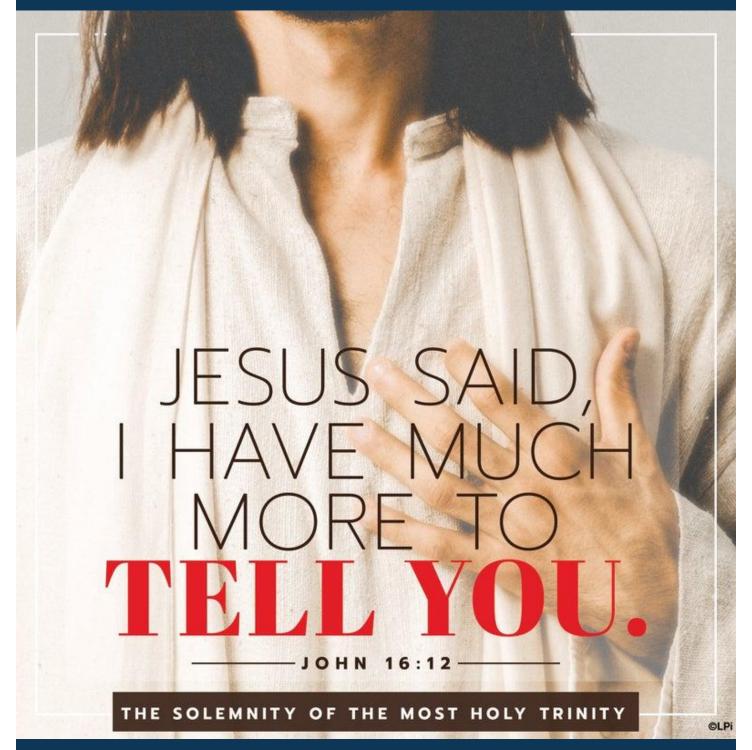
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Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to this weekend's Solemnity of the Holy Trinity! The Holy Trinity reminds us that God is love, an inner, divine love. Before the material universe came into existence, God existed as Father, Son and Spirit. God always existed as love, and now we love God, God loves us, and God commands us to love each other. To encounter a love greater than us is to embrace the Trinity.

We are all aware of the protests and violence sweeping through the heart of downtown Los Angeles. This past Wednesday, our 8:00 AM Mass was for the Preservation of Peace and Justice. Archbishop Gomez has called for restraint and calm following the ICE immigration sweeps and in a well-publicized statement, the Archbishop stated, "We all agree that we don't want undocumented immigrants who are known terrorists or violent criminals in our communities. But there is no need for the government to carry out enforcement actions in a way that provokes fear and anxiety among ordinary, hard-working immigrants, and their families." The Archbishop is urging Congress, "To get serious about fixing our broken immigration system that leads so many to seek to cross our borders illegally." Let us pray to Our Lady, Queen of Peace to calm the fears of our loving immigrant families and restore peace to the City of Angels.

Once again, the Knights of Columbus will have a fireworks stand in the city of Lakewood. The net profit will support scholarships for Catholic students to attend Catholic high schools. See the ad when you scroll down this bulletin.

This Thursday, June 19, I will celebrate my 43rd anniversary as a Priest. On Friday, June 20th I'll celebrate my 70th year of life! I recently discovered that I share something in common with our new Pope Leo XIV! We were both ordained Priests on the same day – June 19, 1982! We were miles apart as Pope Leo was ordained a Priest at the Augustinian College of Saint Monica in Rome and I was ordained at Saint Vibiana's Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles. Milestones are occasions to give thanks to God and I'm grateful for all the blessings in my life, including you and this beautiful family of St. Joseph. Thanks for your prayers!

This weekend, our nation celebrates Father's Day and Happy Father's Day to all our dads here at Saint Joseph's. May our fathers be wise teachers in the ways of faith!

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Letter From Our Pastor Continued...

