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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time. From now until Advent we will journey through the liturgical Season of Ordinary Time, an opportunity for us to recognize the small, ordinary ways that God speaks to us in our daily lives.

Once a year, every parish celebrates a **Mission Cooperative Sunday** and next weekend, July 12-13, we will welcome Fr. Ignacio Verdier to Saint Joseph. He is a Priest who serves as an affiliate representative working with the Dalmanutha Institution in Tijuana, Mexico

The Missionary cooperative plan is a vital Pontifical Archdiocesan effort, providing crucial support to mission dioceses, religious communities, and organizations – often their sole source of funding. I encourage you to be as generous as you can to support Dalmanuta. If you write a check please make the check to St. Joseph and after the Mission Appeal, we will send one check to the Mission plan. Fr. Ignacio has written the following:

*“Dalmanuta Institution is a new congregation born in Uruguay – South America in 1980. We are both priests and religious sisters advocated full-time to spiritual direction. We nurse our spirituality and the spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola. That’s the reason of our name, Del Minuto from the book of Maccabees, which describes a silent and desert place where Jesus went along with his disciples, a symbolic way to describe our apostleship focused on inner and effective life. Since our foundation, we have spread out through Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil and Mexico. In Tijuana, we are two priests, one brother and two sisters working since 1994. We oversee a little chapel near downtown devoted to Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus. Currently our main needs are directed to the formation of new local vocations. If you would like further information, you can visit:
<https://missionsla.org/institucion-dalmanuta-tijuana-mexico-1602> “*

Welcome Fr. Ignacio and may the Lord bless your visit to St. Joseph’s!

As I mentioned last weekend, our local church is mourning the passing of Bishop Joseph Sartoris who went home to the Father on Friday, June 27, 2025. He was 97 years old. His resume shows a litany of 15 pastoral assignments since he was ordained a Priest of Jesus Christ on May 30, 1953. For those who are interested, Bishop Joe’s Funeral Mass will take place on Friday, July 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles. In your charity and kindness, please remember Bishop Joseph Sartoris in your prayers. May he rest in eternal light and peace!

I hope you’re doing something fun this holiday weekend as our nation celebrates the 4th of July!

Holiday Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin



Photos From Our Pastor

This past week the our new American Disabilities Act Pathway of Travel was built alongside our church from Willow Street to the front door of the new St. Joseph Center!



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading:

From now on, let no one make troubles for me;
for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. (Gal 6:17)

Gospel:

Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits
are subject to you,
but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:20)

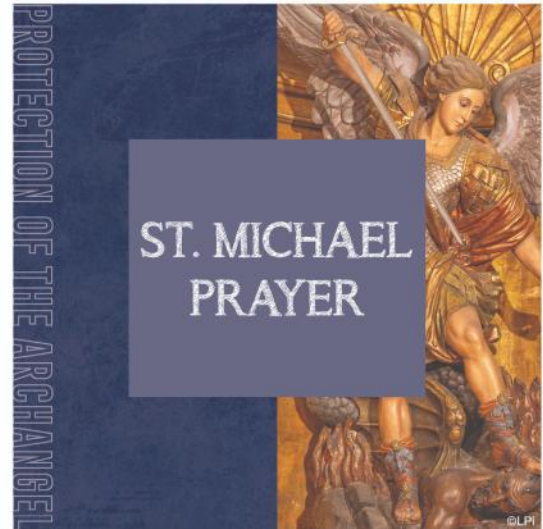
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

As he sends his disciples into the world to proclaim his name, Jesus tells them to be bold. He tells them to be flexible. To be forgiving. To be faithful. As we enter this week, let's remember these instructions. It's good advice, in any century.

Observances for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday:	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Benedict, Abbot
Next Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The prayer to St. Michael, composed by Pope Leo XIII, invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. It is commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass.

