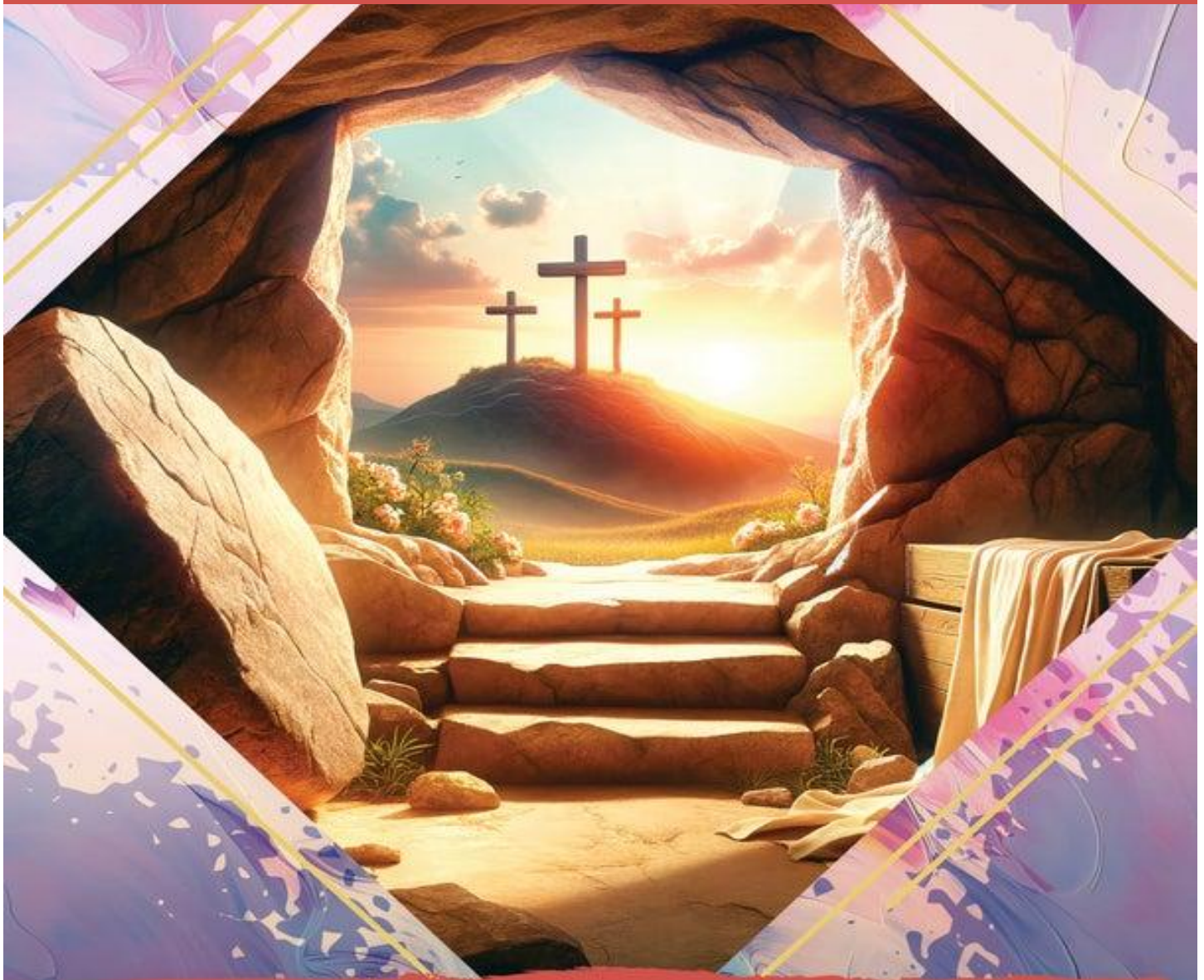


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They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.
- Lk 24:2

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Happy Easter! This is the day when we proclaim that Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again! May your faithfulness to your Lenten projects of fasting, prayer and almsgiving lead to the joy and power of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. May we declare ourselves, like Peter and the apostles, and all the companions through the ages to be bold witnesses of Jesus Christ. Easter is the reminder that we are not only to be familiar with Jesus, but to give witness to Him.

Last Saturday, 109 families were served through our Movement for a Better World Easter Program. We're grateful to Saint Anthony's High School and the use of their facilities to organize and distribute the hundreds of boxes of food and books. For a recap of the care Saint Joe's offered, please scroll down to the article about MBW.