For the next two weeks, from June 16th until June 30th, the roll and pedestrian gates from the parking lot into the courtyard will be closed and no cars or foot traffic will be allowed through the gate or the Marian Garden. A new gate and removal of the old asphalt and new paving will take place. For the next two weeks, all visitors and those attending meetings in the Parish Life Center will have to enter through the PLC's main door on Willow St. Also, in compliance with city guidelines, a new path of travel in accord with the American Disabilities Act will be created from Willow Street along the driveway and all the way to the new Saint Joseph Center. We will lose 3 feet of landscaping along the side of the church. However, there will be a new curbed walkway and we must maintain a 26-foot-wide driveway for emergency vehicles. The side door of the church will only be open on Monday June 16 and for the other days, please enter through the steps on Willow St. and the front doors of the church. For the 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, June 22, you can walk through the church and enter the inside courtyard and walk to the field. Thanks for your patience during this time of construction.

This week's construction photos show the installation of the beautiful new pavers that are being installed as part of the architectural landscape in front of the new Saint Joseph Center.





I'm praying for you and thank you for praying for me, Msgr. Kevin

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep;

when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; (Prv 8:27)

Psalm:

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! (Ps 8)

Second Reading:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 5:1)

Gospel:

Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." (Jn 16:15)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus knew how it would be. He knew we would stumble in the dark, grasping for answers. And so he sent us a light: the Holy Spirit, the illumination of all that is true. Dare we look into the light? Are we ready to see the truth?

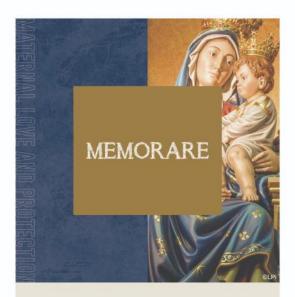
Observances for the week of June 15, 2025

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day

Thursday: St. Romuald, Abbot **Friday:** World Refugee Day

Saturday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Devotions, Explained!

Popularized in the 17th century by a French priest named Fr. Claude Bernard, the Memorare is a prayer to the Blessed Mother in which the supplicant calls upon the maternal love and protection of Mary's intercession in an hour of dire need.

Prayer of Christian Love

Glory be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who calls us into communion with Him, a life of grace and mystery, reconciliation and unity. Amen.

©LPi SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 15, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/ Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday:

2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/ Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday:

2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday:

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mt 6:19-23

Saturday:

2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/ Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday:

Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am amazed at how my four siblings teach their many kids in age-appropriate ways. For example, now that my nephew Brandon is 24 years of age, they give him insights and freedoms that would have been positively confounding or even dangerous when he was a toddler. Imagine if they had taught him at age four how to drive a car, use a credit card online, or handle power tools. But eventually, they did, and he is a high functioning young man, I'm proud to say. They are good teachers.

This week we learn that Jesus teaches us in a similar way. He says to his Apostles, "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now" (John 16:12). How disappointing for them. But imagine at that moment, before his resurrection and ascension, if the Lord had started telling them about synods and sacraments, popes and parishes, martyrs and monasteries, rosaries and relics, catechisms and crucifixes? They would have been absolutely overwhelmed, confused, and discouraged. He tells them what they need to know, when it is time for them to know it.

So he does for us. Jesus has unceasingly taught the Church as she matures through the centuries, just as he teaches you and me through our lives in ways we can understand. Our task should be to learn what he is teaching us now, knowing that (although revelation per se is complete in him and his Apostles), he never ceases to teach us as we spiritually mature. Be confident: he knows what you are ready to learn now.

- Father John Muir

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JUNE 22, 2025 | CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

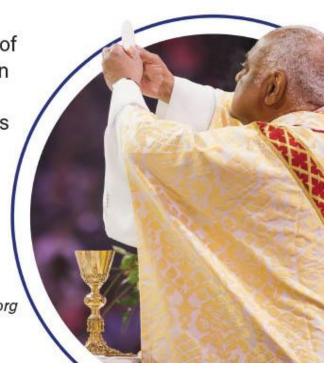
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ST. JOSEPH ALUMNI Spotlights

Great job, former Knight Dean Cornett, Class of 2021!

A four-year Honor Roll student at CAMS, Dean balanced academic rigor with four years of Varsity Cross-Country and Track. He completed 8 AP courses, earning both the AP Scholar Award and the prestigious AP Capstone Diploma.

