

St. Joseph Parish



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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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 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the last Sunday before we commence the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is this week and scroll down to see our Schedule of Masses and Services.

This is also our Archdiocesan Together in Mission weekend. As a united Catholic community of faith, we come together in prayer and reflection, exploring ways to support our struggling parishes and schools in our local church. Your pledge/gift today will help 62 parishes and 71 schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The cumulative together in Mission 2024 goal is \$16.9 million encompassing the annual appeals impact across all five vibrant regions of the Archdiocese. All 290 parishes participate in this campaign, including parishes that are recipients of Together in Mission funds.

Our parish goal is \$75,333. You can track the progress of our parish's goal and celebrate our outstanding contribution throughout the year on the Together in Mission leaderboard, accessible at togetherinmission.org. This year's theme is *Be Imitators of Christ*. Prayerfully consider your gift and let's imitate Christ by helping our struggling parishes and schools as we gather as one Catholic family. Bring your envelope to this weekend's Mass and we will also have envelopes provided for you. Thank you for your generous consideration in helping us to meet our parish goal.

See you on Ash Wednesday and please make plans to attend our Parish Lenten Mission during the evenings of Feb. 19, 20, 21. Scroll down for info. Thanks for reading our bulletin!!

Happy Lent!!
Msgr. Kevin

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Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

8:00 AM – Holy Mass with distribution of Ashes indoors.

12:00 PM – Holy Mass with distribution of Ashes indoors.

5:00 PM – Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes outside in the Courtyard.
Please bring your own lawn chair.

6:15 PM – 7:15 PM – Drive-thru in the parking lot – Distribution of Ashes. Please see the map below for driving instructions in the parking lot.

Let's make it a GREAT LENT at St. Joseph's!!
Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin



THE EUCHARIST AS THE EMBODIMENT OF LOVE

Strengthen Your Faith with Us

Join us for our Lenten Mission, a series of 3 conferences on the enduring power of the Eucharist to unite us in love and sacrifice.



Feb. 19th (Mon)

Feb. 20th (Tue)

Feb. 21st (Wed)

7:00–8:30 pm

In The Church

All Are Welcome!

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The Eucharist is a mystery to be a celebrated, believed and lived. The retreat will make the connection between cult, creed, and code, to the extent that how we pray shapes what we believe and how we act as Christians living in the world. Particular attention is given to the liturgical celebration. Monday – The Eucharist as a Mystery to be celebrated (liturgical dimension). Tuesday – The Eucharist as a Mystery to be believed (theological dimension). Wednesday – The Eucharist as a Mystery to be lived (ethical dimension).

Rev. Michael S. Driscoll is a priest of the Diocese of Helena in Montana and since 2017 professor emeritus in theology at the University of Notre Dame where he has taught sacramental theology and liturgy since 1994. He is the founding director of the graduate program in Sacred Music (MSM) and the Interdisciplinary Minor in Liturgical Music Ministry at Notre Dame. He is an active member of several professional groups having served in the leadership of each: North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL), the *Societas Liturgica*, and the Catholic Academy of Liturgy (CAL). He has published two books, many book chapters, and numerous articles in journals such as *Worship*, *Ecclesia Orans* and *Traditio*.

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."
(Lv 13:8)

Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

Gospel:

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.
(Mk 1:41-42)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal.

Observances for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day

Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Blessed Imelda Lambertini was only 11 when she passed away. Despite this, her profound devotion to the Lord and the miraculous events surrounding her life have inspired generations to embrace the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist with childlike faith.

Prayer for Healing

Dear Jesus,

If you wish it, you can heal these wounds from my past. If you wish it, you can make me well again. I believe that you do will it. Heal me, in your name. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/
1 Cor 10:31–11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday:

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20–6:2/Ps 51:3-4,
5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, **"If you will it, you can make me clean."** At this, just before the healing, Jesus was **"moved with compassion."** The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

— Father John Muir

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JOIN US FOR ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS

Adoration 6:30pm
Stations of the Cross 7pm

Lenten Guidelines and Practices

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year. Fasting allows for one full meal and two smaller meals not to equal one full meal. Abstinence from meat is obligatory for all who have completed their 14th year of age.

