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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.



January 21, 2024



Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time! This past week I read a quote by Matthew Kelly from his book, *Resisting Happiness* in which he said, "The most important things are almost never urgent!" Ordinary time is the reminder for us to slow down find God in the small ordinary moments of every day!

Back in 2019, Pope Francis decreed that this Third Sunday should be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. The *Lectionary for Mass* reminds us that "In the hearing of God's Word, the church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God's wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn, makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the liturgy in order that His Word may speed on and be glorified, and that His name be exalted among the nations." Happy Word of God Sunday!

Just a reminder to please mark your calendars and join us for three nights in our Lenten Mission on Monday, February 19, Tuesday, February 20 and Wednesday, February 21 in the Church from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Father Michael Driscoll from the University of Notre Dame will offer three conferences examining the liturgical dimension of the Eucharist, the doctrinal dimensions of the Eucharist, and how the Eucharistic celebrations must translate into our lived experience, most notably, social justice. We will commence each evening by offering the Evening Prayer of the church from the Liturgy of the Hours. See you all three nights for an inspiring retreat to strengthen us in this year of the Eucharistic Revival. We will publish the flyer with all the information this coming week.

The annual Archdiocesan Together in Mission campaign is four weeks away. Most of us will receive the pledge envelope in the mail during the next couple of weeks. Please save and bring it to church and we'll fill out our pledges together on Sunday, February 11, *Together in Mission Commitment Weekend*.

Blessings as journey through Ordinary Time, Msgr. Kevin

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.
 - o 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.
 - o Organize, plan and lead family retreats, family nights, etc.
 - o 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 <u>brenda@stjosephlb.org</u> or mail to St. Joseph Church, 6180 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

Gospel:

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

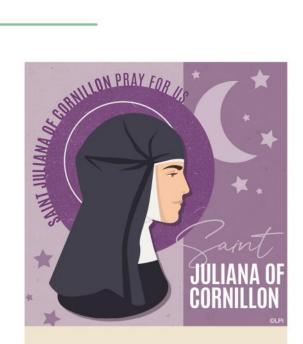
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

Observances for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children **Tuesday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Friday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Saint of the week

St. Juliana of Cornillon, also known as St. Juliana of Liège, is remembered for her steadfast devotion to the Eucharist and her instrumental role in establishing the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Prayer of Discipleship

Dear Jesus,

When you call to me, help me to listen. Give me the courage to respond bravely and boldly to your invitation for my life. Amen.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/ Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday:

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/ Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: **"Repent!"** We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words...*" Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truthtelling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

- Father John Muir

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We are looking for additional families that would like to be altar servers at all Masses! Catholic Liturgy is meant to be the Work of the People. Families who attend Mass together are encouraged to serve together in this ministry of service. All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families who apply will receive appropriate training in the ministry and will meet with Monsignor Kevin prior to serving. Then they will be added to an Altar Server schedule. We hope that you will join in this special ministry!

Please email the Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, Monica Wissuchek, at

<u>stjfamilyaltarservers@gmail.com</u> to register for the next training in early February. Monica will work with each family to help meet their individual needs, and to train and schedule them for liturgies throughout the year.



<u>Director of</u>

<u>Religious</u>

<u>Education</u>

SALARY RANGE: \$26-\$32 PER HOUR BASED ON EXPERIENCE

Submit your Resume & Brief Personal Introduction to:

brenda@stjosephlb.org

For Full Job Description: stjoseph@stjosephlb.org



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/.



-ST. DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI



OPEN | 7:00 AM - 2:30 PM AT ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER

For more information contact: Youth Minister Liz Moreno (562)598-0519 Ext 230

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY



Sunday, January 28th



9:30am - 12pm

campus tours, open classrooms, art fair, and book fair new student applications available 6200 e. willow street, long beach, ca 90815



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FIRST FAIR MEETING ON MONDAY JANUARY 22 AT 6:30PM IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER



Did You Know?

Guidelines for online interaction with young people

Appropriate behavior online is critical to maintaining boundaries and being a trusted adult to the young people in your care. Do not use your personal social media account to "friend" or "follow" the children you work with. Do not email from a personal email address. If you do interact with young people online, do not comment on their social media accounts or use them to obtain more information or start conversations. If your organization does not have rules about social media use for employees, work with management to put some in place. For more, read the VIRTUS® article "Social Media Rules to Follow with Children" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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

Homeless Kit Drive: <u>thanks</u> to everyone that contributed to a VERY successful Homeless Kit Drive Jan. 13-14! Combined with an outstanding drive by the School, we collected kits and extra supplies to assemble over 325! Supplies for 45 additional kits will be purchased from \$575 in cash donations. They will be distributed to homeless encampments by the St. Joseph Homeless Ministry and by Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

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

Mar. 23: Easter Food and Book Distribution: As a parish community, we will support 69 families. Easter is our *most* challenging holiday to enlist drivers! Contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or jmsalinaz@yahoo.com. So meaningful to kids!

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



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~

Seniors Group



The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on Monday, January 22, 2024, 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 cookies will be provided. We look forward to seeing all our members and any new friends who would like to join us. We will be collecting dues for 2024 at this meeting. The dues are \$15 for the year. See you on the 22nd!

St. Joseph Grief Support



St. Joseph Grief Support Seminars help and offer Encouragement after the death of a loved one.

WE KNOW IT HURTS, HEALING STARTS HERE

on-going classes for your support: Tuesdays at 9:30am Call May 562-833-6370 classes are held in the PLC building.

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