

St. Joseph Parish



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:13

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Today I'm thinking of you in Rome! On behalf of our parish family, I paid our respects to our late Holy Father, Pope Francis. Pictured below is his tomb, and etched in the granite, one simple word: Franciscus.

Here in Rome, everyone says: "Apostolica Sedes Vacans", which means, "The seat being empty"! This week, the Cardinal electors will gather in conclave in the Sistine Chapel to elect a new Shepherd and fill the seat of Peter! Let's join the whole church in praying that the Holy Spirit will elect a new Shepherd and guide our church!

Prayers from the Eternal City,
Msgr. Kevin



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior
to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. (Acts 5:31)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

"To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor, glory and might,
forever and ever." (Rv 5:13)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught
anything to eat?"
They answered him, "No."
So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side
of the boat
and you will find something."
So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in
because of the number of fish. (Jn 21:5-6)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus bids the disciples to bring their bounty
of fish to the fire, to gather around it, to be
warmed and fed. God's invitation is for all of
us: come to the fire of His love. Be warmed.
Be fed. Then, go forth, and feed the sheep.

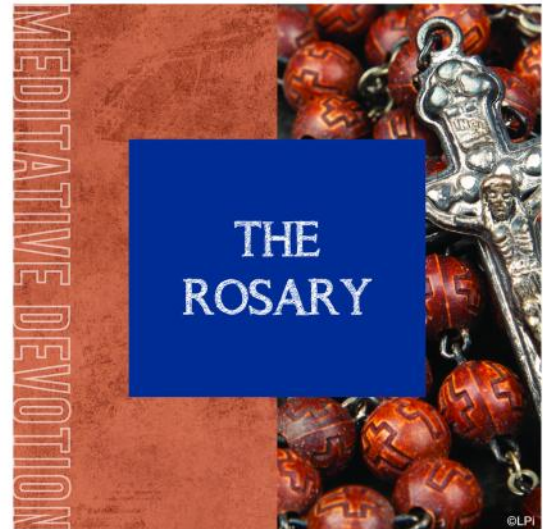
Observances for the week of May 4, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday: Cinco de Mayo

Saturday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the
Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for
Vocations; Mother's Day



Devotions, *Explained!*

Christians have used beads
to mark the recitation of
prayers since ancient times,
but in the 12th century,
the Rosary emerged as a
meditative devotion centering
on significant moments in the
lives of Jesus and Mary.

Prayer of Belief

Lord,
Help me to see You and to
recognize what I see.
Help me to hear Your invitation
and to respond.
Help me to join You where and
when You call.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 4, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/
Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday:

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, **"Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12)**. The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

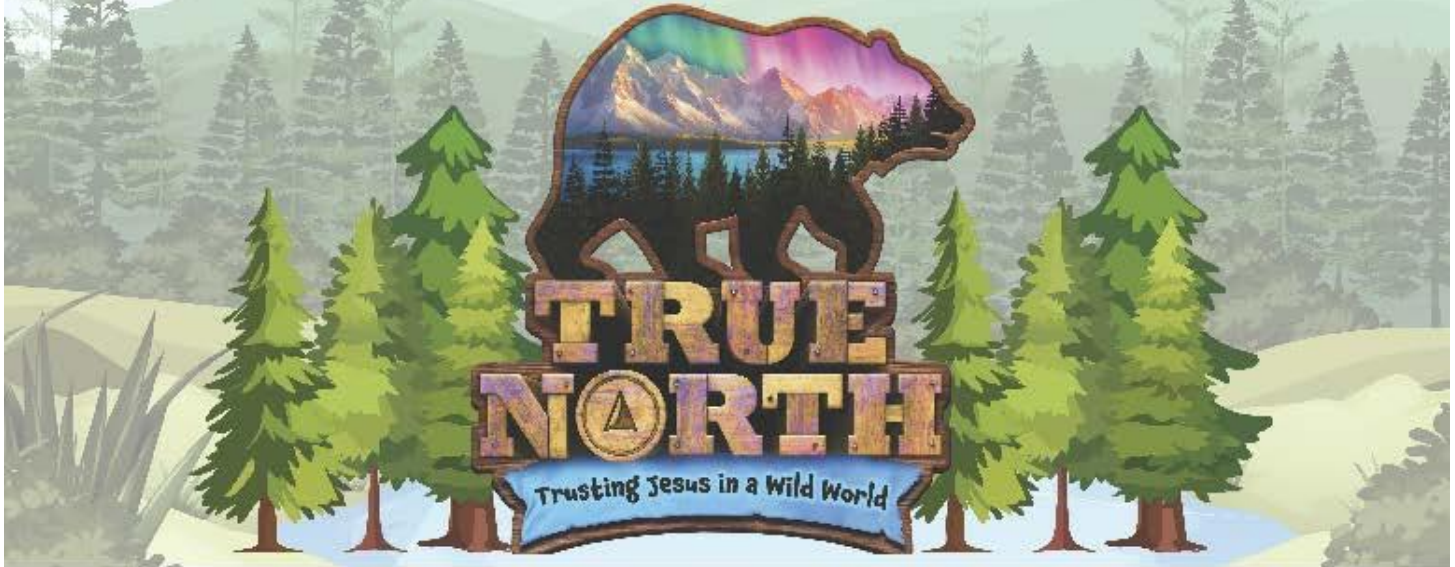
Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— *Father John Muir*

