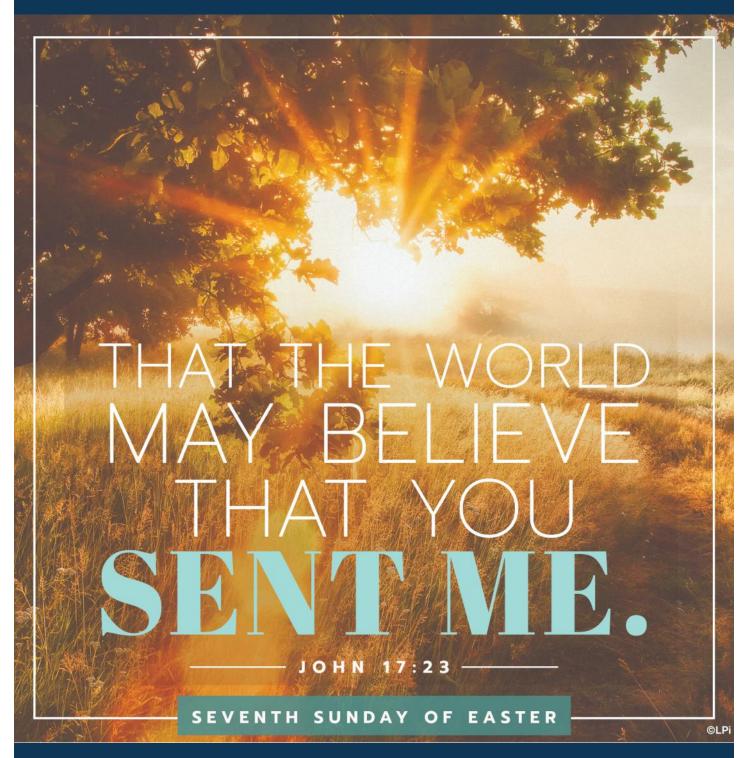
St. Joseph Parish



6180 E. Willow Street Long Beach, CA 90815 T: (562) 594-4657 F: (562) 431-7424

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Closed Noon - 1:00 for lunch) stjosephlb.org



Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the month of June. The daylight hours will increase as we move toward the summer solstice on June 20. During these longest days of the year, we are privileged to celebrate two great Solemnities in the church: today is the Feast of the Ascension, and next week is Pentecost. Ascension is a celebration of light as we celebrate Jesus as a fully human person who enters into God's heavenly presence. He has gone before us to prepare the way for all those who would follow Him. With the Feast of the Ascension, the earthly mission of Jesus has ended, and our mission has just begun. Like the apostles, we have been commissioned to take the message of good news to all the ends of the earth! Scripture says, "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to His call, what are the riches of glory in His inheritance among the Holy Ones."

Let us offer congratulations and prayers to all the graduates of our Saint Joseph's family. This week the Saint Joseph's eighth grade class will celebrate their Graduation Mass and we wish them well as they commence their journey to high school. To all our elementary, high school and college graduates – congratulations and go with God!

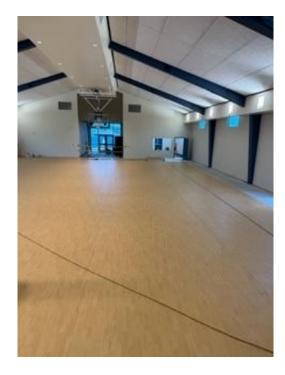
Recently, you may have received the annual letter and envelope from the Priest Retirement Fund from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, announcing the annual appeal that raises money for all the retired or retiring priests in our local church. This year, the 119 retired Archdiocesan Priests will benefit from any generous support and love you can give. Yours truly will be a part of that group several years from now!

Saint Joseph's has joined with our neighbors, Saint Cornelius and Our Lady of Refuge to offer Summer Vacation Bible Camp during the week of June 16-20 here on our St. Joe's campus. All

children ages 4 to 11 years old are invited to join in the fun. Just scroll down in this bulletin and click the QR code for registration.

Mark your calendars – the date has been set to celebrate our Parish's 70th Anniversary and opening of the new Saint Joseph Parish Center. The date is Saturday, August 23 at 6:00 PM. More details to come during the next few weeks!!

