

St. Joseph Parish



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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

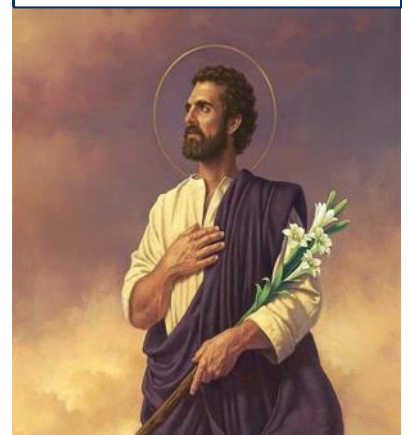
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the **Third Sunday of Lent** and the first weekend of March. In the Gospel, we meet Jesus, who journeys to the temple in Jerusalem. The Son of God becomes angry because he sees that his Father's house has become a marketplace. A segment of our reflection is about anger because it is an important emotion, and it is how we often respond to numerous situations in our lives. As one of my spiritual teachers recently said, "The trick with anger is to let it inform us, maybe even to allow it to warn us if we have become too cold, with indifference or apathy, but not to let anger consume us." Jesus reminds us that love, not anger is the ultimate guide to our lives.

Please continue to pray for our catechumens and candidates who are pictured when you scroll down this bulletin. This weekend the catechumens will face their **First Scrutiny** as they continue to journey towards the Easter sacraments.

Please mark your calendars and join us on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 PM for the annual **Communal Lenten Penance Service** in the church. There will be eight priests available to hear your confessions. Only sinners need to attend!!

Next weekend the second **Welcome - Christ Renews His Parish** retreat weekend will take place for 25 women of our parish. Please pray for the team as they prepare this week and for the women who will be making the retreat next weekend. We still have a small number of spaces available for the men's retreat that will be held April 13 – 14. Come on men of Saint Joseph - surrender one of your weekends and you will be blessed!

Just a reminder that next weekend, March 9-10, we begin **Daylight Savings Time**, so move your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night and you'll be on time for Sunday Mass!

I'm praying that you're faithful to your Lenten promises,
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

In those days, God delivered all these commandments:
"I, the LORD am your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place
of slavery.
You shall not have other gods besides me." (Ex 20:1-3)

Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

We proclaim Christ crucified,
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
(1 Cor 1:23-24)

Gospel:

Jesus answered and said to them,
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."
(Jn 2:19)

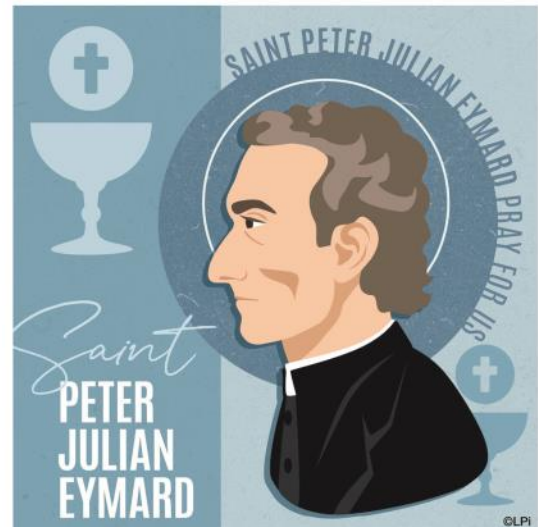
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin.

Observances for the week of March 3, 2024

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Casimir
Thursday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Friday: St. John of God, Religious
Saturday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious;
St. Catherine of Bologna
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins



Saint of the week

St. Peter Julian Eymard, known as "Apostle of the Eucharist," founded the Society of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. He promoted perpetual adoration, inspired those estranged from the Church to return, and worked to educate all about Christ.

Prayer of Surrender

Dear Lord,
Help me to place You in the center of my plans for the future, my dreams for my life, my goals for the time ahead. Be my God and my guide. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday:

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
(6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:*
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9,
13-17, 34-38



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me.
—Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to **"have no other gods besides me."** This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshipping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

— *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.