Tomorrow, Easter Monday I depart on my Jubilee pilgrimage to Italy. I preached about it two weekends ago and be assured that I will remember you and your family's intentions as I pass through the Bronze Doors of some of the most ancient Cathedrals and Basilicas in the world. I'll be blessed to attend the Canonization Mass of the first millennial Saint, Blessed Carlo Acutis and I'll pray for those of you who need healing. Please pray I have a safe journey and I will return home on May 9th. My thanks to Fr. Paolo Garcia, who will celebrate the Easter season with you for the next two weekends!!

This weekend at the Easter Vigil, we welcome our 16 Elect and Candidates into the life of our Church!

May abundance of Easter hope and joy be all over you and your families!

Love and Prayers in the Risen Lord,
Msgr. Kevin





Thank You

TOGETHER WE SERVED
109 FAMILIES

BLESSINGS AND HAPPY EASTER!



Holy Week Schedule



St. Joseph Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday April 12th & 13th

5:00 pm Saturday	Mass Indoors
8:30 am Sunday	Mass on the Grass (Please Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs)
10:30 am Sunday	Mass Indoors
12:30 pm Sunday	Mass Indoors

Holy Thursday April 17th

8:00 am	Morning Prayer – Indoors
7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper – Indoors

Good Friday April 18th

8:00 am	Morning Prayer – Indoors
1:30 pm	Passion Liturgy – Indoors

Holy Saturday April 19th

8:00 am	Morning Prayer - Indoors
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass – Indoors

Easter Sunday April 20th

8:30 am	Easter Mass on the Grass (Please Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs)
10:30 am	Easter Mass Indoors
12:30 pm	Easter Mass Indoors

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Pray for our elect and candidates!

OCIA Prayer

Lord, we pray for those in the OCIA process who journey to you. Strengthen their faith. Open their hearts to the fullness of your love. Deepen their understanding. Set their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.
Amen!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Or: Alleluia. (Ps 118)

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved,
and told them,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him." (Jn 20:2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and the abandoned burial cloths. What great things could we accomplish, if we only believe that Christ has conquered death? Go forth this Easter season, boldly embracing the hope of the resurrection.

Observances for the week of April 20, 2025

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter;
Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Arbor Day
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Seven Sorrows of Mary helps us to unite our own sufferings with those of Jesus, following Mary's perfect example, as we meditate upon the great sufferings endured by Our Lord and his Blessed Mother.

Prayer for Easter

Blessed be God who has triumphed over the grave!
Our Lord is victorious!
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the joy of Easter fill every part of our lives!
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 20, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, **"the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7)**. Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

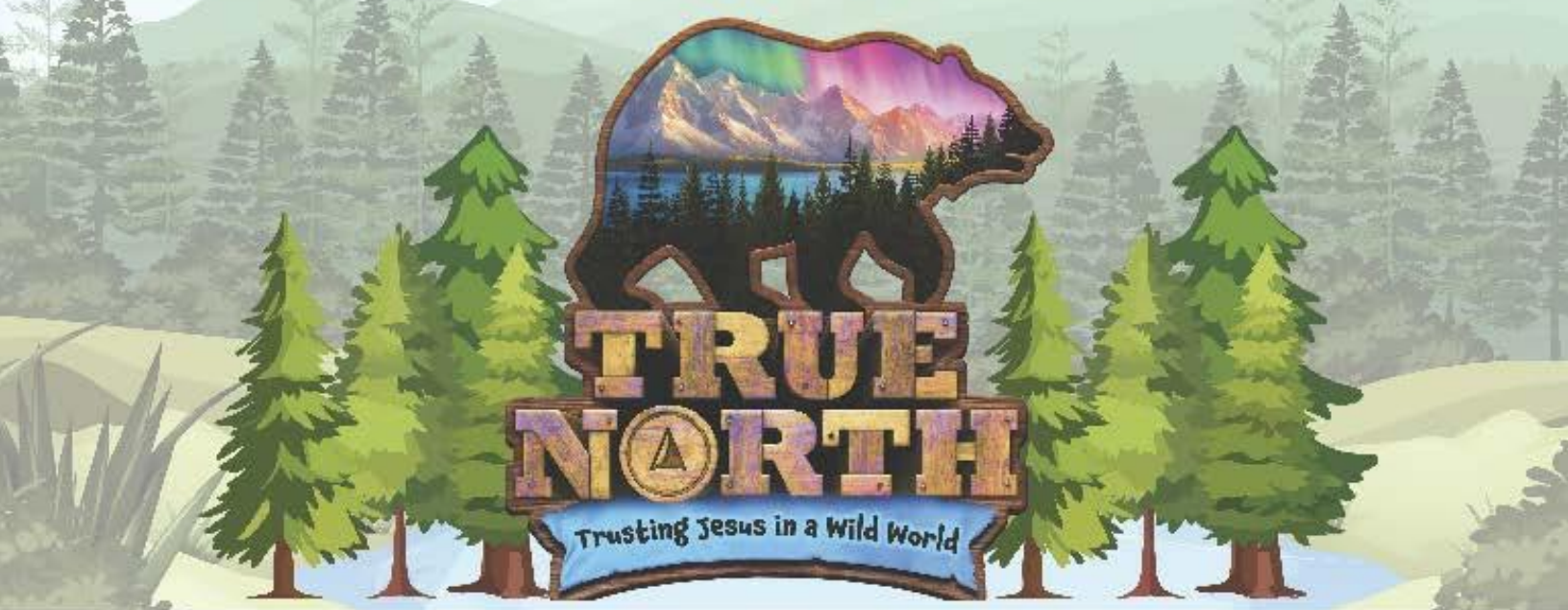
These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

