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SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IF I BUT
TOUCH HIS
CLOTHES.

— MARK 5:28 —

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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

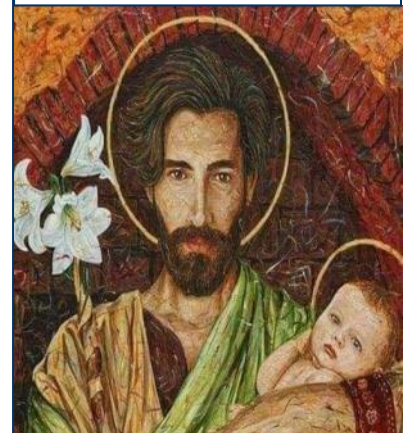
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus meets Jairus, who pleads for Jesus to heal his sick daughter. This scene is vividly portrayed in the television series, "The Chosen." The story is a reminder that healing is just a request away. Most of the time we want the healing to be physical, and if that does not happen the healing may be spiritual or psychological. Whenever I celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick with someone, I always remind them that Jesus Christ is the first physician who desires to heal us.

This Sunday we welcome nine new inquirers to the OCIA process. Five are unbaptized and four are baptized in other Christian faiths. Let's pray for them as they begin their journey and if anyone else would like to inquire about joining the Catholic Church, please contact Sister Eva in the office.

Excavation for the new underground water line for the new fire sprinkler system in the hall is underway for the next 3-4 weeks. From the photos, you can see the open trench. Cars are not permitted in the courtyard during this time. Please follow the path over the plywood planks for Mass on the Grass or evening meetings in the PLC. Please always escort small children through the courtyard. Thanks for your co-operation during this time.



Vacation is also just a request away! It's time for me to vacate so I will be departing this Friday, July 5 and I will be back for the Sunday Masses on July 21. Please extend your gracious hospitality to Father Paolo Garcia, who will be moving into the residence for two weeks and presiding at all the Sunday and three weekday Masses. Fr. Paolo is the Director at the Queen of Angels Center, the formation house for our college age seminarians. Please pray for our seminarians and for vocations!!

Happy Summer!!
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world. (Wis 2:24)

Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)

Second Reading:

Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality. (2 Cor 8:13-14)

Gospel:

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum*," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" (Mk 5:41)

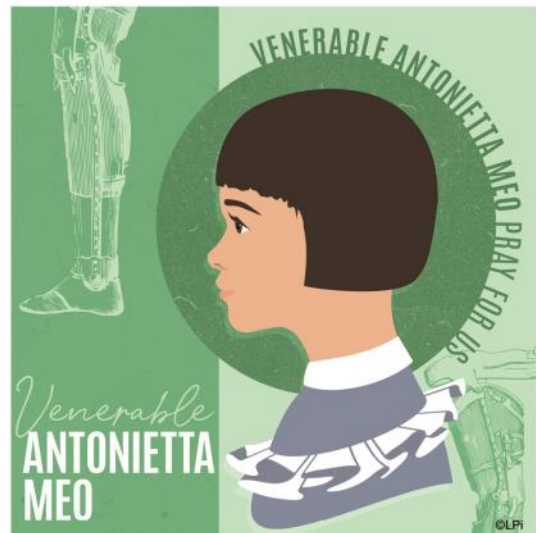
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Talitha koum. Girl, arise! Jesus said this to the dead daughter of the synagogue official, and she obeyed. Listen for his voice when you are weighed down, burdened with doubt or misery, for he says it to you, too. Arise!

Observances for the week of June 30, 2024

- Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
Wednesday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Thursday: Independence Day
Friday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;
St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Saturday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Antonietta Meo, born in Rome, died of bone cancer at just 6 years old. In her short life she wrote hundreds of little letters to Jesus and Mary displaying a deep spiritual maturity and had a profound understanding of the redemptive value of suffering.

