

St. Joseph Parish



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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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

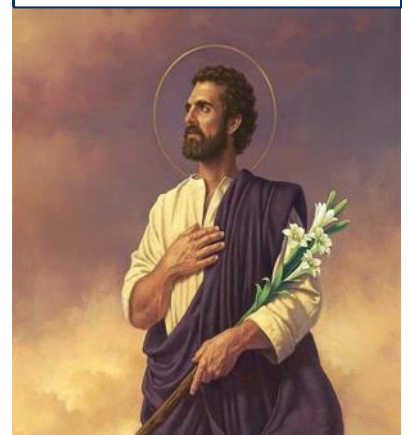
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to Holy Week! Welcome to the Season of Spring! Welcome to Palm Sunday!! This is the week we commemorate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, the gathering of the disciples around the Holy Table for the Last Supper, His washing the feet of His Disciples, the arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death of our Lord. It all culminates next Sunday as we celebrate the triumphant Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you're reading this before you come to the Palm Sunday Mass, just a reminder that for our indoor Masses we'll be commencing the Palm Sunday liturgy outside with the distribution and Blessing of the Palms and then entrance into the Church. (Of course, this depends on the co-operation of Mother Nature!) At the Outdoor Mass, you'll receive Palms as you enter the courtyard.

On Monday, I will gather with almost 500 priests at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels for an afternoon of prayer, the opportunity to go to Confession, dinner with the Archbishop and then attend the annual Chrism Mass during which Archbishop Gomez will bless all of the Sacramental oils. I will retrieve the three bottles of Sacred Chrism, Oil of the Sick, and Oil of the Catechumens for sacred use among our parishioners this Year.

Just below this letter is the schedule of Holy Week Services here at St. Joseph's. Cast aside some of your time and spend it with us this Holy Week – you will receive a Benediction.

Let's pray for one another this Holy Week!!
Msgr. Kevin



Holy Week Schedule



St. Joseph Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday March 23rd & 24th

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 29th

8:00 am	Morning Prayer – Indoors
1:30 pm	Passion Liturgy – Indoors

Holy Saturday March 30th

8:00 am	Morning Prayer - Indoors
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass – Indoors

Easter Sunday March 31st

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

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

They brought him to the place of Golgotha
—which is translated Place of the Skull—. (Mk 15:22)

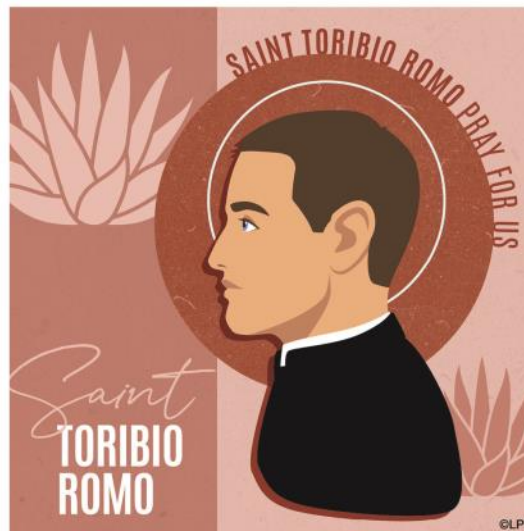
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week.

Observances for the week of March 24, 2024

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday
- Friday:** Good Friday
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday
- Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday



Saint of the week

St. Toribio Romo González was a Mexican priest and martyr from Jalisco in the early 1900's. He's known for his strong devotion to the Eucharist and catechesis to the poor. During a time of religious persecution in Mexico, government troops shot and killed him.

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen.

©LPi SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and
17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and
33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps
89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday:

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17,
25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday:

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps
104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps
33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18
or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
(1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
(1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
(2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar
3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn
6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3,
5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
or Mk 16:1-7

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11)** for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir

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ESTHER Ministry invites you to a special free community event:



“ I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything but
I can do something.”
Edward Everette Hale
American Minister and Abolitionist

The 2024 annual YESS
(Youth Empowerment
Safety Symposium) brings
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parents and youth that sheds
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online predators, domestic
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13+

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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!

Paschal Triduum

The **Easter Triduum** or **Holy Triduum** is the three-day celebration of the Paschal Mystery: the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

PASCHAL: associated with the Hebrew Passover; referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God
TRIDUUM: derived from the Latin for three days

The Paschal mystery has two aspects: **by his death**, Christ liberates us from sin; **by his Resurrection**, he opens for us the way to a new life.