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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VACATION BIBLE CAMP



EXPLORING MOUNTAINS OF FUN WITH GOD!

This camp is open to kids ages 4 to 11

When: June 16th - June 20th 2025

**Where: St. Joseph Church
6180 E Willow St. Long Beach Ca 90815**

**Time: 9:00am to 12 noon.
Cost: \$75**



To register, scan the QR code for an easy process! For any questions please contact: Marc Leon - (562)598-0519 Ext 1

"True North" Vacation Bible Camp offers children an immersive Alaskan adventure. Throughout this week, kids will learn to trust Jesus as their steadfast friend - their True North. Each day features activities such as Bible Adventures, Imagination Station, Glacier Games, Tundra Treats, and music - all designed to reinforce the message of trusting Jesus in every aspect of life.

This is a community event hosted by:

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

St. Joseph School Retreats



Each month, each class is given a special opportunity to step away from the classroom and spend time growing closer to God through class retreats. Led by our dedicated Director of Religious Education, Marc Leon, these retreats provide a meaningful time to pause for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal.

Through team-building activities and moments of prayer, our students strengthen not only their relationships with one another, but also their personal relationship with God. These retreats are a vital part of their faith journey, helping them to see Christ more clearly in their daily lives. Thank you Mr. Leon for your dedication to nurturing our students' relationships with God.



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"I will often think of the Father's wisdom and omniscience. He knows all things, and nothing happens to me that has not passed through His hands. He measured it, looked at every detail, and gave it to me." - Mother Angelica

This Weekend Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: We are collecting non-perishable baby food and products for **Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, and New Life Beginnings.** Can you help shop with our cash donations?

Opportunities: For MANY fulfilling ways to serve, call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.

Heavenly Father,
protect and guide your Church
during this conclave.
Grant us, in your great love,
a Pope who guides your
Church to grow in faithfulness
towards you. May he be a
shepherd of profound faith
and hope, leading your Church
ever closer to you.

NOVENA FOR THE PAPAL CONCLAVE
DAY 1

ASCENSION

Did You Know?



Safe adults can have a generational effect

A child who is a victim of sexual abuse does not just suffer in the moment of the abuse, but in the short and long term afterwards. Abuse has far-reaching consequences, and studies have shown that children of parents who were abused as children, and even grandchildren, are more likely to also experience abuse. Safe adults can break this cycle, by being aware of potentially dangerous situations and by providing a safe space and listening ear for the children in their care. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Superpowers: Safe Adults Have Them" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



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**
Meetings are held on

Tuesdays 9:30 -11:30 a.m. each week

For more information Contact May Pace,
Bereavement Minister, maypace@gmail.com
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In Memoriam



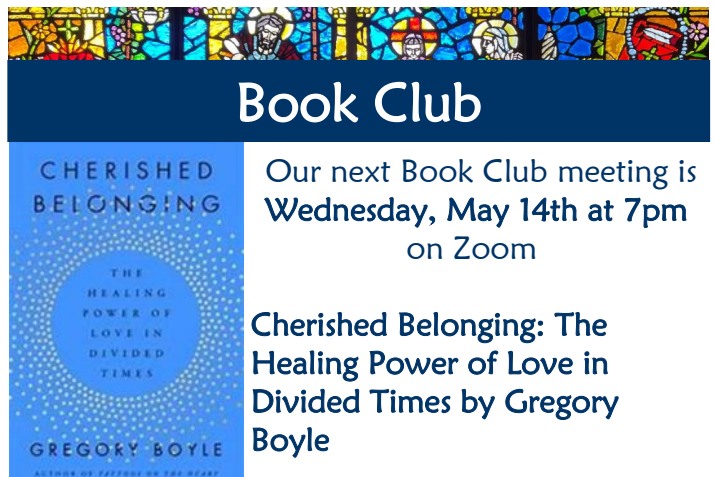
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Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church
Tuesday, May 13th at 11:00 am

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~

Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is
Wednesday, May 14th at 7pm
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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.

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Adoration

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8:00-9:00 a.m.





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