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When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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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

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





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Turkey and Syria are situated in a region that experiences frequent, major earthquakes. In early February 2023, central Turkey's most powerful earthquake since 1939 struck with a magnitude of 7.8. More than 10,000 aftershocks continued for weeks afterward, including a powerful magnitude 6.4 aftershock that struck the biblical city of Antioch, known as Antakya. More than 50,000 people in Turkey and neighboring Syria were killed by the initial earthquake, followed by more deaths and the destruction of structures damaged by the first earthquake. UN officials estimated that more than 1.5 million people were left homeless in what is believed to be the largest natural disaster in Turkey's history.

In a mid-February meeting with Turkey's new ambassador to the Holy See, Pope Francis asked what sort of aid Turkey most needed. Within 24 hours, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner and prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for the Service of Charity, organized a shipment of canned food, diapers, thermal garments, and other necessities, to be sent from Rome to a warehouse in Turkey for distribution to those in need. At the same time, economic aid to Syrian victims was entrusted to the apostolic nunciature in Syria. In addition to this material relief, the Vatican's prefect for the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, visited Syria and Turkey to provide a ministry of presence to victims.

The Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, the poor, and those affected by illness and natural disasters is supported by your contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection. When you

participate in the collection, you join Catholics across the globe in supporting the pope's mission of mercy as well as the Holy See dicasteries that assist his ministry.

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A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father

Support for such papal efforts is rooted in the scriptural message exhorting us to take care of the poor, and it expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.

How You Can Help

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father, for those he serves in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which benefit from the Peter's Pence Collection.

SHARE

Share this bulletin insert with anyone who might be interested.

GIVE

Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and of your support for the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it can minister to all for generations to come.



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD!
And whether they heed or resist
— for they are a rebellious house —
they shall know that a prophet has been among them. (Ez 2:4-5)

Psalm:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. (Ps 123)

Second Reading:

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
(2 Cor 12:9)

Gospel:

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place
and among his own kin and in his own house." (Mk 6:4)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus taught in the synagogue of his native place, he didn't fit the image of the Messiah the people expected. They dismissed him. Let's learn from their example and remember that God often comes to us in forms that are surprising — even challenging.

Observances for the week of July 7, 2024

- Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Benedict, Abbot
Saturday: St. Henry
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Born to a noble family in Florence, St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi (1566-1607), has been called the "ecstatic saint" or "The Passion Flower of the Eucharist," because of the trance-like state, or ecstasy, she entered after receiving Holy Communion.

Prayer for Truth

Dear Lord,
Your prophets were those who spoke Your Truth.
Help me to be a speaker of truth as well, one who reminds of Your love, encourages the lowly, and points ever more deeply to You.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 7, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8,
9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/
Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14
and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

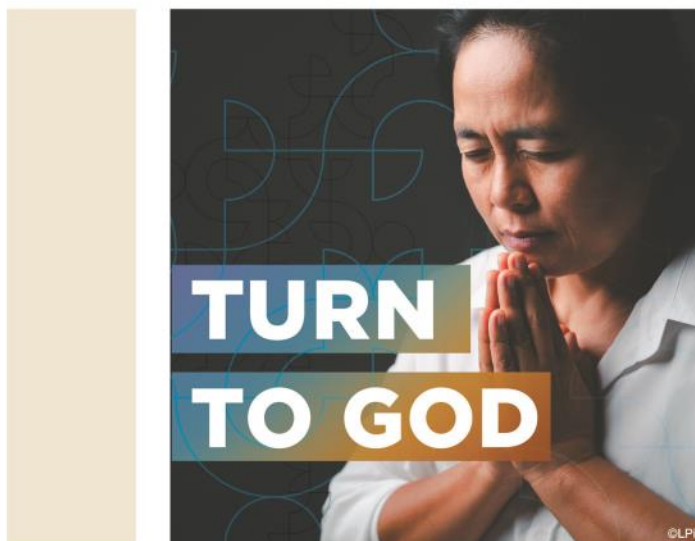
Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday:

Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, “You’ll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try.” Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won’t work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week’s words from St Paul, “**I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me** (2 Cor. 12:9).” Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn’t promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let’s face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it’s there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— *Father John Muir*

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

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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!