Last weekend after every Mass hundreds of you went in to see the progress in our new Saint Joseph Center. It was the first time we were allowed in without having to wear a hardhat. This week, work commenced on installing the new floor and the curing process will take about three weeks. Here is a picture:



As we approach Pentecost next weekend, pray that you will be clothed with power from on high!

Ascension Blessings, Msgr. Kevin

June 1, 2025 Page 2

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God. (Acts 7:55)

Psalm:

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (Ps 97) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rv 22:13)

Gospel:

"Father, they are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world." (Jn 17:24)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Father, they are your gift to me." This is what Christ says of his disciples. It is what he says of us. "I wish that where I am, they also may be with me." Do we have the courage to be where Christ is? Can we be the gift?

Observances for the week of June 1, 2025

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of

Easter; World Communications Day

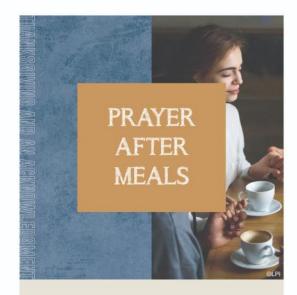
Monday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Norbert, Bishop

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday



Devotions, Explained!

Though it is a less common practice in the modern world, early Church fathers like Tertullian and St. Jerome extolled the importance of praying after a meal, an action meant to inspire an attitude of thanksgiving and an acknowledgment of our dependence on God.

Prayer of Christian Unity

Help us to be one, Lord Jesus, as you prayed to the Father. Gather us all to you, diverse in culture, gift, call, way of life, and perspective.

May the love we have for you overflow into the love we have for each other.

Amen.

©LPi SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 1, 2025 Page 3

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 1, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ Jn 17:20-26 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/ Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/ Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/ Jn 21:15-19

Saturday:

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/ Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.



Gospel MeditationEncourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of heaven until the people in his life had entered. I'm not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as he prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord just a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper pray to his Father "that they may be brought to perfection as one" (John 17:23). What does this mean for us?

I'd wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect — that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support of one another. He wants the perfection of his disciples to be not some individualistic plan of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.

Let's apply this practically. Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me? Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too? Is my dearest hope to individually get to heaven when I die, or is it to be part of the great procession of souls, together marching towards the heavenly Jerusalem? Do I want to be in heaven with people I currently find difficult? How would my life change if I did?

- Father John Muir

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

©LPi



Priest Retirement Fund 2025

"Forever a Holy Priesthood" Annual Appeal

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart" – Jeremiah 3:15

This year's Priest Retirement Fund 2025 Annual Appeal invites us to give thanks for the dedicated priests who have faithfully served the people of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. These men—our pastors, teachers, and spiritual guides—have spent their lives walking with us in our joys and sorrows, bringing Christ to our families and communities.

Now, as they enter their golden years, many of our priests face physical and financial challenges after decades of service. Your gift to the "Forever a Holy Priesthood" appeal helps provide essential care, housing, and medical needs for our retired clergy.

Please prayerfully consider a generous donation in honor of the priests who have been there for our faith communities and families in our wonderful Archdiocese. Envelopes are available, or you can give online at www.prfla.org.

Together, let us show our gratitude and love to ensure that our priests live comfortably in retirement.

ST. JOSEPH ALUMNI



Valedictorian at St. Anthony High School!

Audrey's creativity, leadership, and academic excellence have earned her acceptance to UCLA and UC San Diego as a Molecular and Cell Biology major.

Audrey excelled in honors and AP courses, especially AP Calculus AB, and was active in Girls Golf, Model UN, theater, band, and the Peace of Mind Club, where she helped bring emotional support dogs to campus during finals.

We celebrate this Tenacious Scholar's accomplishments and the faith, family, and community that helped shape her journey.

GO KNIGHTS!



ST. JOSEPH ALUMNI Spotlight

Congratulations to Hiwot Fasika(Class of 2021)!

Hiwot was recently named one of only 15 Oprah Winfrey Leadership Scholars in the country.

This prestigious scholarship, awarded by the Oprah Winfrey and Herrendorf Family Foundations, covers four years of college tuition—Hiwot will continue her studies at Wharton. She'll also be honored next month in New York with the Nancy J. Lucas Award by A Better Chance, where she has volunteered since 8th grade, supporting youth leadership.

Hiwot has earned numerous academic honors, including being on the Dean's List all four years, receiving the AP Scholar with Honor award, and recognition from Morgan Stanley and the Ron Brown Scholars Program. We are so proud of all she has achieved and grateful to God for her continued success!

