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SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

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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.





Dear Parish Family:

Happy 8th Day in the Octave of Easter! It's the Second Sunday of Easter also known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

It was a joyous and solemn Triduum. The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses were radiant and thanks to all who participated, planned and helped to co-ordinate all of our special liturgies.

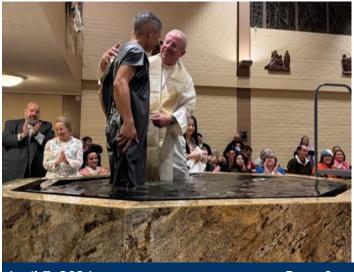
The highlight was baptizing Noel, Shawn and Long and enjoy these memories as we welcomed these new Neophytes into our beautiful Catholic faith!!

Easter Joy, Msgr. Kevin

Welcome Noel Escala!



Welcome Long Tran!



Welcome Shawn Sheets!



Our new neophytes and their sponsors!!



April 7, 2024 Pag

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. (Acts 4:32)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For the love of God is this,

that we keep his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome,

for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. (1 Jn 5:3-4)

Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week,

when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews.

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them. "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We find unfathomable mercy and everlasting love in the wounds of Christ — even when we are skeptical, even when we carry doubt. God meets us there in the confusion. He reaches for our hand and places them at his side. We just have to call his name.

Observances for the week April 7, 2024

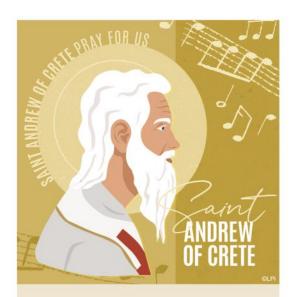
Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

St. Andrew of Crete was born in Damascus and was mute until he received his First Communion at age 7. He went on to be an influential archbishop and hymnist in Crete. His most renowned work, the Great Canon, is chanted during Lent in Eastern Orthodox churches.

Prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Dear Jesus,

As you greeted your disciples after you rose, fill us, too, with your peace.

As you breathed your spirit on them, breathe on us, too.
As your presence was known to Thomas, make it known to us, too.
Help us to live in your peace, power, and presence.
Amen.

©LPi SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 | 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/ Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/ Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

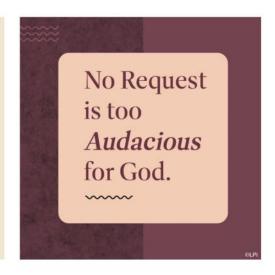
Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

- 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:

parents and youth that sheds light on child trafficking, online predators, domestic

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Saturday, April 13, 2024 1pm-4pm

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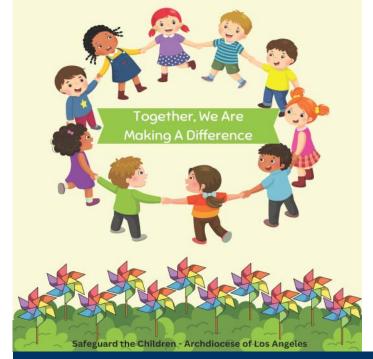




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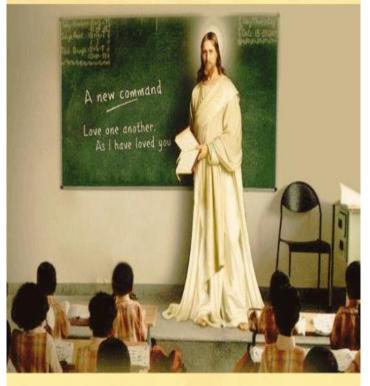
Child Abuse Prevention Month

KEEPING KIDS SAFE



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



Please pray for our men'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 men 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.



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.



Updated 3/18/24

St. Joseph Youth Group Schedule

3 April	Hang Out	7:00pm - 8:30pm Father Martin Hall
47 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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Did You Know?



Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure

The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures are available in the parish vestibule or online at https://lacatholics.org/departments-ministries/safeguard-the-children/

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter

"As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!"

ST. JOHN PAUL II

Lord, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You:

Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.





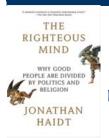


We are looking for additional families that would like to be altar servers at all Masses! Catholic Liturgy is meant to be the Work of the People. Families who attend Mass together are encouraged to serve together in this ministry of service. All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families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

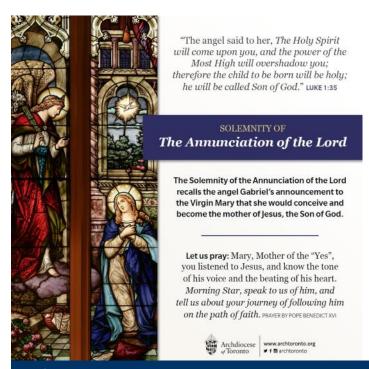


"Charity is the form, mover, mother and root of all the virtues." St. Thomas Aquinas

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: Support our Parish Fair! 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



St. Joseph Grief Support



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

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Tuesdays at 9:30am

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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.

April 7, 2023

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.



Virtual Diaconate Information Day

Sunday, April 14, 2024 | 2 pm-4 pm

Acts 6: 1-7: A problem and a solution.

They chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also

Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas.

They presented these men to the Apostles who prayed and laid hands on them.

Are you part of the solution? ¿Eres parte de la solución?



Pastoral Regions:

- Santa Barbara
- San Fernando
- San Gabriel
- Our Lady of the Angels
- ♦ San Pedro

Next Sessions:

July 7, 2024, October 13, 2024



Presentaciones en Español

To register email Deacon Melecio Zamora at dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org



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.





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.

Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik, Pastor

Kevin Kostelnik

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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.

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