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— JOHN 15:26 —

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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.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to Pentecost Sunday and the Fiftieth and last day of the Easter Season! Today we celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit and they are freely given so ask the Lord and you will receive!

Congratulations to the youth of our community who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation administered last Saturday by Bishop Edward Clark. Scroll down to see the names of the newly Confirmed. This weekend we'll celebrate First Communion Sunday at all our Masses and congratulations to the children from the school and parish who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time.

Here are the photos of the week from the Construction Site:

The original heaters have expired!



The old kitchen!



The north wall is being demolished and will extend out 12 feet!



Happy Pentecost!
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Gal 5:22-23)

Gospel:

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 16:13)

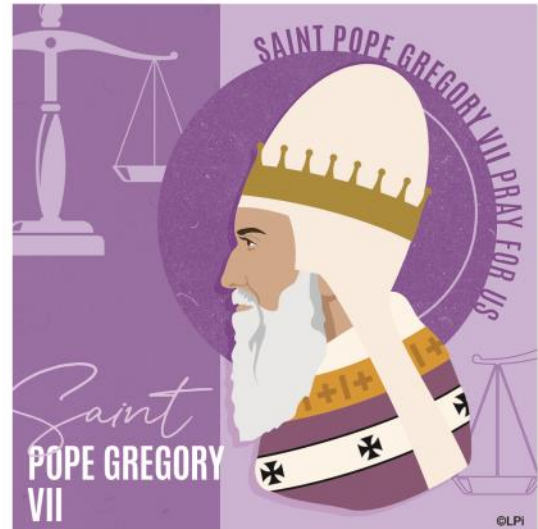
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!

Observances for the week of May 19, 2024

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday
Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Saturday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity



Saint of the week

St. Pope Gregory VII was the initiator and namesake of the Gregorian Reforms of the 11th century. He worked to free the Church from the intrusion of civil leaders into the appointment of clergy. He recommitted the Church to unity in Christ and the Eucharist.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit!
Enlighten us!
Embolden us!
Inflame us!
Stir our hearts anew!
You have called us to live and minister in this time, in these spaces, to these souls. Set us on FIRE with fresh inspiration and sacred direction!
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 19, 2024

Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29,
30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
(see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23
or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/
Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:

Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday:

Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday:

Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/
Mk 9:41-50

Friday:

Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday:

Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/
Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday:

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19,
20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

— *Father John Muir*

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Congratulations to our Confirmandi!

Congratulations to our St. Joseph Confirmandi. As you embrace your role in sharing the gospel, our community is behind you, keeping you in our prayers as you embark on this important spiritual journey as a fully initiated Catholic.

Thank you, St. Joseph parishioners for your support and prayers.

-Liz Moreno

Youth Minister- Confirmation Coordinator

Maya Aguirre	Max Salazar	Joshua Gallagher
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CALLING!

St. Joseph Parish

VOLUNTEERS
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CALLED TO BE A ... FAITH FORMATION TEACHER?

HAS GOD GIVEN YOU TALENTS?

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND, AND FOR THOSE EAGER TO DIVE DEEPER, CATECHIST TRAINING AWAITS. TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE AN IMPACT THAT LASTS A LIFETIME. JOIN US TODAY AND BE THE CHANGE OUR YOUTH NEEDS!
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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 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.

