St. Joseph Parish

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

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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.



March 10, 2024

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.



Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**. In the Gospel, we meet Jesus, who reminds us that He is the light that has come into the world. When we do good works, we reflect the light so that our works are clearly seen to be done in God.

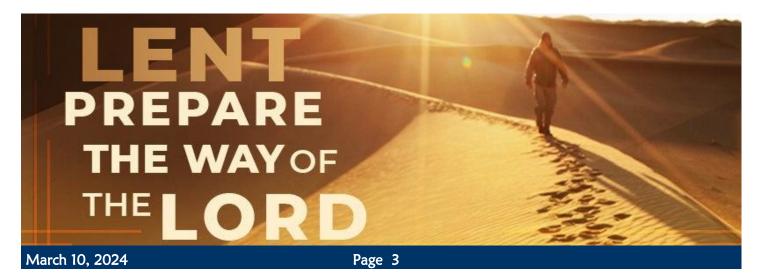
Please continue to pray for our catechumens and candidates who are pictured when you scroll down this bulletin. This weekend the catechumens will face their **Second Scrutiny** as they continue to journey towards the Easter sacraments.

Join us next Friday, March 15th for a special Stations of the Cross. Our youth ministry team will join us as we reflect on the Stations of the Cross in light of Human Trafficking. There will be a guest speaker and reception. Scroll down for further information.

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!!

This weekend the second Welcome - Christ Renews His Parish retreat is taking place for 25 women of our parish. Please pray for the team leading and for the 25 amazing women on retreat. The men's retreat that will be held April 13 – 14 has two spaces left. Come on men of Saint Joseph - surrender one of your weekends and you will be blessed!

Let's pray for one another as we continue our Lenten journey! Msgr. Kevin



Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God.

despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed

that there was no remedy. (2 Chr 36:15-16)

Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

Second Reading:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ. (Eph 2:4-5)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world, to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk bravely in the light.

Observances for the week of March 10, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



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Saint of the week

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a French nun who had visions of Jesus and his Sacred Heart. She devoted her life to promoting Eucharistic adoration and the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Her Thursday night holy hours are still a common practice among modern Catholics!

Prayer for Laetare Sunday

Dear Jesus,

We've been in this season of Lent for a few weeks now. I want to re-commit myself in this time — renew and strengthen my resolve. Help me to use these last few weeks to grow closer to you. Amen.

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

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

Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/ Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/ Jn 5:31-47

Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

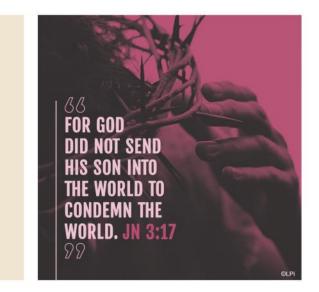
Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/ Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— Father John Muir

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St. Joseph Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday March 23 rd & 24 th				
5:00 pm Saturday	Mass Indoors			
8:30 am Sunday	Mass on the Grass (Please Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs)			
10:30 am Sunday	Mass Indoors			
12:30 pm Sunday	Mass Indoors			
Holy Thursday March 28th				
8:00 am	Morning Prayer – Indoors			
7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper – Indoors			
Good Friday March 29 th				
8:00 am	Morning Prayer – Indoors			
1:30 pm	Passion Liturgy – Indoors			
Holy Saturday March 30 th				
8:00 am	Morning Prayer - Indoors			
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass – Indoors			
Easter Sunday March 21st				
Easter Sunday March 31 st				
8:30 am	Easter Mass on the Grass (Please Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs)			
10:30 am	Easter Mass Indoors			
12:30 am	Easter Mass Indoors			

St. Joseph Parish Friday, March 15 Inside St. Joseph Church 7pm

Followed by Hospitality

COME JOIN US!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS PORTRAYED BY ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP

Special Speaker: Director Susan Patterson Through God's Grace Ministry

REFLECTING ON THE SUFFERING OF JESUS AND ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA AND ALL WHO SUFFER SLAVERY TODAY AS VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Offered by ESTHER Ministry

JOIN US FOR A



Saint Gallery

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 | AFTER EACH MASS

8:30AM - 2:00PM LOCATION: FATHER MARTIN HALL

JOIN US FOR A JOURNEY INTO OUR SAINT GALLERY, CRAFTED BY OUR YEAR 2 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES! FOR ALL PARISHIONERS TO EXPLORE.