Go Knights!





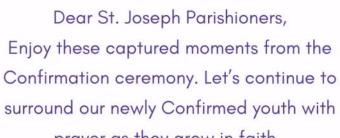








CONFIRMED IN FAITH











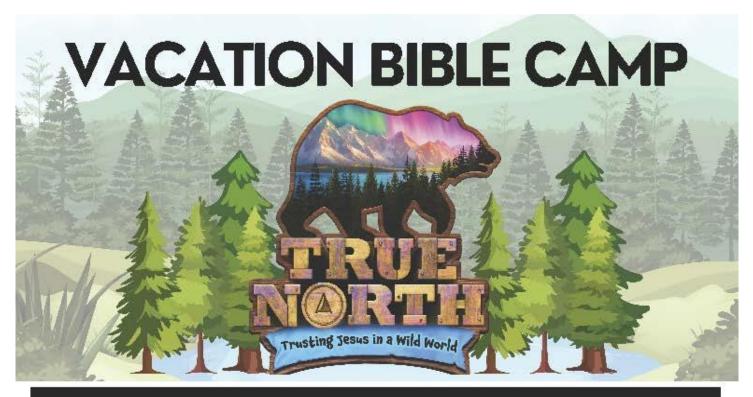












EXPLORING MOUNTAINS OF FUN WITH GOD!

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



Discover the Journey to Full Initiation in the Catholic Faith

Join us to learn about the process of becoming a fully initiated Catholic. Meet Sister Eva and the OCIA team, who are ready to answer all your questions. What is preventing you from fully participating in the Catholic faith?

DON'T HESITATE ANY LONGER-ENCOUNTER JESUS CHRIST TODAY!

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18TH 2025 7:00-8:30PM IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

Do you know any adult who has not completed their sacraments? Invite them to attend this meeting.



Reconnect. Recharge. Refocus.

"I attended the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish at St. Joseph in Long Beach. The witnesses that I heard on my retreat were so moving. The men really opened up and shared their backgrounds that made them the men they are today. It was truly an amazing experience. I've never been in a retreat like that where the men were so authentic and so open with their experiences. It is definitely a retreat all men of God should attend and be a part of the renewal of the church."

""Since the retreat I feel closer to the Holy Spirit and the parish. It's a warm and loving feeling."

"I attended the first women's retreat here at St Joseph. What a game changer. The retreat was fabulous and participating deepened my faith. My prayer life has improved and I am reading the Bible more often. The best part is my new group of sisters in Christ from the retreat. The group is really special and we still meet monthly because we love the fellowship and connection to our new friends. I HIGHLY recommend this retreat for all men and women at St Joes!!!"

Friends, acquaintances, and people I don't know come up to me unexpectedly and say, "I want what you've got!"

"Thank you for offering the Welcome Retreat. It has helped me reconnect to several good men and get to know others, I feel my sense of community has expanded for the better."

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.

Fall Registration OPENS June 7th

Women's Weekend September 20th & 21st 2025

Men's Weekend September 27th & 28th 2025

To learn more and to sign up, visit our parish website at https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-Christ-renews/





WE ARE HIRING!

JR. HIGH TEACHING ASSISTANT

We are seeking a teaching assistant who is passionate about Catholic Education to join St. Joseph School! You will work closely with teachers in grades 6-8 to assist with lessons, supervise students, and help maintain a safe, engaging classroom.

Teaching Assistant Qualifications:

- High school diploma
- Preferred Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies or related education field and enrolled in credential program
- Previous experience working with upper elementary/middle school aged children
- Hourly Range: \$18 \$26

CONTACT: malvarez@sjknights.net



6200 E. Willow St. Long Beach, CA 90815 (562) 596-6115

June 1, 2025



"Everything comes to us as a gift and so we may never take anything for granted, but only as granted." - Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

June 10 6:30 PM: Committee Meeting: Join us in the Parish Life Center. We will decide what activities to facilitate and organizations to support in our program year beginning July 1. June 21-22 Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to the marginalized experiencing homelessness. Shopping lists will be available June 14.

Opportunities: Can you deliver Mass donations to Catholic Charities? Furniture donations to families in need? Liaison with the City of LB Multi-Services Center? For many fulfilling ways to serve, big and small, call Tim Clark, (562) 431-4385.



Please Note:

There will be **no adoration** this Friday due to our school's 8th grade graduation Mass.