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

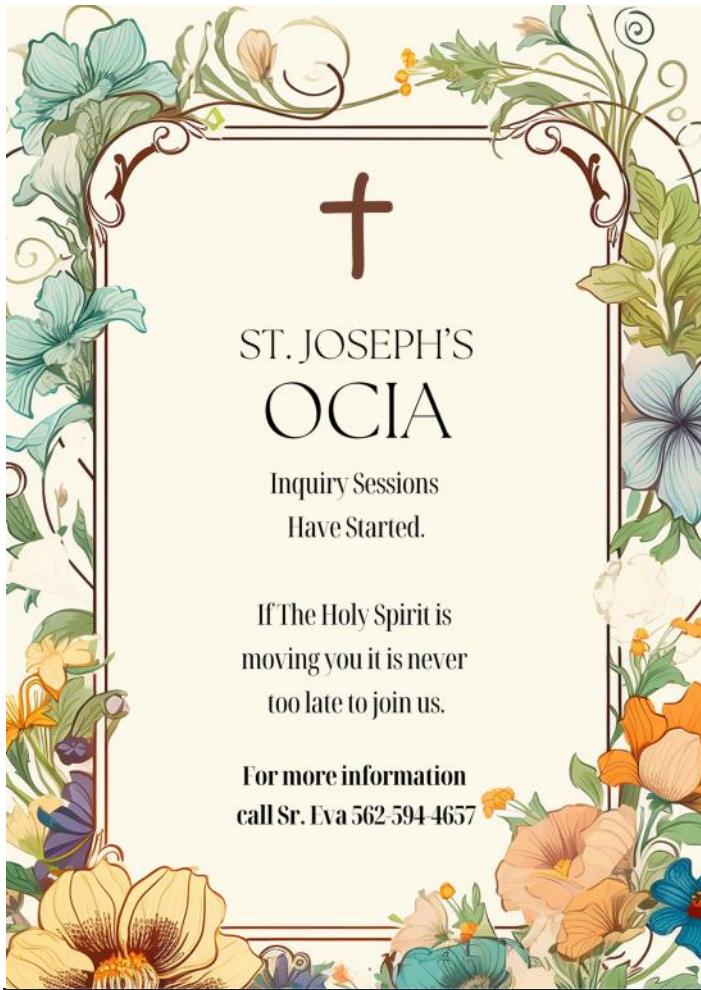
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TO JOIN US!

**Please contact Marc Leon
to join our Team!**
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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.

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?



Who is a mandated reporter?

In California, a mandated reporter is a professional who is required to report instances or suspected instances of child abuse. Mandated reporters include doctors, medical examiners, health care facility workers, daycare workers, school employees, and members of the clergy. Volunteers of public or private organizations whose duties require direct contact with, and supervision of children are not mandated reporters but are encouraged to obtain training in the identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles encourages all in our church to speak up to the appropriate authorities if any form of child abuse is suspected. Find out more about mandated reporters at childwelfare.gov.



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.



St. Joseph Grief Support



If you think you can't survive grieving, and your dreams feel shattered, consider joining our support group on **Tuesdays at 9:30 - 11:30** each week beginning **July 30th** for 13 weeks.

Contact May Pace, Bereavement Ministry @ maypace@gmail.com or 562/833 6370



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.



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.

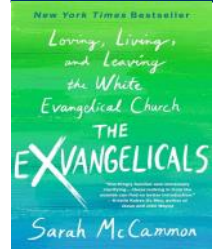
Opportunities! Can you deliver food to Catholic Charities once per month for people experiencing homelessness? Coordinate our Christmas Present Drive? For many fulfilling ways to serve, big and small, call Tim Clark, 562-431-4385

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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

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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