Prayer for Evangelization

As You reach out to the world,
Lord, let us be Your hands!
As You answer those crying, send us.
Let us be Your people, answer to
prayers prayed, comfort to the
afflicted.
May we be laborers in Your
harvest.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday:

Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/
Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday:

Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and
15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/
Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday:

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36,
37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, "Racism is today's great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it." I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don't we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus' words this week help. He says, "**Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven**" (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by--to rejoice in--what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— Father John Muir

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**We cordially invite you
to join us in celebrating
our 70th year of ministry
and service and the
Re-opening of the St.
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Saturday August 23, 2025

Location: St. Joseph Center

6:00 pm - Social

6:25 pm - Blessing

6:30 pm - Buffet Dinner

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It's a volunteer position for one or two people (couples welcome) that only takes 1-2 hours per week. It's a great way to build community, communicate with the ministries of St. Joseph, and meet fellow parishioners with a smile and coffee & donuts.



If interested, please contact Deborah Rollinger at (562) 537-3457



We are excited to share that preparations are underway for our fifth Men's and Women's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Weekend Retreat! These two-day spiritual retreats will be led by the men and women of St. Joseph Parish, with Monsignor Kevin serving as our Spiritual Guide.

This powerful weekend is an opportunity to be filled with the Holy Spirit, renewed in the presence of Our Lord, and surrounded by a community of faith. It promises to be a deeply moving experience for all participants, as well as for our dedicated Lay Formation and Support Teams. We pray that the joy, love, and renewal that flow from these weekends will uplift our entire parish community.

Together, we grow in God's love and continue building a community of faith, love, and service.

Retreat Dates

Men's Weekend Retreat:

Saturday, September 17 & Sunday, September 28, 2025

Women's Weekend Retreat:

Saturday, September 17 & Sunday, September 28, 2025

(Currently full — waitlist registration available.)

*For more information or to sign up for the retreat
please visit the parish website*

<https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-christ-renews/>

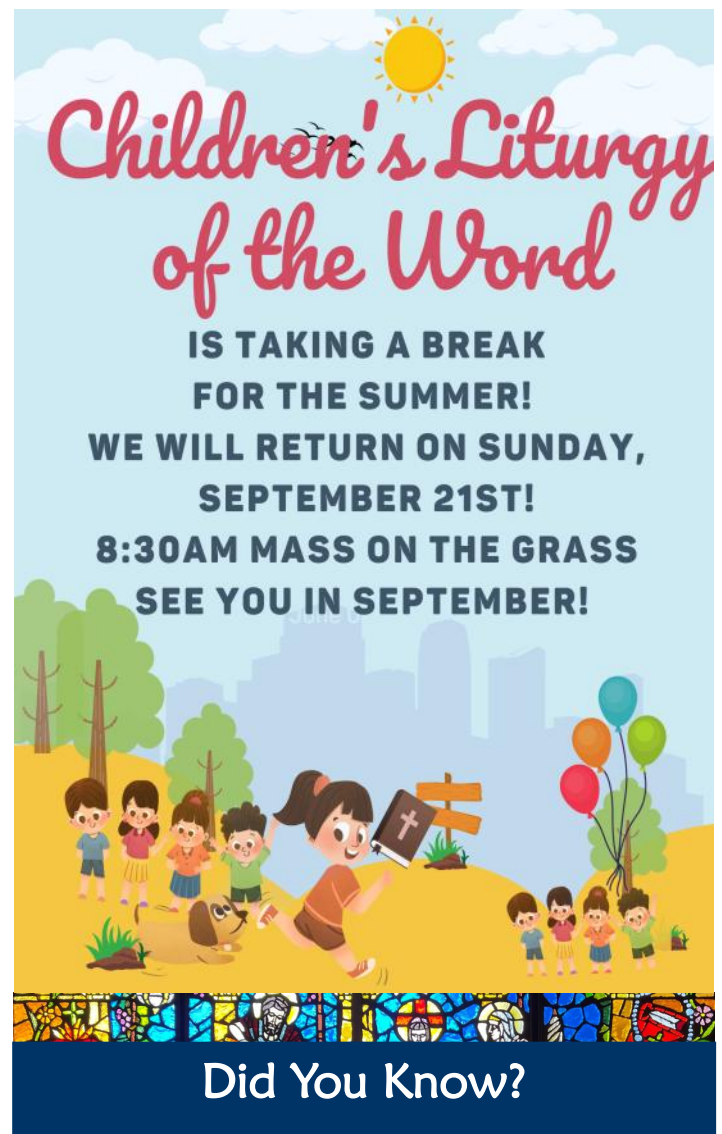


“Let us love God, but let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows.”

