# St. Joseph Parish



## 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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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.

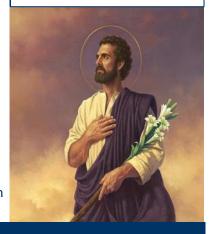
## Reconciliation

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

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# Adoration

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





Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 5th Sunday of Easter!!

As you know next weekend, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Parish Fair. The trees have been trimmed, the grass has been cut, the drains and pipes have been snaked and cleaned and we are ready! Invite your whole family to a day, an evening, or a whole weekend of fun! After all the Masses this weekend, volunteers will have tables set up in front of the residence where you can buy food and drink tickets (avoid the lines), opportunity tickets and you can sign up to volunteer. If you have 2-4 hours to volunteer anytime – we need you! Thanks to the leadership of the fair for their months of planning!!

#### SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!!

Easter Blessings, 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

Kevin Kostelnik

Sponsorship contributions are tax deductible to the greatest extent allowed. For additional information, please visit us at http://www.stjosephlb.org/fair/.



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# Sponsorship Levels — 2024

\$3,000

### **INCLUDES**

- · 2 three-day unlimited ride bracelets
- \$150 in food/drink tickets
- · 1 reserved parking spot during the Fair

### SPONSOR RECOGNITION

- Personalized sponsorship sign on stage
- · PA announcement during the Fair
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Family

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Contributor

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**INCLUDES** 

\$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.

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## Weekly Prayer

### **Sunday's Readings**

#### First Reading:

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles,

and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him. (Acts 9:27)

#### Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22) Or: Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

And his commandment is this:

we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

#### Gospel:

"I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

# Observances for the week of April 28, 2024

**Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the

Church

Tuesday: St. Pius V, Pope

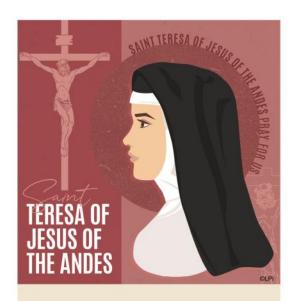
Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church; National Day of Prayer

Friday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter



#### Saint of the week

St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes was a teenage Chilean Carmelite novitiate. Although she died of typhoid when she was 19, she proved that one's life doesn't have to be particularly long and filled with lofty accomplishments to be an amazing example of the love of Christ.

### Prayer of Fruitfulness

God in Heaven,

Your grace surrounds us every day as we seek to live and move and grow in You. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You! Plant Your word more

deeply within us!

Amen.

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# Worship & Meditation

# Readings for the week of April 28, 2024

#### Sunday:

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

#### Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/ Jn 14:21-26

#### Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/ Jn 14:27-31a

#### Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Jn 15:1-8

#### Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/ Jn 15:9-11

#### Friday:

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

#### Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

#### **Next Sunday:**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



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# Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir

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# 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?

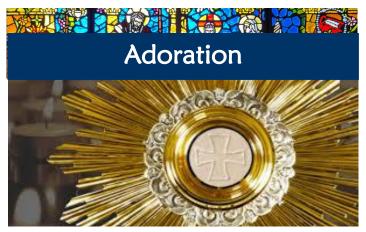
Come to the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend! It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other people in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of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

Women's Weekend September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29th, 2024

Men's Weekend October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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





Come and spend an hour with our Lord Jesus
Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Experience what
Catholic author Matthew Kelly calls
"The Classroom of Silence,"
and respond to Jesus' call: "Could you not
watch with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40).
Deacon Tom & Pat Halliwell will lead Eucharistic
Adoration this Friday May 3rd
at 8:00 am.

Updated 3/18/24

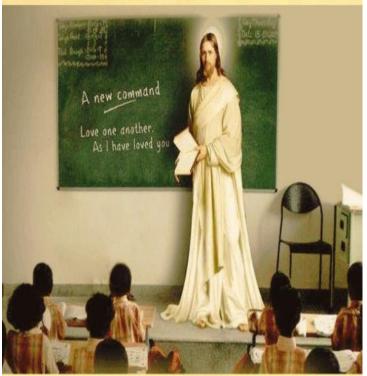
### St. Joseph Youth Group Schedule

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

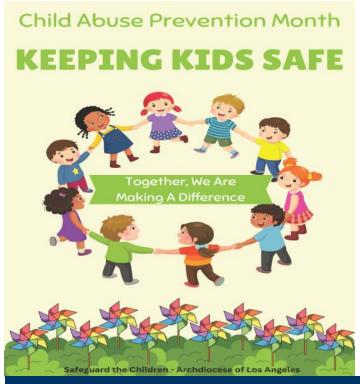


Contact: Youth Minister - Liz Moreno (562)598-0519 Ext 230 Liz@stjosephlb.org

# Did You Know?

# Healing Gardens for victims-survivors in the Archdiocese's five pastoral regions

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has created gardens of healing in each of the Archdiocese's pastoral regions, dedicated to those harmed by sexual abuse, in their family, church or community. Located at St. Camillus Pastoral Center in Los Angeles (Our Lady of Los Angeles Pastoral Region), Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Ventura (Santa Barbara Pastoral Region) St. Francis de Sales Parish, Sherman Oaks (San Fernando Pastoral Region), and St. Bernadette Parish, Los Angeles (San Gabriel Pastoral Region), these gardens offer a sacred space for all those impacted by abuse to seek comfort and solace. A fifth garden will be built in the San Pedro Pastoral Region. In each garden there is a weeping wall and a plaque with a reflection by Archbishop Gomez, which starts with this paragraph: "Dedicated to all those impacted by sexual abuse in the Church, their communities, their families – may all who visit find some measure of renewal, peace and comfort in doing so." For more information, visit lacatholics.org/ healing-gardens/.





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.





"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.



Saturday, June 15, 2024 10:00am to 4:00pm

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Laureen and Victor are both trained as SoulCollage® Facilitators, helping participants tap into their own inner wisdom and bring their whole and authentic selves to their work, homes, families and communities. Laureen and Victor have facilitated several SoulCollage® workshops including workshops for student activists at UCLA, the Religious Education Congress, and La Casa de Maria Retreat Center.

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To register call José at (310) 377-4867 ext 250 or
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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.





Our next Book Club meeting is Wednesday, August 21st at 7pm on Zoom

The Exvangelicals by Sarah McCammon

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