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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend we will hear one of the more memorable stories that linger in our religious imagination. Jesus will recount for us the story of the Good Samaritan. All the readings this Sunday demonstrate that love of God goes hand-in-hand with care for one's neighbor. When we ask, "Who is our neighbor", the response of Jesus is to learn to be sensitive to God's call to compassion and to show mercy wherever we hear it.

This weekend our parish celebrates a **Mission Cooperative Sunday**, and we 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 please 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!



Letter From Our Pastor Cont...

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. 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. As of this date, it has not been announced if the Cathedral will live stream the Funeral Mass, but you can always visit the Cathedral website at olacathedral.org

In your charity and kindness, please remember Bishop Joseph Sartoris in your prayers. May he rest in eternal light and peace!

Just a reminder that we will celebrate our 70th anniversary as a parish community and the reopening of our new Saint Joseph's Center on Saturday, August 23 at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP so we have an accurate count for catering needs by scrolling down for further information.

Summer Blessings,

Msgr. Kevin



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& REFRESHMENT OF
SOULS, *save us.***

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

No, it is something very near to you,
already in your mouths and in your hearts;
you have only to carry it out." (Dt 30:14)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1:15)

Gospel:

*You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your being,
with all your strength,
and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself.* (Lk 10:25)

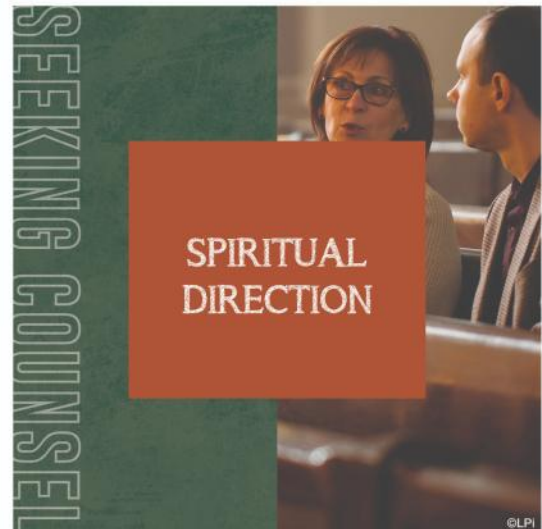
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Everyone is our neighbor — those we love
and those we can't stand, the people we
agree with and the people whose opinions we
hate. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we
must not only see ourselves in every person
we meet — we must see him, too.

Observances for the week of July 13, 2025

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Friday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Spiritual direction is the practice
of seeking counsel from someone
who is learned in the faith for the
purpose of discerning the will of
God in one's life.

Prayer for Charity

Give me the grace, Lord, to
truly see those around me: the
overlooked, the uncomfortable,
the odd and disliked.
Your kingdom is one of belonging,
help us to be the types of
neighbors who see and respond
with Godly generosity.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 13, 2025

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

Monday:

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday:

Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday:

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday:

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday:

Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:

Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday:

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/
Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm.

Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, **"And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)**. Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025 | 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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St. Joseph 70th Anniversary and Re-Opening of the St. Joseph Center



**We cordially invite you
to join us in celebrating
our 70th year of ministry
and service and the
Re-opening of the St.
Joseph Center**

Saturday August 23, 2025

Location: St. Joseph Center

6:00 pm - Social

6:25 pm - Blessing

6:30 pm - Buffet Dinner

7:30 pm - Worship Concert - (bring lawn chair for concert)

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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 27 & Sunday, September 28, 2025

Women's Weekend Retreat:

Saturday, September 20 & Sunday, September 21, 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/>

EXPLORE HOW TO **LIVE AS A CHRISTIAN**
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First Corinthians

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Dates – Times – Location

Starting Wednesday September 10th
at 9:00am in the PLC (Sr. Eva) and
Thursday, September 11th at 7:00pm
on Zoom (Mike and Chris)

Cost – Registration

The cost for the study guide is \$20.
Please register by sending email to
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mike@stjosephlb.org.

For More Information

Contact: Mike at mike@stjosephlb.org
or Sr. Eva at sreva@stjosephlb.org.

St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians addresses many of the same topics in the news headlines today: scandals, promiscuity, debates and controversies, and issues related to prosperity versus poverty. Clearly, the struggles faced by the early Christians are in many ways similar to our own.

First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community explores the key elements of the gospel message that Paul introduced to a new and growing Church. Presenter Tim Gray examines Paul's advice for living an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture, as well as his teachings about the nature of grace, the Church as the body of Christ, and the most powerful gift of all—the Eucharist.

“This study has given me a renewed love of the Word, a desire to learn more, and most of all a closeness to Jesus that I have not experienced before.”

—Linda F.



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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.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

**IS TAKING A BREAK
FOR THE SUMMER!
WE WILL RETURN ON SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21ST!
8:30AM MASS ON THE GRASS
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**



Did You Know?

What makes a child feel safe enough to disclose abuse?

There are several factors that contribute to whether a child is comfortable disclosing abuse to an adult. Children are more likely to talk about problems when they: have access to an adult they can trust; are able to understand that what is happening to them is not normal or safe; and trust that they will be believed. Another factor that may help a child disclose abuse is when a safe adult is intentional and asks direct questions about a child’s life as it communicates caring and attention to the child’s life circumstances.

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, 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.

St. Joseph Grief Support



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

Meetings are held on

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For more information Contact May Pace,
Bereavement Minister, [may-](mailto:may-pace@gmail.com)

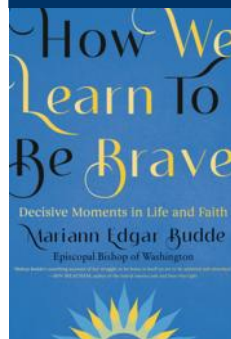
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Mass Schedule

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

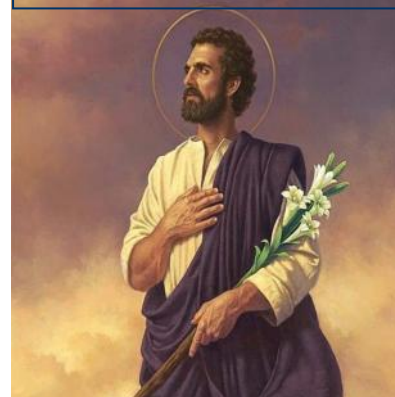
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