The Paschal Triduum bridges the seasons of **Lent** to **Easter**.

In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen.

The Roman Missal

DAY 1:
sundown on
Holy Thursday
to sundown on
Good Friday



HOLY THURSDAY:

"Jesus gives himself to us as food and, in the washing of feet, teaches us the need to serve others."

DAY 2:
sundown on
Good Friday
to sundown on
Holy Saturday



GOOD FRIDAY:

"In the mystery of Christ's death on the cross, we contemplate that undying divine love which embraces all mankind and summons us in turn to love one another in the power of the Spirit."

DAY 3:
sundown on
Holy Saturday
to sundown on
Easter Sunday



HOLY SATURDAY:

"The day of God's silence - invites us not only to solidarity with all who are abandoned and alone, but also to trust in that faithful love which turns death into life."

SOURCE: POPE FRANCIS, GENERAL AUDIENCE, MARCH 23, 2016

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"These, then, are days
which speak to us **powerfully**
of God's **love and mercy.**"
- Pope Francis



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/

Updated 3/18/24

St. Joseph Youth Group Schedule

3 April	Hang Out	7:00pm – 8:30pm Father Martin Hall
17 April	Hang Out	7:00pm – 8:30pm PLC
1 May	Youth Leader Planning Meeting	7:00pm – 8:30pm PLC
11 May	Confirmation Ceremony Youth Group will serve	9:30am – 11:00am Church
22 May	Bonfire Night	7:30pm – 9:00pm PLC Patio
5 JUNE	Hang Out	7:00pm – 8:30pm PLC

DID YOU KNOW?

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Did You Know?



Paying attention to negative behavioral cues

A child may not be able to verbalize when he or she is being abused, but certain signs may prompt caregivers to take a closer look. Red flag behaviors may include a sudden change in behavior, like a child hating something he previously liked, or changing eating habits. Children suffering from abuse may become increasingly moody, aggressive, or depressed, or secretive and defensive. For more red flag behaviors, read the VIRTUS® article “Being Attentive to Children and Youth” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

FAMILY ALTAR SERVERS WANTED

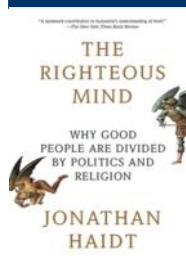


We are looking for additional families that would like to be altar servers at all Masses! Catholic Liturgy is meant to be the Work of the People. Families who attend Mass together are encouraged to serve together in this ministry of service. All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families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

All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

TO YOU GOD ENTRUSTED HIS ONLY SON;

IN YOU MARY PLACED HER TRUST;

WITH YOU CHRIST BECAME MAN.

OBTAIN FOR US GRACE, MERCY

AND COURAGE. AMEN.

- POPE FRANCIS



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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: *Thank you* 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!

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

June Stein

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church
Friday, April 5th 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~



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

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classes are held in the PLC building.



Seniors Group



The St. Joseph Senior Group has met for the last time in the old hall. Until the new hall is completed, we will meet at the El Dorado Restaurant once a month for breakfast and socializing. **Our first time to meet at the El Dorado Restaurant will be on Monday, April 8 at 9:30.** All members will be reminded by phone after Easter with the date and time for our breakfast gathering. Until we meet in April we wish all of you a blessed Easter.

The Prophets

Messengers of God's Mercy




If we consider that God is the Divine Bridegroom and the Church is his Bride, then the prophets can be seen as “spiritual marriage counselors.” They afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness. Their prophetic words speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom.

St. Joseph Church will begin a ten-week Bible study *Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy* on Thursday, April 18th at 7:00pm in the PLC and on Zoom. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, please contact Mike at mike@stjosephlb.org or call 562-370-0769.

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



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.

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.





March 1, 2024

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/>.



Sponsorship Levels — 2024

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SPONSOR RECOGNITION

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- \$100 in food/drink tickets

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Family

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Contributor

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- \$25 in food/drink tickets

SPONSOR RECOGNITION

The above tiers all include a personalized sign at the Fair.

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

Please print my sign to read as: _____

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 St. Joseph Parish Life Center 6180 E. Willow, Long Beach, CA 90815 Attn: Parish Fair Sponsorships
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