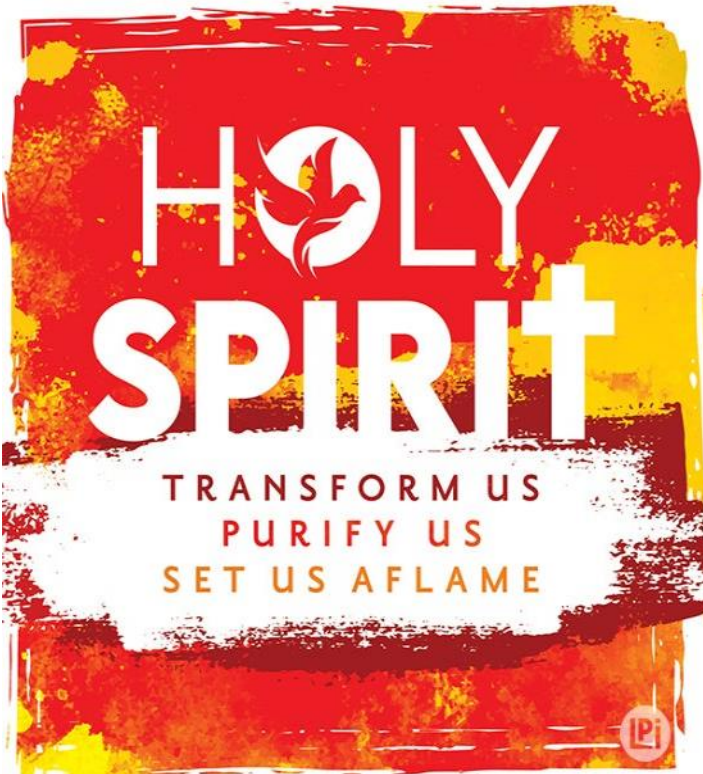


Hi everyone,

Thank you for all the wonderful prayerful support while I was in Zambia.

Our OCIA (the Initiation of Adults into the Catholic Faith) will be commencing soon. So please be an evangelizer by inviting anyone you think might be interested in hearing about our church and our faith. They could be neighbors or colleagues at work. Just pray and open the conversation: "Have you ever thought of...?" I will be hosting a session in the Parish Life Center. Come and see 9:30am - 11:00am on June 9th.

Peace and Blessings,
Sr. Eva





Did You Know?



“Myth-busting” abduction statistics

News sources hyperfocus on abductions by strangers, generating fear and anxiety that these abductions happen often and everywhere. According to data from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), however, about 100 children per year are abducted by strangers nationwide. It is far, far more likely that a missing child ran away from home or was enticed to leave home by someone he knows or trusts. More than 80% of missing children reported to NCMEC have left home under their own power, even if their decision to leave was coerced. For more information about missing children, read the VIRTUS® article “Know the Facts: Abductions and Human Trafficking” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



In Memoriam

Earl Traucht

Funeral Mass & Burial at All Souls
Wednesday, May 22 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~



Seniors Group



The St. Joseph Senior Group will meet for breakfast at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant on **Monday, June 10, at 9:30 am.** Join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there. And for future reference, we will be meeting there the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time, until the hall is finished.



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.



Movement for a Better World

LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE.

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

Opportunities! 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!

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



St. Joseph Grief Support

Grief SUPPORT GROUP

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.



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

Connecting with your Inner Wisdom through SoulCollage®

Laureen Lazarovici & Victor Narro



SoulCollage® is a gentle, intuitive, creative process that involves creating small collage cards that participants use as a powerful tool for ongoing self-reflection, self-awareness and community building. Through the use of images, symbols, and pictures from magazines and periodicals and other sources, the participants in this workshop will engage in the reflective process to create collage cards, that they can use as tools for prayer, meditation & connecting with their inner spirituality or soul wisdom. As part of the workshop, we will integrate the labyrinth of Mary & Joseph Center. We will provide the materials – magazines, scissors, glue sticks, SoulCollage® cards, etc.

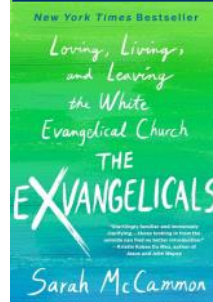
Laureen and Victor are both trained as SoulCollage® Facilitators, helping participants tap into their own inner wisdom and bring their whole and authentic selves to their work, homes, families and communities. Laureen and Victor have facilitated several SoulCollage® workshops including workshops for 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 email him at jsalas@maryjoseph.org or register online at www.maryjoseph.org. Please see website for Cancellation Policy.

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Book Club



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

The Exvangelicals by Sarah McCammon

"Sarah McCammon, a National Political Correspondent for NPR, offers readers an intimate window into the world of American evangelicalism. Filled with humor, insight, and hard-earned wisdom, The Exvangelicals is a gift to all who find themselves on a spiritual journey." —Kristin Kobes Du Mez, New York Times bestselling author of *Jesus and John Wayne*"

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