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Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to Pentecost, the last day of the great 50 days of the Easter Season. It has been a most memorable Easter season with a celebration of First Communion's, Confirmation, Graduations and Easter brought us a new Pontiff in Pope Leo XIV! As the Easter Season comes to an end, the Holy Spirit does not become dormant or disappear!! COME HOLY SPIRIT!! COME HOLY SPIRIT!

Vacation Bible Camp for those between 4 years and 11 years old will be held the week of June 16th here at St. Joe's. Join our friends from Our Lady of Refuge and St. Cornelius for a mountain of fun. Scroll down for further info.

On Wednesday June 18th from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Join Sr. Eva and the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation) team to answer all your questions about joining the Church. If you're unbaptized or baptized in another Faith – All Are Welcome!

During the past two years, we have celebrated eight Welcome – Christ Renews His Parish weekends. Over 200 parishioners have participated in this deeply, moving spiritual experience. Registrations are now open for the Women's Retreat to be held the weekend of September 20th – 21st and the Men's Retreat to be held the weekend of September 27th -28th. The retreat slots fill in quickly so sign up today. Scroll down for further information or go to our website. Pray for the two teams who are meeting weekly to plan the retreats!

From June 16th through June 30th the roll gate in the parking lot will be closed as a new gate will be installed and new asphalt will be poured in-between the new \$t. Joseph Center and the Marian Garden. During this period cars will not be able to park in the courtyard and all visitors and guests to the PLC for meetings will have to enter through Willow Street. Thanks for your understanding as we continue to upgrade and beautify our campus!

Pentecost Blessings, Msgr. Kevin

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Whoever loves me will keep my word," Jesus tells his disciples, "and my Father...will come to him and make our dwelling with him." We know what's at stake. We know what we have to do. So when the Father comes, will He make His dwelling with us?

Observances for the week of June 8, 2025

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

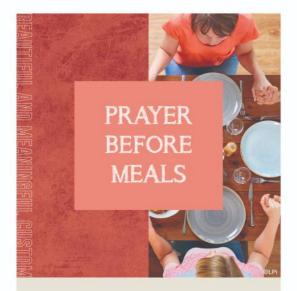
Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Wednesday: St. Barnabas, Apostle Friday: St. Anthony of Padua,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Flag Day

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day



Devotions, Explained!

The practice of praying before meals is Biblical, and in the Gospels, Jesus is shown praying before the Last Supper and other meals. In Laudato SI', Pope Francis urged the faithful "to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom."

Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit of God —
Disturb this room with your presence today, filling us, empowering us, emboldening us. Descend upon us with your gifts, your inspiration, and your promptings.

Lead us to where we should go, stirring within us the movement

of God. Amen.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 8, 2025

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

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/ Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:

2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday:

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26

Friday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/ Mt 5:27-32

Saturday:

2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/ Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday:

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, "Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn't bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?" We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23). Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word "sin" comes from an ancient word that means "to split" or "render asunder." Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual "breath" leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

- Father John Muir

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"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.

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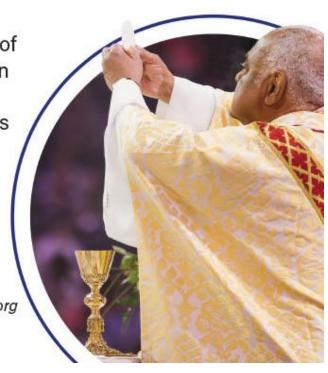
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ST. JOSEPH ALUMNI Spotlights

We are thrilled is to celebrate the accomplishments of our former Knight, Emily Flores, whose dedication, leadership, and academic excellence have left a lasting impact at Bishop Montgomery High School. Over the past four years, she was a dedicated member and captain of the girls varsity tennis team and actively contributed to campus life through the California Scholarship Federation (CSF), the President's Advisory Council, and Campus Ministry. She earned the prestigious Global Seal of Biliteracy and is graduating cum laude.

Her hard work and dedication led to acceptances from several top universities, including Loyola Marymount, Pepperdine, Cal State Long Beach, and Texas Christian University (TCU). We are excited to share that she will be attending TCU to major in Biology. Great job Emily!



EMILY FLORES



We are incredibly proud of Emily Frost, Class of 2021, who is heading to Idaho State University on a full scholarship to play Division 1 soccer in the Big Sky Conference. Emily's academic excellence earned her a full waiver of out-of-state tuition, and her athletic achievements secured additional scholarships to fully cover tuition, housing, and expenses. She will be majoring in Sports Management and Exercise Science. Emily is graduating with honors from Millikan High School's Compass Pathway, earning the Compass Pathway Medallion, CTE Medallion, State Seal of Biliteracy in German and English, and the State Seal of Civic Engagement. A four-year scholarathlete, she made the Principal's Honor Roll and was recognized twice as All-Moore League First Team and once as All-CIF First Team. She was also named Forward of the Year and received the Believe Award for her exceptional dedication and performance in soccer. We couldn't be more proud of Emily and will continue to cheer her on!