Please pray for our graduates!



Concerning behaviors in children could indicate abuse

Some concerning behaviors that go beyond natural curiosity, could be signs of sexual abuse. These behaviors include asking a peer or adult to engage in a specific act, inserting objects into private areas, explicit imitation of intercourse, and behaviors that are persistent and resistant to distraction. Any of these signs could indicate that a child is being abused or exposed to sexually inappropriate behavior. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Differentiating ageappropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior" at https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

June 1, 2025 Page 13

Senior Group



Our next get together will be at the El Dorado Restaurant on Monday, June 9th 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!



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 Or 562/833-6370 CLASSES ARE HELD AT THE PLC BUILDING.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

celebrates the entry of Jesus' humanity into divine glory in God's heavenly domain, 40 days after his Resurrection.

FROM CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, GLOSSARY

From the Bible:

50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Luke 24.50-53





♥ f ■ archtoronto

IMAGE FROM ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA, TORONTO

Ascension Lessons from Pope Francis (GENERAL AUDIENCE, APRIL 17, 2013)

1 Before returning to the glory of the Father, the risen Jesus blesses his disciples

Jesus thus appears as our eternal Priest. True God and true man, he now for ever intercedes for us before the Father.

2 The Apostles returned to Jerusalem "with great joy" Luke 24.52

They realize that the risen Lord, though no longer physically them, guiding the life of the Church until he returns in glory

"As we contemplate the mystery of the Ascension, may we, too, bear joyful witness to the Lord's resurrection, his loving presence in our midst, and the triumph of his Kingdom of life, holiness and love."

ACTION REGISTER AT: www.LAWomensSummit.com

The Live Action Women's Summit is a transformative one-day event celebrating the real power of women and our original design, empowering us to reclaim our

bodies, ignite our intellect, awaken our souls, and embrace our femininity.

















SPEAKERS INCLUDE: LILA ROSE . ALLIE BETH STUCKEY . RILEY GAINES LISA BEVERE EMILY WILSON CHRISTINA BENNETT SARAH GABEL SEIFERT DR. LAUREN RUBAL & MORE!

Our Parish

PASTOR: MSGR. KEVIN KOSTELNIK

stjoseph@stjosephlb.org

Deacon Shane Cuda Deacon Tom Halliwell

Sr. Eva (Director of Adult Faith Formation)

sfcuda@yahoo.com dcntom@stjosephlb.org sreva@stjosephlb.org

Office Manager Office Assistant Pastoral Council Finance Council Safeguard The Children Parish Bulletin Editor Website Coordinator

Brenda Pineda Jovce Castaneda Shelley Padilla George Zuluaga Parish Office Brenda Pineda

(562) 594-4657 (562) 594-4657 (562) 594-4657 Zuluaga@aol.com (562) 594-4657 bulletin@stjosephlb.org mike@stjosephlb.org

St. Joseph School: Margaret Alvarez, Principal

(562) 596-6115 siknights.net Fax: (562) 596-6725 Assistant Principal: Madison Alba

Mike Santy

Religious Education: Marc Leon, DRE

(562) 598-0519 marc@stjosephlb.org

Children's Formation (1st-8th Grade) Administrative Assistant:

High School Ministry & Confirmation: OCIA: Sr. Eva michelle@stjosephlb.org Michelle Johnson Liz Moreno sreva@stjosephlb.org

(562) 594-4657

(562) 594-4657

Parish Ministries & Organizations

Baptism Preparation Brenda Pineda Director of Music Vivian Doughty **Eucharistic Ministry** Tonet Risko Lectors Meditation Frank Mckown Virginia Young **Esther Ministry** Deborah Rollinger Hospitality Ministry Movement For A Better World Tim Clark Senior Group Marilyn North Knights Of Columbus Marty Vezzetti **Engaged Encounter** Natural Family Planning Precious Life Shelter **Boy Scouts** Jeff Baer Sacristans Joe Dang Homebound Ministry Patty Brunter Bereavement Ministry May Pace

Cursillo

Parish Fair

Environment

Family Altar Servers

Paciano & Molly Diaz Greg & Beth Gath Cynthia San Jose Tom & Marie Newton Pete Wroblicky Jessica Gil Monica Wissuchek stjfamilyaltarservers@gmail.com Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Diane Ohde stjlbwelcome@gmail.com

riskotonet@yahoo.com Steve Koppenheffer lectorsstjosephlb@gmail.com (310) 633-1744 estherministry1@gmail.com (562) 594-4657 (562) 431-4385 (562) 519-0154 (702) 401-5247 Ktmr@Sbcglobal.Net (562) 377-5877 csanjoselaw@aol.com (562) 537-6722 (562) 493-2198 pjbstampin@aol.com (562) 833-6370 tjn8343@gmail.com sjspringfair@gmail.com bpax.g4@gmail.com

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.



