St. Joseph Parish

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.



April 14, 2024



Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 3rd Sunday of Easter and in our Gospel we meet the post resurrected Jesus who appears to his apostles and reminds them that the Scriptures are now fulfilled. Jesus reminds the disciples and all of us that His name must be preached to all the nations for, "We are witnesses of these things."

Last week our Landscape Company did their annual trimming of the trees on the field. That means one thing - our Parish Fair is only three weeks away! Thanks for supporting the Fair through the purchase of the opportunity tickets. It takes hundreds of volunteers to make the weekend a success and please sign up to volunteer! Check out the Fair tables in front of the residence garages after all the Masses this weekend!

This weekend I will use part of the homily time to share with our community some good news including an update on the forward movement on the Hall/Gym upgrade.

I know many of you are concerned about how I did in the Men's NCAA Tournament Challenge Bracket!! I was correct in 45.7% of my picks and I ranked 14.5M – that's million! None of my Catholic College pics got to the Final – congrats to UConn!

On a more truly evangelistic note – last weekend it was a joy to welcome into the Church our 4 candidates from other faiths who made a Profession of Faith, celebrated their First Communion and for John and Robert received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation! Welcome to our four newest Catholics:



Pic left to right: Gina Canales, Jacob Canales, Robert Canales, John Edmond

Have a Blessed Easter Week, Msgr. Kevin

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

He is explation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

Gospel:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." (Lk 24:46)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Sometimes when God appears in our path, we do not recognize him. In these moments, Jesus invites us to reach out and touch him. Remember that Christ is real, Christ is alive, and Christ stands before each one of us — so reach out. Touch him.

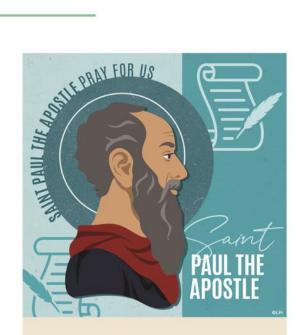
Observances for the week of April 14, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday: Tax Day

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer

for Vocations



Saint of the week

St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, was the most prolific Christian missionary of all time. Due to a miraculous experience that he had on the road to Damascus, he went from persecuting early Christians to traveling all over the region preaching the Gospel of Jesus.

Prayer in Times of Darkness

Dear Jesus,

When I feel troubled, alone, frightened, be with me. Be a flicker of flame in this darkness. Help me to know you in the stark seasons as I do in times of elation. You are the light I seek. Amen.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/ Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/ Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/ Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

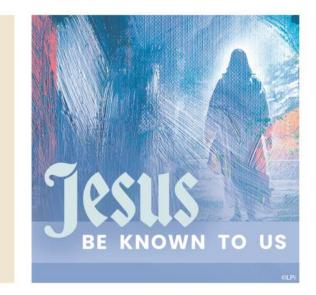
Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong latearriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

- Father John Muir

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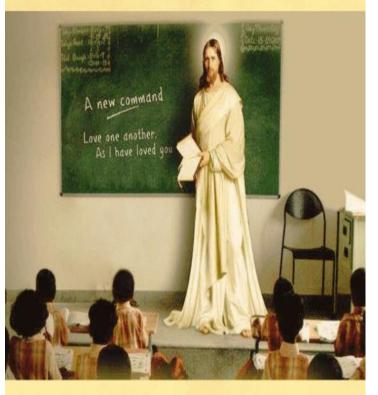
Updated 3/18/24

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



"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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Please pray for our Men's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat #2 that is happening this weekend. May everything go smoothly and be blessed with

energy, wisdom, grace, and joyful spirits. May the men attending the retreat feel the power of the Holy Spirit and experience renewal through Christ and feel a stronger connection with one another and with St. Joseph's Parish.

MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE; I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME.

JOHN 10:27

A Special Opportunity for our Parish Women and Men



Do you sense that something's missing in your life? Do you feel that if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe even a better person?

Come to the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend! It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other people in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday to have fun, you will find what you are looking for – and more.