OUR CANDIDATES WILL BE EAGERLY AWAITING THE ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY TO SHARE THEIR CHOSEN SAINTS.

LET THE SPIRIT OF ST. PATRICK INSPIRE AND UPLIPT US ON THIS YOUTH SAINT APPRECIATION EVENT!

SEE YOU THERE!

LIZ MORENO YOUTH MINISTER - CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR

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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 OCIA **Catechumens:**





Long



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 trough Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all. Amen!

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REGISTRATION OPEN



Women's Fall Retreat September 28TH and 29TH 2024

The next Women's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat is Saturday September 28th and Sunday September 29th 2024.

Please visit our parish website to learn more and to sign up. Registration is now open.



Spots are still available for Men's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat next Month.

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 sign up for the Men's weekend, April 13 and 14 2024.

Go to stjosephlb.org/welcome-Christ-renews/

Welcome Christ Renews His Parish



Please pray for everyone involved in this weekend's retreat, especially the women attending the retreat. May they each experience renewal through Christ and feel a stronger connection with one another and with St. Joseph Parish.

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



Why be a Catechist?

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire!" -St. Catherine of Sienna

Do you hear a calling to serve today's youth? Join Our Youth Ministry Team! Contact: Youth Minister - Liz Moreno (562)598-0519 Ext 230 Liz@stjosephlb.org



Why are children with disabilities at risk?

Children with disabilities are at higher risk for maltreatment and abuse. In many cases, this is because these children may be more vulnerable to grooming or exploitation by a perpetrator, need extra attention and care, which can lead to caregiver burnout and frustration, isolation from community, and financial strain. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article "Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization" at <u>lacatholics.org/did-you-know/</u>.

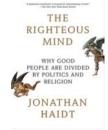


We are looking for additional families that would like to be altar servers at all Masses! Catholic Liturgy is meant to be the Work of the People. Families who attend Mass together are encouraged to serve together in this ministry of service. All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families 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.

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)." All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com

Movement for a Better World



"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11.
Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: <u>Thank you</u> for the amazing support of last weekend's baby product drive! Combined with the School's drive, we collected over 25 shopping carts of food and other baby products. \$1,800 in cash donations were used to purchase additional baby products requested by Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton crisis pregnancy residence, and New Life Beginnings.

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

<u>Skip-a-Meal Donations</u>: 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~

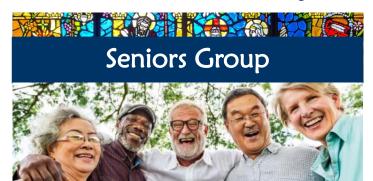
St. Joseph Grief Support



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.



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 <u>STJOESFAIR2024@GMAIL.COM</u>. YOUR GENEROSITY WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED, AND SPONSORSHIP LEVELS ARE AVAILABLE TO SUIT VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

LET'S COME TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S FAIR THE BEST ONE YET! STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT.





Dear Potential Sponsor,

Thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph Parish/School and for considering sponsorship support for 2024.

This year's Parish Fair is scheduled for:

DATES: May 3rd, 4th, 5th 2024 LOCATION: St. Joseph Catholic Parish

Serving our Long Beach community since 1955, our parish and school embrace our mission to serve the community and educate our children and young people. Your Tax-Deductible Donations will help support the parish and school in the following ways:

- Provide enrichment to our families and the Long Beach Community by ensuring high quality, educational opportunities, and choices for our children at St. Joseph Catholic School.
- Offset the costs for various community programs offered by St. Joseph Catholic Church.

The accompanying flyer lists the various sponsorship levels and benefits. Please note that any amount or donation is welcome.

Please refer to our fair website at: http://www.stjosephlb.org/fair/ for additional information.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Kevin Kostelnik

Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik, Pastor

Sponsorship contributions are tax deductible to the greatest extent allowed. For additional information, please visit us at http://www.stjosephlb.org/fair/.



Deadline for sponsorship is April 22, 2024 Sponsorship pick up at WILL CALL during the Fair.

Please print my sign to read as:			
Sponsor name:			
Email address:			
Street address, city, ZIP:			
Phone number:	Previous sponsor?	Yes	No

Return this form with check made payable to St. Joseph Parish Fair.

St. Joseph Parish Life Center 6180 E. Willow, Long Beach, CA 90815 Attn: Parish Fair Sponsorships Questions on the Parish Fair? Email Fair Chairs at siparishfair@gmail.com



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