June 1, 2025 Page 15



LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Dave Hyde

dhyde@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x5820



Parish Members Receive Free Consultations for Wills & Trusts, Probate & Trust Administration, Conservatorships (562) 923-0971 | tldlaw.com



COMPASS

Serving Your Real Estate needs in Long Beach and Surrounding Areas

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Flood Detection

Carbon Monoxide

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

Tyler Luckey 562.254.1325 DRE 01978990

HIRE ME PLUMBING

25+ Years Experience

562-925-4046

Pam Luckey 562.307.4367 DRE 00751586

Tessa Luckey 562.254.0696 DRE 01291580

luckeyteam@compass.com | luckeyteam.com

Sewer & Drains

Copper/Pex Re-Pipes

Garbage Disposals Water Heaters

Free Estimates

Gas Lines

Slab Leaks

Remodels



BUY - SELL - INVEST

833-287-3502

ASHLEY HAYES. 📝

PHARMD, BCPS

CONSULTANT PHARMACIST

914-439-3653

CLINICAL PRACTITIONER • PATIENT CARE ADVOCATE

MEDICATION EXPERT • EDUCATOR • DRUG INFO RESOURCE

HAVE YOU HAD A

MEDICATION REVIEW

LATELY?



catholicmatch*

California

CatholicMatch.com/CA

Don Gath Insurance Agency

AUTO ~ HOME ~ LIFE Be more than a number. Be part of the family. LIC#0447779

Family owned & operated since 1984.

Jennifer Lumsdaine 2023 Attorney of the Year, Southeast District Bar Association ilumsdaine@tldlaw.com Offices in Downey, Long Beach, Irvine

SHORT STAFFED TAX PREPARATION

Aragon, Santillan & Associates Ophelia Aragon, EA, NTPI Fellow Fabian Santillan, EA

Tax Preparation & Notary Services 6342 E. Spring St. Long Beach, CA 90815 www.asatax.com

562-421-3063

Parishioners



JULIE®VOCK

Julie Vock - Realtor

Born and Raised Neighborhood Specialist 714.501.7798

www.JulieVock.com

bre# 01383367

10% Discount With this Ad *\$300 Maximum Discount*

Heating

Stoppages

Wall & Floor Furnace

Video Inspections

SUPPORT **OUR PARISH**

TIMOTHY J. CASE, DDS

amily & Cosmetic Dentistry Personalized Service 1777 Bellflower, #208, L.B. 562/597-7260 U.S.C. Grad Parishione



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & MORTUARIES

EVERLASTING FAITH. EVERLASTING LIFE.

A ministry of the Church serving the faithful.

Learn about our 11 locations in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties

CatholicCM.org



Brunch and **Live Music** on the Weekends 10-2pm!

562-541-1105 4130 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90712

O'Connor's Irish Pub

Pub & Kitchen Open Daily at 10am All Ages Welcome! 25 Big Screen TVs, Newly Remodeled, Full Kitchen & Bar, Game Room & 14 Ice Cold Beers On Tap!

Fish & Chips Dinner & Drinks For Two \$30

Beer-Battered Alaskan Cod, Fries, Coleslaw, Pub Salad, Domestic Pint/Seltzer 7 Days. 5pm-close. Mention this ad





Outside is fun again! Service Areas:

 Seal Beach Cypress Los Alamitos
 Rossmoor

East Long Beach

Ken Kay & Evelyn Dinnen, Owners

562-270-9808 | www.sealbeach.mosquitojoe.com

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



LUYBEN FAMILY DILDAY-MOTTELL IV

John G. Luyben • Rosalie A. Luyben • Thaddeus Luyben • Martin Luyben • James Morgan CALL US FOR YOUR FREE MEMORIAL GUIDE... "PRE-ARRANGING FOR TIME OF NEED 5161 Arbor Road, Long Beach, CA

425-6401

