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SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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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

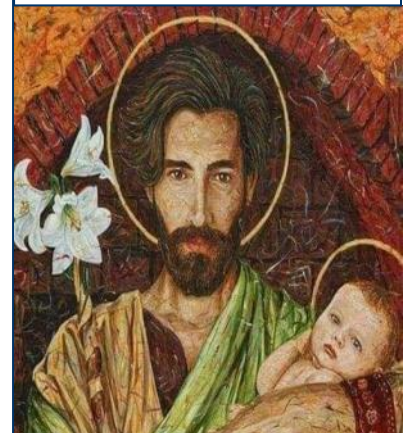
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In this weekend's Scriptures, we meet Job, who listens to God in the storm, and Job discovers that God is powerful, and that Job is subject to God's power! Job reminds us that God is the Creator and in charge, we are not!!! As we continue to journey with Saint Mark and his Gospel, recall the last few Sundays, where Jesus teaches parables to the crowd, heals those who cry out, cures people of illness and performs many other miracles. The Lord needs a break, it's as if he needs to go on vacation. So...in the boat, he gathers with the disciples to cross to the other side. As a violent squall comes out over the sea, the disciples discover that Jesus was asleep, and they are afraid of perishing. When they awaken the Lord, he tells them not to be afraid. Perhaps our meditation might center again on the words in which Jesus calls us not to be afraid, because the Lord is with us in all the storms of our life!

This weekend at all the Masses, we will bless those who have recently graduated from eighth grade, high school, or college. Bring your grad with you to Holy Mass!

This week I've been summoned to serve on jury duty.! A great opportunity to reminds us that we are all invited to serve in some capacity, and let's pray for all judges, clerks in the courtroom, lawyers, potential jurors and all those who serve in the criminal justice system.



A couple of weeks ago, I was honored to celebrate the Baptism Confirmation, and First Holy Communion of our parishioner, Dylan Lee. Welcome to the Church Dylan!!

Summer commenced this past week, so enjoy these extra hours of daylight!

Summer peace,
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus far shall you come but no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stilled! (Jb 38:11)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (Ps 107)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come. (2 Cor 5:17)

Gospel:

They were filled with great awe and said to one another,
"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mk 4:41)

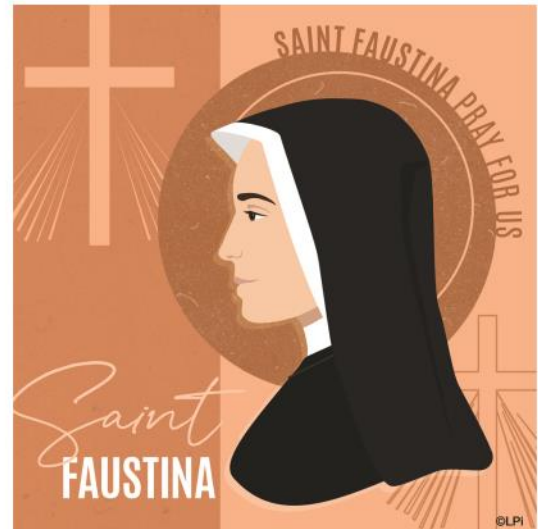
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

So often when we are weathering the storm, it feels like God is asleep — but we never even tried to wake Him up! Bring God your fears, your doubts, your uncertainties. He will show you that He steers the ship, and even the wind and the seas obey.

Observances for the week of June 23, 2024

- Sunday:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Thursday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Faustina was a Polish sister of Our Lady of Mercy. Her miraculous experiences and writings about her revelations of God's Divine Mercy sparked a worldwide Catholic movement refocusing the faithful on the Mercy of God and how to share that mercy with their neighbors.

Prayer for Inner Peace

Jesus,
Speak your command of "Quiet!
Be still!" into the dark recesses of
my mind — my fears, concerns,
and anxieties. Be with me, at
every moment, no matter the
storm.
Fix my eyes upon you.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 23, 2024

Sunday:

Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29,
30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday:

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/
Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35,
36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday:

2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/
Mt 7:21-29

Friday:

2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/
Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday:

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12,
13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Right now, you and I are only worried about one of only two things: wind or water. Bear with me. This week we hear the account of the terrified disciples waking Jesus in a sea-storm. He chastises them for their lack of faith, and then, **“rebuking the wind, he said to the sea, ‘Quiet, be still!’”** He rebukes the wind and stills the water. In the Bible wind and water represent the two most fundamental poles of our experience of creation. Wind means heaven, spirit, that which gives identity, unity, order, light. Water stands for earth, variation, potential, that which can be drawn into identity, darkness, chaos.