-Pope Leo XIV

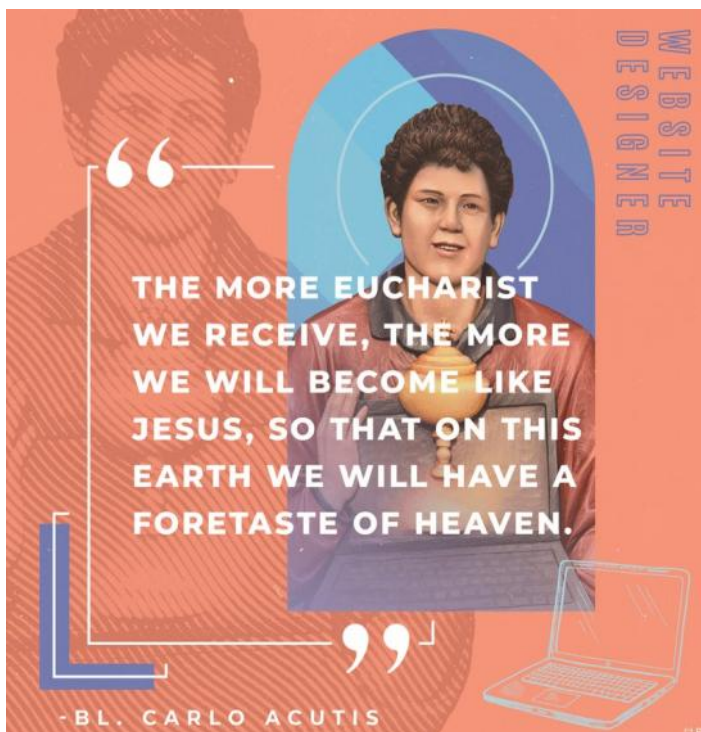
Homeless Kit Drive: MANY thanks to all who generously supported our homeless kit drive June 21-29. Kits and supplies for over **200 kits** were provided! \$292 was donated from which **25 kits** will be made. (Two separate drives support our Homeless Ministry’s distribution of 480 kits per year.)

Opportunities! Thanks to all who generously supported our *FOURTEEN* Movement for a Better World initiatives during another great 2024-2025 program year. Sandwich Ministry. Can you deliver sandwiches to Catholic Charities, in rotation, once per month? For this and many other opportunities to serve, call Tim Clark, (562) 431-4385.



Learning from survivors of abuse

Statistically, one in four children will experience some form of abuse – sexual, physical, emotional or neglect – during their childhood. Sadly, most child abuse goes either unnoticed or unreported, due to fear, a lack of knowledge in what constitutes abuse, or a reluctance to get involved. Safe adults have a responsibility to learn from survivors about abusive situations that went unresolved or unreported, to protect children from harm. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Learning from Survivors of Abuse” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/ and for abuse prevention training information please visit <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>.



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!

St. Joseph Grief Support



Grief support 13 week sessions from
June 3rd — August 26th

Meetings are held on

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

You can start on any week.

For more information Contact May Pace,
Bereavement Minister, maypace@gmail.com
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Women's Retreat

September 12th
Women's Silent Retreat

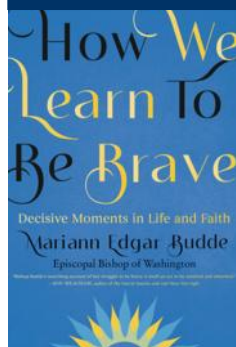
Ladies of the parish! Please join your sisters in Christ for a refreshing and peaceful weekend with the Carmelite sisters at Sacred Heart Retreat House. Our parish weekend is September 12-14, 2025.

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.

Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is
Wednesday, August 20th at
7pm on Zoom

How We Learn to Be Brave by
Mariann Edgar Budde

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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.

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Saturdays

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