OCIA

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Catechumens:



Long



Noel



Shawn

Candidates:



John



Robert

Pray for our candidates and elects!

OCIA Prayer

Lord, we pray for those in the OCIA process who journey to you. Strengthen their faith. Open their hearts to the fullness of your love. Deepen their understanding. Set their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.

Amen!



Please pray for our women's retreat team as they make final preparations for next weekend's retreat. May the retreat planning go smoothly and the team be blessed with energy, wisdom, grace, and joyful spirits as they prepare. Please also pray for all of the women attending next weekend's retreat. May they each experience renewal through Christ and feel a stronger connection with one another and with St. Joseph's Parish.

MEN

Connect with other men that have the desire to grow in their faith. Experience Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat at St. Joseph. This is important! Take the time and register for the men's weekend, April 13 and 14. Go to stjosephlb.org/welcome-christ-renews



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.



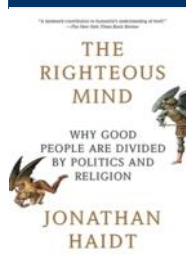
Did You Know?

Learning from survivors' stories

Listening to the stories of victim-survivors is one way in which we can acknowledge what has happened to them and the impact the abuse has had in their lives; hearing these sacred stories can also help us to find patterns that empower stronger safeguarding measures, such as understanding how and where abusers gained access to their victims, how they groomed them, and what safeguards either failed or were not in place to properly protect a victim. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Learning from True Stories of Victims/Survivors" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



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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 Friday, May 15
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 Schedule**

6 March	Stations of the Cross Rehearsal	6:30pm – 8:30pm Drop off: PLC Pick Up: Church
13 March	Costume Rehearsal	6:30pm – 8:30pm Drop off: PLC Pick Up: Church
15 March	Stations Performance	5:30pm – 8:30pm Drop off: PLC Pick Up: Church
17 March	Saint Gallery	8am – 2:00pm Father Martin Hall
3 April	Hang Out	7pm – 8:30pm PLC
17 April	Hang Out	7pm – 8:30pm PLC



**Thank you to our hospitality
 team for doing an amazing job
 serving our community during
 our Lenten Mission.**



Movement for a Better World



“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.” Mt 18:5

This Week: Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: We will collect non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

Mar. 23: Easter Food and Book Distribution: As a parish community, we will support 69 families. **Easter is our *most* challenging holiday to recruit 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



In Memoriam

Mary Shivers

Funeral Mass at All Souls Chapel
Thursday, March 21st at 9:00 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~



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Seniors Group



The St. Joseph Senior Group had their last meeting in the old hall with pizza and salad and lots of games and friendship. Msgr. Kevin joined us for lunch and offered the blessing before the meal. Until the new hall is completed, we will meet at the El Dorado Restaurant once a month for breakfast and some games beginning in April. All members will be contacted by phone after Easter with the date and time for our first gathering. Until we meet again in April, we wish you a holy Lent and a blessed Easter.



ST. JOSEPH FAIR

May 3rd, 4th & 5th 2024

EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING AS WE GEAR UP FOR OUR ANNUAL PARISH FAIR! SAVE THE DATE FOR A WEEKEND FILLED WITH FUN, GAMES, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT ON MAY 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH. WE CAN'T WAIT TO CREATE LASTING MEMORIES TOGETHER.

TO MAKE THIS EVENT UNFORGETTABLE, THE FAIR COMMITTEE IS ACTIVELY SEEKING SPONSORSHIPS TO HELP OFFSET THE COST AND SUPPORT THE PARISH.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPONSOR, PLEASE CONTACT THE FAIR COMMITTEE AT STJOESFAIR2024@GMAIL.COM. YOUR GENEROSITY WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED, AND SPONSORSHIP LEVELS ARE AVAILABLE TO SUIT VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

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