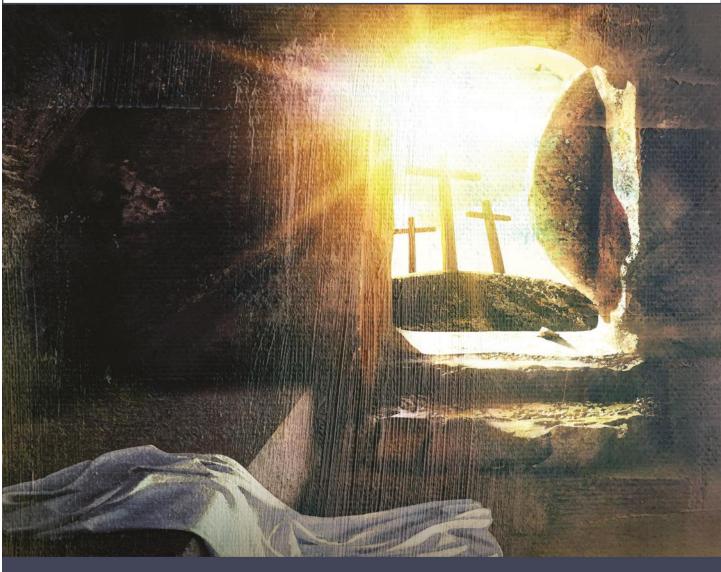
St. Joseph Parish



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He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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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.



March 31, 2024



Dear Parish Family:

Happy Easter! As we commence this Easter day, and the Resurrection of the Lord, may the hope of Easter, bring renewal to your spirit and blessings to you, your family, and loved ones.

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts during these Great 50 days of the Easter Season! I'm praying that the Risen Lord will bless you in abundance!

Love and prayers in the Risen Lord, Monsignor Kevin



EASTER SUNDAY HE IS RISEN

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Easter Mass Schedule

SAT. 03/30/24 | 8:00PM EASTER VIGIL SUN. 03/31/24 | 8:30AM MASS ON GRASS SUN. 03/31/24 | 10:30AM & 12:30PM

Bring your chair for Mass On The Grass

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,

not to all the people, but to us,

the witnesses chosen by God in advance,

who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1) Or:

Clear out the old yeast,

so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. (1 Cor 5:7)

Gospel:

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20:9)

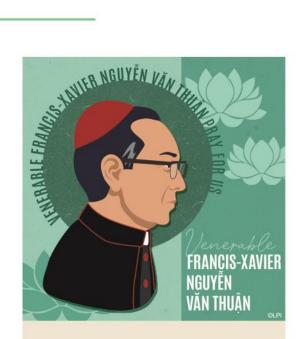
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

Observances for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday:	Easter Sunday		
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter; April Fools' Day		
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter		
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter		
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter		
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter		
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter		
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)		



Saint of the week

Venerable Francis-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, was a cardinal from Huế, Vietnam. Imprisoned for his faith for 13 years, nine of which were in solitary confinement, he never stopped preaching, even from scraps of prison paper. Once released, he continued to serve the Church until his death.

Prayer of Blessing

Dear Lord,

Pour your blessings upon us today, we who trust in your name and call upon you. Send us your Spirit, enlighten our hearts, fill our lives with your abundance. Amen.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 | EASTER SUNDAY

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

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

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/ Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— Father John Muir

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ESTHER Ministry invites you to a special free community event:



66 I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something.99 Edward Everette Hale American Minister and Abolitionist

The 2024 annual YESS (Youth Empowerment Safety Symposium) brings you a free screening of:

- arents and youth that sheds light on child trafficking, online predators, domestic violence, and substance abuse. Recommended for audiences 13+
- Meet the Director + Cast
- Expert Panel
 Community Resources
 Opportunity drawing for gift cards and an *iPad*

Saturday, April 13, 2024 1pm-4pm

The Salvation Army 3000 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach CA 90807

Email lbhttf@gmail.com for questions

The Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday



O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. The Roman Missal

VP TODAY Cost: FREE Spaces Limited "The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all ages of eternity,



alleluia, alleluia."

Luke 24:34; cf. Revelation 1:6

Today, we celebrate Easter, Christ's Resurrection. Easter is the "feast of feasts," 'the solemnity of solmenities,' and the "Great Sunday." Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1169

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Robert John 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.

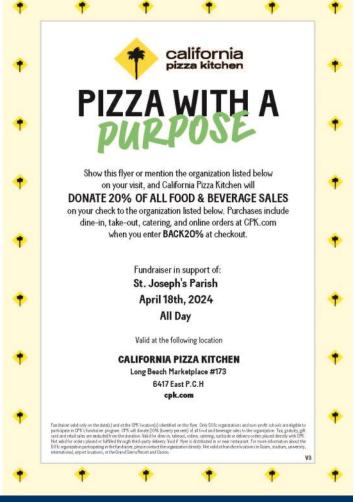
Connect with other men that have the desire to grow in their faith. Experience Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat at St. Joseph. This is important! Take the time and sign up for the Men's weekend, April 13 and 14 2024.

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

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



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Abuse may be hiding behind positive behavioral changes

Last week, we looked at negative behavioral changes that could be red flags for abuse. It is important for caregivers to remember that some seemingly positive changes could also be signs of abuse, such as when a child tries to "be perfect" so as to avoid a feared consequence or in some way "control" circumstances so as to avoid or minimize further exposure to a traumatic situation. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article "Being Attentive to Children and Youth" at <u>lacatholics.org/did-you-know/</u>.



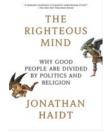


We are looking for additional families that would like to be altar servers at all Masses! Catholic Liturgy is meant to be the Work of the People. Families who attend Mass together are encouraged to serve together in this ministry of service. All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families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

March 24, 2024





Happy Easter! "He is not here; he has risen!" -Lk 24:6-7

Easter Distribution: THANK YOU to everyone that helped with, and contributed blessings and hope to 107 families, including over 285 children, for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter! By way of over \$6,000 in Skip-a-Meal donations and the School's food drive, we provided over 4,000 lbs. of food for Easter. The children received personally-selected reading books from last month's book drive.

April-May: <u>Support our Parish Fair!</u> We have an active ministry to provide essential home furnishings to families in need. Can you help? Would you like to know about items in need? For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark, 562-431-4385 June 22-23: Homeless Kit Drive

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~

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 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

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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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