Prayer for Our Government

Dear Lord,
Guide and direct those who serve this country in positions of leadership and power. Give them Your wisdom and clarity as they make decisions for our nation.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 30, 2024

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

Monday:

Am 2:6-10, 13-16/
Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday:

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Thursday:

Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday:

Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40,
131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday:

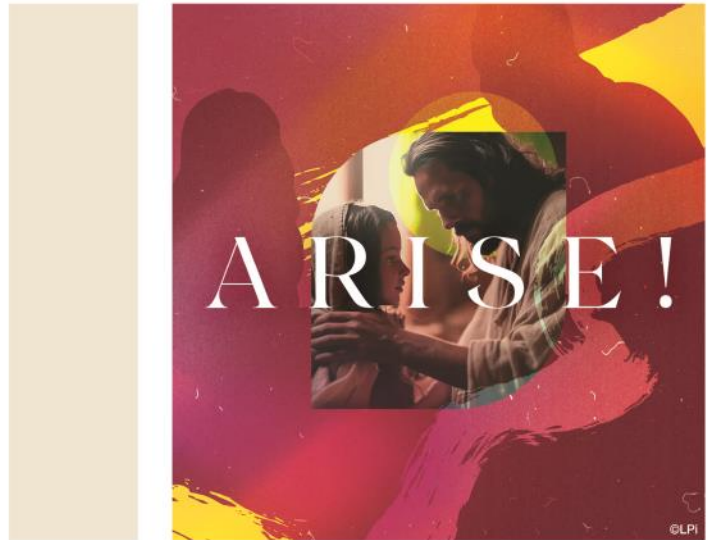
Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday:

Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/
2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Sin isn't given its due these days. Downplaying sin is dangerous. But there is also another spiritual misstep in which we make way too big a deal out of sin. It happens, for example, when we persistently wonder if our confessed sins are "really" forgiven, or suspiciously ponder what God "really" thinks about us, behind His merciful face. Or when someone returns to Church, and we question whether his or her conversion was genuine. Or when we commit some sin and put on a sad face for days, thinking, "Maybe my sins are too great for God to deal with." God save us from that attitude!

Well, he does just that, this week, in the raising of Jairus' daughter. The dead twelve-year-old's house is filled with a spirit of excessive moaning and groaning, tumultuous weeping and wailing. They even laugh at Jesus in a mocking tone. It's shocking how easy it is for him to raise the dead child. It is equivalent to gently waking a kid from a light nap. And then he sends her off to get some lunch. No big whoop. The overactive drama is actually part of the problem, and removing it is a key part of the miracle.

Friends, sin can and does kill, but Jesus is *a/ways* ready and able to raise us back to life, often without much hullabaloo. His ease of forgiving should never be a pretext for presumption, minimizing sin, or taking lightly the cost he pays for our sins on the cross. But for God's sake, we often need Jesus to put out the weepers and wailers. He's the Lord. And remember, the girl is not dead, she's just sleeping.

— *Father John Muir*

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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
- ARTS & CRAFTS

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?

**Fighting the
Battle Against
Human Trafficking**



**Trust your instincts when it comes
to human trafficking**

Human trafficking is happening in more places than you would think, and often it passes unnoticed because traffickers are highly skilled. If you see a situation that does not feel right, or you observe something inappropriate or concerning, you could be saving someone's life by reporting it. Often, trafficking can be noted by small indicators: someone who is deferring to another person often, or who is often controlled in who they can talk to or what they can say. Victims will also often appear to be timid or fearful, especially of a particular person, and to be isolated from other friends, family, and community members. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Know the Facts: Abductions and Human Trafficking" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



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.



Knights of Columbus



The **Knights of Columbus** will be selling
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their Scholarship Programs.

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Movement for a Better World

“True charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need.” Pope Francis

Homeless Kit Drive: Many thanks to all who supported our homeless hygiene kit drive June 22-23! We contributed supplies for over **175 kits** and **\$596** from which another **45 kits** will be made. These will support Catholic Charities of Long Beach and our St. Joseph Homeless Ministry’s encampment visits June 30, Sept. 29, and Dec. 29. *PLEASE JOIN US!*

Aug. 3-4 Food from the Heart Drive: Collecting family food for those served by Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

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



Adoration



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 July 6** at **8:00 am**.



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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