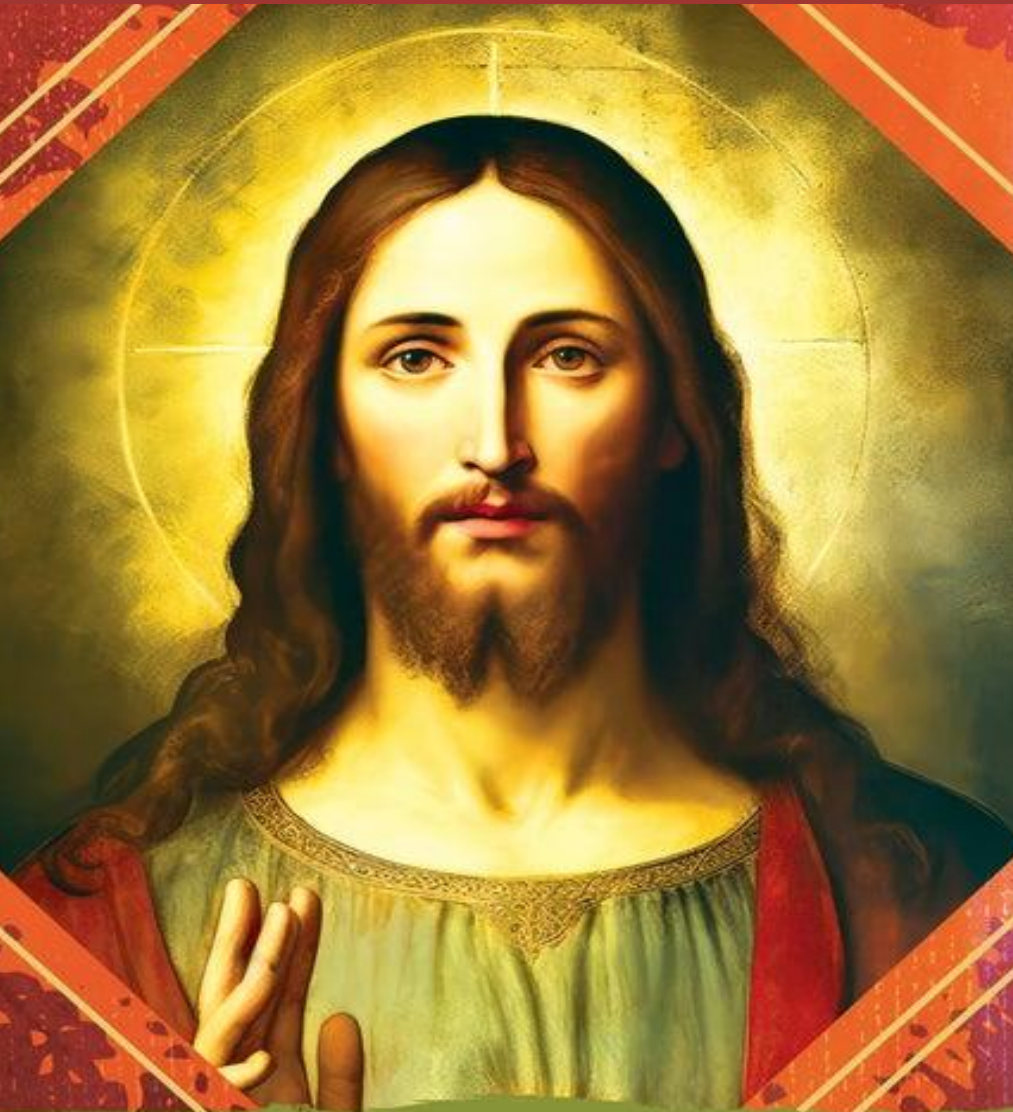


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John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-36

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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.



**ST. JOSEPH PARISH
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION
JOB/MINISTRY DESCRIPTION**

WAGE TYPE: \$26-\$32 hourly or \$50,000 - \$66,000 annually

SUPERVISION: Part Time Paid Staff (Faith Formation Assistant)

Full Time Confirmation Co-ordinator/Youth Minister

Over 40 Volunteers In Faith Formation

Position Objective:

The Director of Faith Formation will provide personal leadership, training, support and oversight with regards to events, programs, catechists, retreats and spiritual growth of early childhood through adults.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Children Faith Formation (Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Early Childhood and Elementary Faith Formation

- Encourage youth to participate in the daily workings of the church.
- Develop a systematic and intentional plan for adolescent catechesis that utilizes a creative variety of formats, settings, and timeframes.
- Provide resources (print, video, audio) for effective programming,
- Supervise the catechetical classes by:
 - Providing sufficient training sessions for catechists and prospective catechists to become certified according to Archdiocesan guidelines.
 - Organize and plan catechist retreats.
 - Supervising the selection of textbooks, visual aids and scheduling of classes to implement the curriculum.
 - Providing parents with opportunities to become familiar with and participate in the aims and methods of the curriculum. Engage parents in catechetical/spiritual formation.
 - Organize, plan and lead family retreats, family nights, etc.
 - Organize Vacation Bible Camp in the future.