Go Knights!

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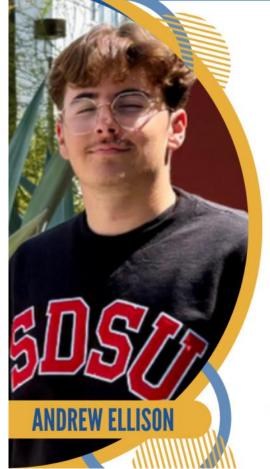
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It is with great pride that we recognize Jake Swan, Class of 2021, for his outstanding achievements throughout his high school career. As a 21st Century Learner at St. Anthony High School, Jake played golf all four years and was involved in many leadership roles, including President of the National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, and Model United Nations. He also led the Fantasy Sports Club, joined ASB and Campus Ministry, and became Co-Director of the President Ambassador program, helping welcome new students and connect with alumni.

Academically, Jake has excelled through the Saint Scholar program taking honors and AP courses each year and earning straight As.
Jake has been accepted to top universities including San Diego State, Cal Poly SLO, University of Oregon, and University of Arizona. He plans to study statistics or mathematics and hopes to work in sports analytics. We are incredibly proud of Jake and all he has accomplished!

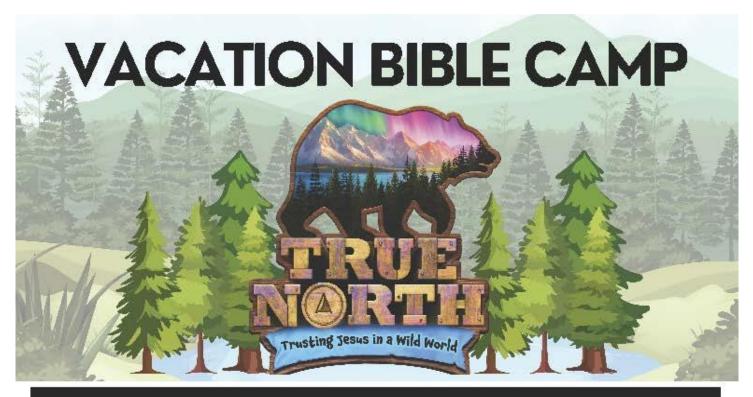


JAKE SWAN



We are incredibly proud to celebrate Andrew Ellison,
Class of 2021, a distinguished graduate of St. John
Bosco High School, who is graduating Summa Cum
Laude with a GPA of 4.5. Andrew's academic excellence
earned him acceptance into the prestigious Weber
Honors College at San Diego State University, where he
will pursue a double major in Economics and
International Business.

Beyond the classroom, Andrew exemplified leadership and service. He was a proud member of the National Honor Society, National Math Honor Society, Student Ambassador, and National Spanish Honor Society, and Captain of the Golf Team. We are deeply proud of Andrew's many accomplishments and can't wait to see the impact this Disciple of Christ will make in the world. Congratulations, Andrew!



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.



You're Invited to the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat Weekend

Take a step closer to Christ. This powerful, Spirit-filled weekend retreat is an opportunity to encounter God's love in a deeper way, reflect on your faith, and grow in fellowship with other parishioners.

Whether you're seeking to strengthen your relationship with Jesus, reconnect with the sacraments, improve your prayer life, or simply take time away from the busyness of daily life, this retreat is for you. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ is calling you.

Come experience the beauty of Catholic community, prayer, the sacraments, and renewal.

You are welcome. You are wanted. You belong.

Fall Registration is OPEN

Women's Weekend September 20th & 21st 2025

Men's Weekend September 27th & 28th 2025

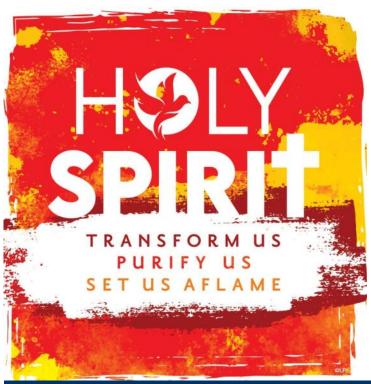
For more information or to sign up for the retreat please visit the parish website https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-Christ-renews/



"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.





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Safe adults should plan consistent and frequent timeframes to talk to children, ranging in age from preschool to teen, about body safety. It is most helpful for children to be aware of boundaries and rules surrounding how they should treat others, and how they should expect to be treated – this helps children identify potentially abusive behaviors. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Sharing Developmental, Age-Appropriate Information with Children" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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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!



Ladies of the parish! Please join your sisters in Christ for a refreshing and peaceful weekend with the Carmelite sisters at Sacred Heart Retreat House. Our parish weekend is September 12-14, 2025. Registration is open now for our parish before it is open to others on June 13. Please contact me, Marie Newton, by email tjn8343@gmail.com so I can send you a link or call 562-209-1298. This is a wonderful time of spiritual

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up quickly.

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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

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