

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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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.

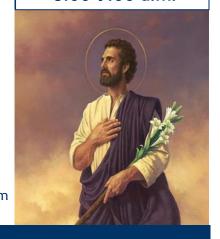
Daily Mass (M-W) 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:45-4:30 p.m. Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays 8:00-9:00 a.m.





Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the Fourth Sunday of Easter! In our Gospel for this weekend, we meet Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who invites his disciples to hear his voice and follow him. There are so many voices outside in the world clamoring for our attention. Pray for a discerning ear to hear the voice of Jesus Christ, who will satisfy and fulfill you in ways that none of the other voices in the world ever will!

The month of April is Child Abuse Protection Month. Through our Safeguard the Children programs, prevention and reporting, fingerprinting and background checks, our lay staff and volunteers are at the forefront of our local church protecting children. In the last 20+ years, over 440,000 adults have been trained in abuse prevention and reporting. 165,000 students in our schools and religious education programs are taught boundary awareness and tools for reporting. Over 257,000 adults have been fingerprinted and background checked. We are united with the world and praying for the victim – survivors of child abuse. Pray they will be rescued. Pray they are placed with caring people. Pray their minds and bodies can heal. Pray they find hope. Pray for those who rescue them. Pray for the witnesses to find courage. Pray for the community to be educated. Here at Saint Joseph's, let us reaffirm the gift of childhood. May we always recognize our call to protect each other, especially our children and intervene if we observe any wrongdoing.

Next weekend, I will be in Rome, Italy, with Archbishop Gomez celebrating the wedding of some longtime friends. The wedding will take place in Saint Peter's Basilica. The Archbishop will preside at the Wedding Mass, and I'll deliver the homily. Many of you know the bride, Jacky Ibarra as she often sings at our 12:30 PM Mass. Jacky is the third of three children and I've been blessed to participate and preach at all three weddings. Please remember Jacky and Sergio in your prayers and all couples who are witnessing their faith and love in a Church Wedding. For me, it's a short trip as I leave next Friday and I'll be home the following Wednesday. As I pray at the Altar of Saint Peter's, I'll remember you and your families' intentions! Ciao!!

Easter Joy, Msgr. Kevin



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

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)

Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now: what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him.

for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel:

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

Observances for the week of April 21, 2024

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

Vocations

Monday: Earth Day

Tuesday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr Wednesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr;

Administrative Professionals' Day

Thursday: St. Mark, Evangelist

Friday: Arbor Day

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

St. Paschal Baylón was a devout Spanish monk. In his vocation as a lay brother, he worked as a chef, porter. gardener, and official beggar. He often gave so much to the poor that his brothers tried to limit his generosity. Because of his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, he is the Patron Saint of Eucharistic Congresses and Societies.

Prayer of the **Good Shepherd**

Dear Lord.

You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go.

Amen.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/ Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/ Mk 16:15-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/ Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

- Father John Muir

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Thank You All for Your Prayers

A Special Thank you to Monsignor Kevin who has been incredibly supportive and made it possible to bring Welcome Christ Renews His Parish to St. Joseph Church.



Last weekend we concluded our Second Men's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat at St. Joseph's, and the Women's just a few weeks ago. The Men's and Women's retreats took place over two days and were lead from men and women of St. Joseph with Monsignor Kevin as our Spiritual Guide. Participants felt the power of the Holy Spirit and were renewed with the presence of Our Lord. It was an amazing experience for all participants as well as the Lay Formation Team and the Support Team. Both, Retreats were a huge success!

We have already begun planning for the next retreats which will take place in the Fall. It is our hope that the Parish will benefit from the love, joy, and excitement that this Renewal Retreat brings to our community. Together continuing to grow in God's love and building a faith filled community of love and service to others.

The spring schedule and registration for our next Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat is available on the parish website. The Women's is Saturday, September 28th and Sunday, September 29th, 2024 and the Men's is Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th, 2024.

In Christ's love and joy,
The Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat team.



You can drop of your Gift Card donations at the Parish Office or at the Fair Volunteer booth after Mass. The gift cards will be used to help with replenishing fair food booth supplies during the fair.

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?

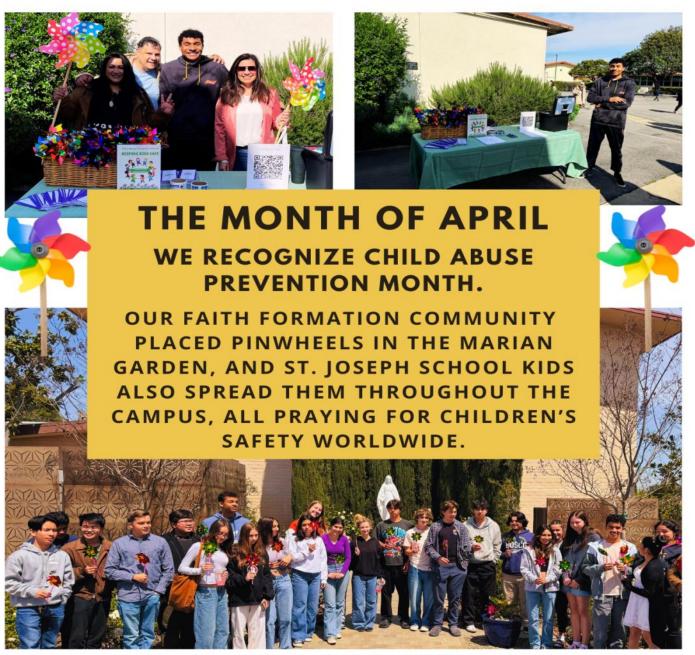
Come to the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend! It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other people in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of 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 https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-christ-renews/ or scan the QR code.





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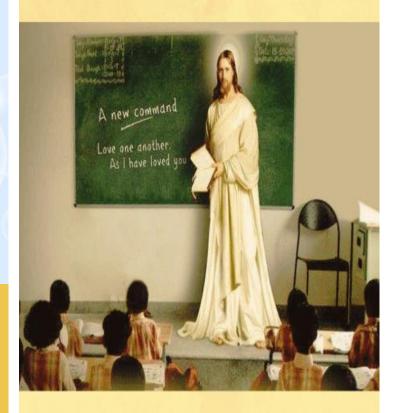
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St. Joseph Youth Group Schedule

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

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



Keep Kids Safe" Pinwheel Resource Booklet

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2024 "Keep Kids Safe" Pinwheel Resource Booklet. This useful Resource Booklet will help parishes and schools plan and prepare for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month. For more information go to lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/.





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.





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

<u>Opportunities!</u> For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark, 562-431-4385. Examples: Sandwich Ministry driver coordinator to Catholic Charities, weekend drive coordinator, holiday food purchase coordinator, essential home furnishings distribution team.

Would you like to stay abreast of home furnishing items in need? Let us know!

<u>June 22-23:</u> Homeless Kit Drive. Provide daily necessities and hope to people experiencing homelessness.

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All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com





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.

A huge thank you to the Movement for a Better World Community for their amazing work assembling lunch bags and necessities for the homeless. Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated. Thank you for making a difference!





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