Dean also earned a CTE Certification in Biotechnology, completed 22 college units through dual enrollment, and was accepted into Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's Marine Science program, which has just a 4% acceptance rate. He received the Green & Gold Merit Scholarship and proudly served six summers as a Gold Star Docent at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Humble, hardworking, and driven, Dean is on his way to becoming a future leader in Marine Biology research!



DEAN CORNETT



We are incredibly proud of Isaac Aguirre, Class of 2021. A 4-year student in the AP Heritage & Humanities Pathway, Isaac balanced a rigorous academic schedule while excelling as a 4-year varsity baseball player, team captain, and Scholar Athlete. He was named 1st Team All Freeway League (2025) and earned the Team Leadership Award. Beyond the field, he served in ASB all four years, was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and mentored as a math tutor and member of the California Scholarship Federation. His academic honors include AP Scholar with Distinction, National Honor Society Lifetime Member, the Global Seal of Biliteracy, and 4-time Top 100 Academic Award recipient. He graduated with a 4.71 GPA, ranked 2nd in his class, and earned High Honors. Isaac will continue his academic and athletic journey at Pomona College, one of the most prestigious liberal arts institutions in the country and part of the highly selective Claremont Colleges network—a world-renowned alliance of top-tier colleges known for academic excellence and collaboration. His acceptance into such an elite academic community is a testament to his dedication, leadership, and hard work. Congratulations, Isaac!

Go Knights!



Congratulations Coach Ronda!

We are proud to share that Coach Ronda has been awarded the prestigious Alice Vogel Achievement Award from CYO Sports, recognizing her outstanding

commitment and contributions to the

Catholic Youth Organization of

Los Angeles.

Coach Ronda has dedicated over 30 years of service to St. Joseph School as our Physical Education Teacher and Athletic Director. She has coached and mentored thousands of students, instilling values of teamwork, discipline, and faith.

Her unwavering dedication has not gone unnoticed. May God continue to bless her for all she gives to our school and parish community.



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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.





Body safety information for young children

Children should know the difference between "okay" and "not okay" or "good" and "bad" touches – touches that are welcome and comforting, and those that are intrusive, unwanted, painful, or uncomfortable. Children should know that they have the right to say "no" to being touched, even to adults, and that no children or adults should touch their private parts unless in very specific circumstances, and for a healthy purpose. This is where it can be helpful to discuss "safe adults," like doctors, who check our bodies to help keep us healthy, and only in the presence of a parent or trusted adult. For more information on safety rules for very young children, read the VIRTUS® article "Sharing Developmental, Age-Appropriate Information with Children" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Senior Group



Our next get together will be at the El Dorado Restaurant on Monday, July 14th 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!

Women's Retreat September 12th Women's Silent Retreat

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. To register go to sacredheartretreathouse.com/retreats.

If you have any questions or need help registering please contact Marie Newton by phone at 562-209-1298.

This is a wonderful time of spiritual renewal. Don't delay as the weekend fills up quickly.



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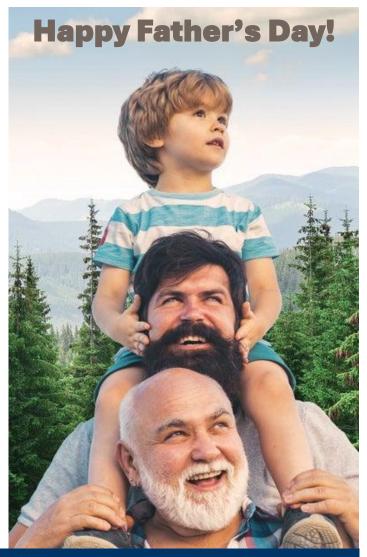
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
Mass on the Grass
Outdoors
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Indoor Mass 10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

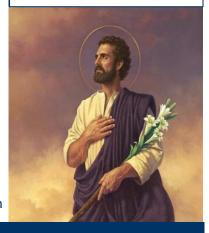
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