— Father John Muir

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This is a community event is hosted by:

- St. Joseph
- St. Cornelius
- Our Lady of Refuge



Knights for a Better World: Making a Difference

This Easter, our Knights for a Better World initiative brought our community together in service. Students of all grade levels contributed food donations for families in need in Long Beach and are currently collecting Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl donations to help alleviate hunger and poverty around the world. In addition, 6th and 8th grade wrote cards of thanks and encouragement for first responders and service members through *Operation Gratitude*. These acts of kindness teach our Disciples of Christ the importance of serving others and being open to God's will, just as St. Joseph was.



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

Easter Distribution: THANK YOU to everyone that helped with, and contributed blessings and hope to 109 families, including over 315 children, for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter! By way of over \$6,500 in Skip-a-Meal donations and the School’s food drive, we provided over 4,000 lbs. of food for Easter, including See’s Candy! The children received personally-selected reading books from February’s book drive **May 3-4, Feed-a-Baby Food Drive:** We will collect non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach. Can you help? For information about MANY fulfilling ways to serve, call Tim Clark, 562-431-4385.

Skip-a-Meal: Please be especially mindful of Skip-a-Meal donations during the holiday season when our needs are greatest



OCIA COME & SEE

Sr. Eva invites you to join her for a Come & See, Come & Hear evening. For those who might consider sharing their faith with adults inquiring about our Catholic faith. Come & hear what that might entail.



We Need Help :

Seeking individuals to serve as OCIA catechists, who guide adults through the process of becoming Catholic. If you are interested in sharing your faith and helping others on their journey, consider becoming an OCIA catechist.

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 30TH, 2025
AT 7PM**



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The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on behalf of Archbishop José H. Gomez, we affirm our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support survivor-victims in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese created a website, lacatholics.org/protect that serves as a comprehensive tool containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese’s Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or visit lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse for help and support.

Senior Group



Our next get together will be at the
El Dorado Restaurant on
Monday, May 12th at 9:30 am.

Please 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. For future reference, we meet there on the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time. Looking forward to seeing you!

St. Joseph Grief Support

Grief support



The next Grief support 13 week session will begin **June 3rd** and will meet until **August 26th**
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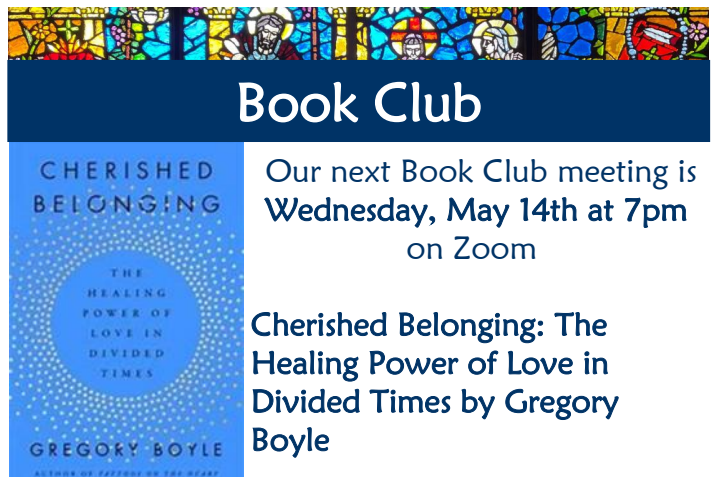
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Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church
Thursday, April 24th at 11:00 am

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~

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Our next Book Club meeting is
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5:00 p.m.

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8:30 a.m.

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10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

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