Too much “wind” is when things get way too rigid, abstract and ideological — when we face oppressive leaders and tyrants, when we get addicted to our own way of doing things, when our attention is too narrowly focused on one thing. Too much “water” is excessive novelty, passivity, indifference, and chaos — when our attention is too broadly diffused on many things, when things seem to be crumbling without direction into the dark abyss. We know both terrifying experiences all too well.

The point of the miracle is that God in Christ is the One who brings final cosmic harmony between these two vital but threatening forces. He ultimately does so from the wood of the cross, when he breathes forth the wind of his spirit and pours forth the water from his side to establish a new creation, filled with harmonious peace. When the wind and water are out of control, trust him.

— *Father John Muir*

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CALLED TO BE A ...

FAITH FORMATION TEACHER?

HAS GOD GIVEN YOU TALENTS?

ANSWER THE CALL! ARE YOU FEELING A TUG ON YOUR HEART TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH? JOIN OUR YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM AND BE PART OF SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL. WE'RE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR FULLY INITIATED CATHOLICS READY TO EMBRACE THIS REWARDING JOURNEY. NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY – JUST A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND A PASSION FOR GUIDING OUR YOUTH TOWARDS FAITH AND GROWTH.



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!

ALL IT TAKES IS A COMMITMENT OF THREE HOURS EVERY TWO WEEKS!

CONTACT: LIZ MORENO - (562) 598-0519 EXT 230
YOUTH MINISTER/ CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR ST. JOSEPH PARISH FAMILY!

STARTING THIS SEPTEMBER, WE ARE THRILLED TO BRING BACK CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL DURING MASS FOR OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS AGED 5 TO 8 YEARS OLD! THIS SPECIAL TIME WILL ALLOW OUR CHILDREN TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD IN A WAY THAT'S ENGAGING, FUN, AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE EAGER TO SHARE THE JOY OF OUR FAITH WITH THE LITTLE ONES. IF YOU HAVE A HEART FOR TEACHING AND LOVE WORKING WITH CHILDREN, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR TEAM AND MAKE A LASTING IMPACT ON THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. LET'S COME TOGETHER TO INSPIRE AND NURTURE THE YOUNGEST MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT MARC LEON AT MARC@STJOSEPHLB.ORG

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND DEDICATION!

When:

**Sundays, 8:30 Mass
Starting September!**

ACTIVITIES:

- READING THE WORD OF GOD
- FUN MULTI-MEDIA
- MUSIC & DANCE
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TO JOIN US!

**Please contact Marc Leon
to join our Team!**
marc@stjosephlb.org





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.

The Women's weekend is full and registration is closed, however registration is open for the Men's weekend which is **October 19-20, 2024**.

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





Did You Know?



Athlete helpline available for sports-related abuse concerns

The Courage First Athlete Helpline is a national resource aimed at combating child abuse in sports. Counselors and team members are available to help ensure physical and mental safety for sports communities, offering emotional support, crisis intervention, and guidance related to abuse concerns. If you have concerns about your child's sports teams, you can call or text 888-279-1026, or visit athlethehelpline.org.



Meditation Group



St. Joseph Meditation Ministry will meet in person on Monday July 8th in the PLC at 7PM-8PM (Mother Teresa Room)

No meditation experience is necessary. For more information contact Frank McKown at 310-633-1744.



Seniors Group



Our next get together will be at the El Dorado Restaurant on Monday, July 8 at 9:30. 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



"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you that will be happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." Albert Schweitzer

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

Opportunities! Can you deliver food to Catholic Charities once per month for people experiencing homelessness? Coordinate our Christmas Present Drive? For many fulfilling ways to serve, big and small, call Tim Clark, 562-431-4385.



St. Joseph Grief Support



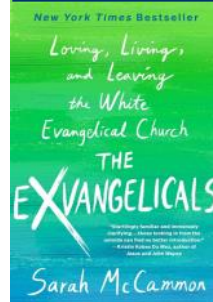
Bereavement classes will resume after a short recess for the summer.

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.



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"

All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com

Updated 6/18/24

St. Joseph Youth Group Schedule

JUNE 19	NO MEETUP	NO MEETUP
JUNE 29	1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY DISNEYLAND TRIP	ALL DAY EVENT
JULY 3	MEETUP 4TH OF JULY THEME	7:00PM – 9:00PM
JULY 17	Holy Rollers Bowling Night	7:00pm – 8:30pm PLC Bowlero
August 17	Seal Beach Clean Up	9am – 10am – Clean up Beach fun to follow
August 24	Worship Concert	Arrival 5:00pm Bonfire afterwards Ends at 10:00pm



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