High School Formation (Confirmation) – In collaboration with Confirmation Director:

- Oversee the development of a core support group of youth, catechists, chaperons and other volunteers.
- Oversee and review the overall high school confirmation program.
- Provide administrative support (registration, handbooks, website updates and certificates).
- Acknowledge youth as part of the total church family and therefore, take opportunities to create the youth program within the present structures of the parish and encourage youth to develop leadership abilities.

Adult Faith Formation

- Support adult bible study sessions.
- Develop, organize and plan adult formation speaker series.
- Promote adult formation events and series sponsored by the Archdiocese and other local parishes.

Overall Duties and Responsibilities

Oversee financial records and prepare annual budget for all faith formation endeavors with assistance of Faith Formation Assistant.

- Manage and offer ongoing support for Faith Formation staff and volunteers.
- Provide information and training on Safeguard the Children for all catechetical volunteers and provide record information to the proper authority.
- Member of the Parish Safeguard the Children committee.
- Facilitates the Safeguard the Children Awareness Sessions, Teaching Touching Safety Sessions, and Keeping the Promise Alive Sessions.
- Oversee and maintain Safeguard the Children training records.
- Coordinate sacrament prep programs (First Reconciliation and Holy Communion) with the school.
- Oversee any inquiries about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children
- Oversee and coordinate the management of Faith Formation Database (PDS).
- Communicate and Coordinate events and activities with the church staff.
- Provide bulletin announcements, website, and social media updates.
- Aid the sacramental preparation programs according to Archdiocesan and Parish Policy.
- Ecumenical endeavors in the Archdiocese, parish and deanery.
- Parent/Guardian information updates.
- Assist in planning Religious Education Congress for parish participants.
- Answer the telephone and respond to catechetical inquiries.
- Attend Pastoral Team meeting once a month.
- Collect and maintain all sacramental records.
- Collect and maintain all registration fees.
- Digital knowledge in Publisher, MS Outlook, Word, Excel.
- Order supplies, maintain inventory and keep RE spaces clean and in good order.
- Provide any assistance or help as needed to the St. Joseph Staff and Parish Life Center.

If you are gifted with strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work well with children and adults in fostering lifelong spiritual growth in the Catholic faith, we hope to hear from you!!

Please email cover letter and resume to Brenda Pineda at brenda@stjosephlb.org or mail to St. Joseph Church, 6180 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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Saint of the week

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,
Here I am! Help me to know the path You would have me walk, to speak the words You would have me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path. Amen.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

Observances for the week of January 14, 2024

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Martin Luther King Day
- Wednesday:** St. Anthony, Abbot
- Thursday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Saturday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10
(8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,
10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

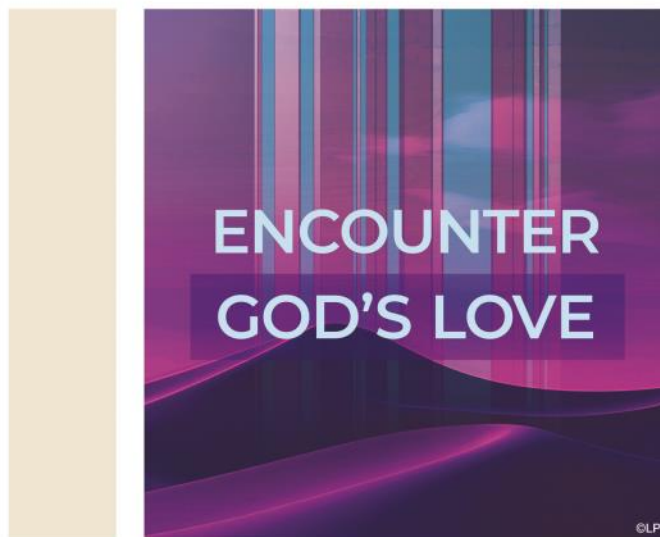
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, **"...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon."** Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

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Movement for a Better World



"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." - African Proverb

This Weekend: Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to people experiencing homelessness. Shopping lists are available at the back of the church.

Feb. 3-4: Book Drive: Collecting new and gently used reading books for the children of our supported families for Easter.

Mar. 24: Easter Food and Book Distribution: *Drivers wanted!* As a parish community, we will support 69 families for Easter. Would you like to adopt a family to support for Easter? Please call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss cr.bauss@verizon.net.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest. For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark, 562-431-4385



In Memoriam

Thomas Vincent

Rosary followed by Funeral Mass at St. Joseph:
January 17th at 10:00 am

Alex Hauser

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph:
January 20th at 10:00 am

Carolyn Maney

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph:
January 26th at 10:00 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~



A Special Opportunity for our Parish Men and Women

Do you sense that something's missing in your life? Do you feel that if you weren't so 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's 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 people 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.

Women's Weekend – March 9-10, 2024, is currently full but register and you will be placed on the waitlist.

Men's Weekend – April 13-14, 2024 Registration is open.

To learn more and to sign up, visit: stjosephlb.org/welcome-christ-renews/.



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Book Club



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