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat for all who have completed their 14th year. As always, anyone for whom fasting or abstinence would pose a health risk is excused. For example, pregnant women (breastfeeding mothers) or people receiving medical treatment are not obligated to fast. Nevertheless, people especially in this category are invited to practice another form of fasting besides food.

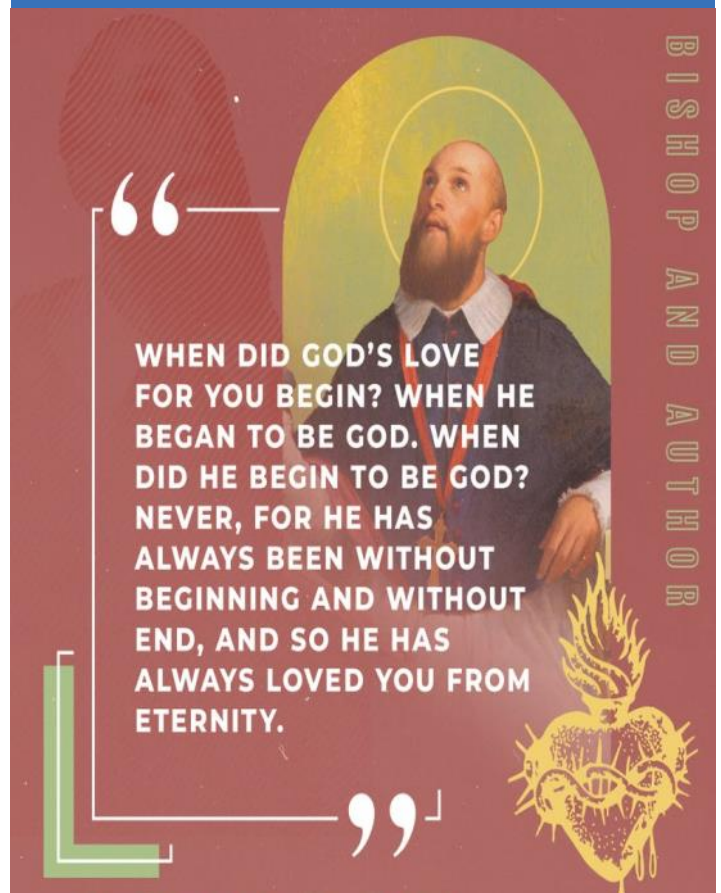


Do you sense that something's missing in your life? Do you feel that if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe even a better person?

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.

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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WHEN DID GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU BEGIN? WHEN HE BEGAN TO BE GOD. WHEN DID HE BEGIN TO BE GOD? NEVER, FOR HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN WITHOUT BEGINNING AND WITHOUT END, AND SO HE HAS ALWAYS LOVED YOU FROM ETERNITY.

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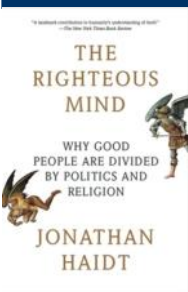
FAMILY ALTAR SERVERS WANTED



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 stjfamilyaltarservers@gmail.com 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.

Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is **Wednesday, April 17 at 7pm** on Zoom

The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion by Jonathan Haidt

"The acclaimed social psychologist challenges conventional thinking about morality, politics, and religion in a way that speaks to conservatives and liberals alike a "landmark contribution to humanity's understanding of itself" (The New York Times Book Review)."
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For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com

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How does cryptocurrency impact child sexual exploitation?

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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!

Family Adoption: Would you like to adopt a family to support for Easter? Please call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose.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

Rosie Pili
Funeral Mass at St. Joseph:
February 13th 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, **February 12, 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 have a special treat that day. The Alpha K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders will be entertaining us with a Patriotic Program commemorating Presidents Day. The program will begin promptly at 11:00 so come a little early. We will continue to collect dues for 2024 at this meeting. The dues are \$15 for the year. See you on the 22nd.



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