Women's Weekend September 28th and 29th, 2024

Men's Weekend October 19th and 20th, 2024

To learn more and to sign up, visit <u>https://</u> stjosephlb.org/welcome-christ-renews/ or scan the QR code.



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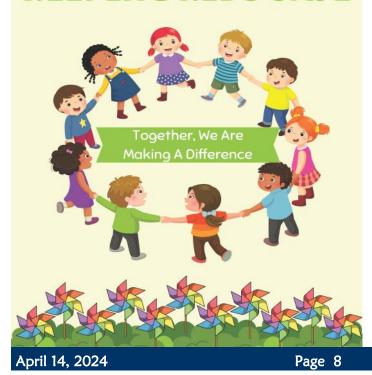
Did You Know?



The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on behalf of Archbishop José H. Gomez, we affirm our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese created a website, https://lacatholics.org/protect/ that serves as a comprehensive tool containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 737-7650 or visit https://lacatholics.org/ reporting-child-abuse/ for help and support.

Child Abuse Prevention Month KEEPING KIDS SAFE



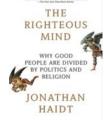


We are looking for additional families that would like to be altar servers at all Masses! Catholic Liturgy is meant to be the Work of the People. Families who attend Mass together are encouraged to serve together in this ministry of service. All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families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



"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.

<u>April-May</u>: <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

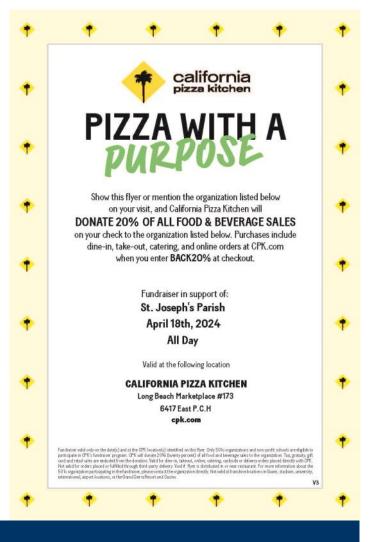
June 22-23: Homeless Kit Drive

HEALING MASS WITH FR. DAVE KLUNK Friday, May 3, 2024 6 PM - 7 PM refreshments in Courtyard 7 PM - 9 PM Healing Mass in the Church Jesus preached, taught, and healed and he continues to do the same. Please come to experience the healing touch of lesus. DAVE KLUN WITH FR SAINT CHEDWIG SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 11482 Los Alamitos Blvd 6 PM - 7 PM REFRESHMENTS Los Alamitos, CA 90720 7 PM - 9 PM HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT IN THE CHURCH

St. Joseph Grief Support



Bereavement classes will resume after a short recess for the summer. We will continue for another 13-week session on July 30th. Please feel free to call May Pace at (562) 833-6370 for any questions.



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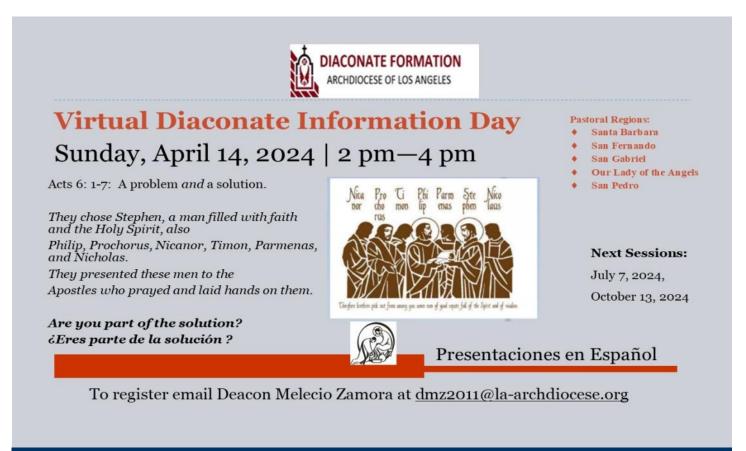
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The Prophets

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.



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:			
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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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