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WHERE MARTHA
WELCOMED HIM.

— LUKE 10:38 —

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Letter From Our Pastor

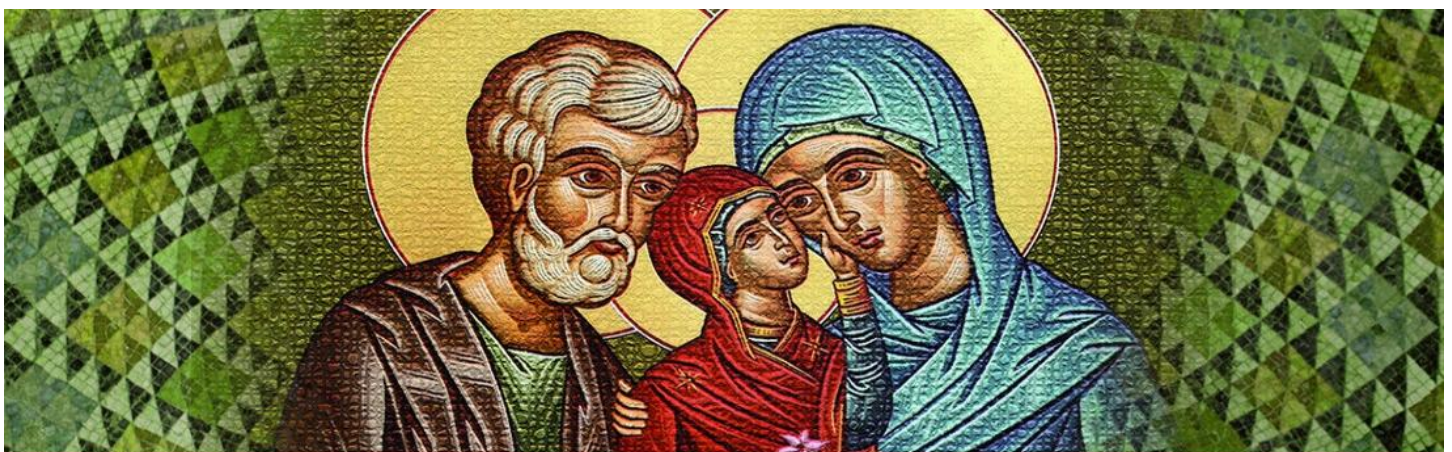
Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time! This weekend's scriptures reflect on the theme of hospitality. In the first reading, we meet Abraham who encounters three men, who are probably angels. Abraham and his wife, Sarah provide hospitality for the strangers by offering food and drink so that they might be refreshed. In the gospel, our Christian imagination can run wild with the story of Martha welcoming Jesus, and Mary, the sister of Martha, running around, busy with all the details of serving and hospitality. As this month of July in the middle of the summer runs dry, reflect on how you can refresh someone with hospitality in your life! You might just be serving angels!

This Monday, July 21 and continuing for two weeks, all the old asphalt in the courtyard between the two school buildings and the children's playground area will be removed and paved with new asphalt. Following the completion of the paving, new lines and striping will be added. Since this is going to be a major construction zone, vehicles will not be allowed on these two parcels of our property. We also will not be able to celebrate the 8:30 AM Mass on the grass, next Sunday, July 27 and we will have to move the Mass indoors to the church. Sorry for the inconvenience, but we are trying to continue to beautify our campus property.

Thanks to many who have already RSVP'd for our Parish celebration of our 70th Anniversary and the Opening of our new Saint Joseph Center on Saturday evening, August 23. Please scroll down and use the QR code or go to our website and click the link to RSVP so that we can have an accurate number for dinner!

Summer Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin



STS. JOACHIM & ANNE



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Office of the Archbishop

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you know, this is a challenging moment for our community. In the face of new immigration enforcement efforts, many in our community — our friends and families, our neighbors and fellow parishioners — are experiencing not only fear and anxiety, but economic uncertainty and hardship as well.

In order to try to help these sisters and brothers and to provide them some security and stability in this difficult time, we have established a special Family Assistance Program that will be administered through your parish or through contributions made to our Cardinal McIntyre Fund administered by Sister Annmaria Costello at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center.

This new program will provide assistance to individuals and families in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles who are suffering economic distress, dislocation, or otherwise need help with basic needs due to the current immigration situation.

I invite everyone to join me in contributing to this new assistance program. You can make your contribution through our secure donation portal at lacatholics.org/immigrant-support.

You can also contribute by check payable to your parish or to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. You can either deliver your check to your parish office to be used there or send it to Sister Annmaria Costello, SND, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, 3424 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010. Please indicate "Family Assistance" on the memo line of the check.

May God bless you for your generosity and prayers during this challenging moment.

Entrusting you and your families and all your loved ones to the maternal protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe, I ask that God grant you peace

+ José H. Gomez

Archbishop José H. Gomez

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?"
He replied, "There in the tent."
One of them said, "I will surely return to you about
this time next year,
and Sarah will then have a son." (Gn 18:10)

Psalm:

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:

It is Christ in you, the hope for glory.
It is he whom we proclaim. (Col 1:27-28)

Gospel:

The Lord said to her in reply,
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried
about many things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her." (Lk 10:42)

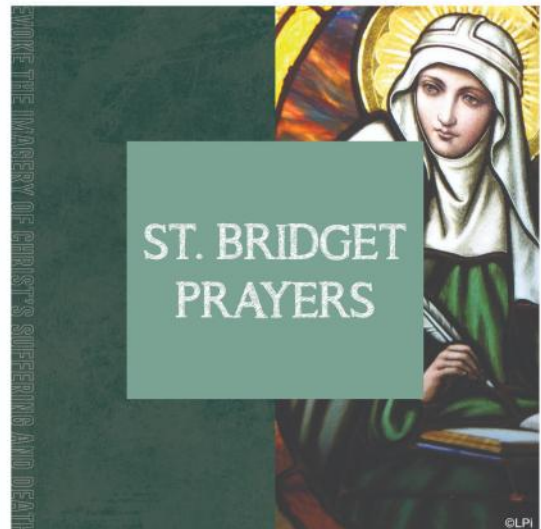
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In life, there are so many "Marthas" — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

Observances for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Wednesday:	St. Bridget, Religious
Thursday:	St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
Friday:	St. James, Apostle
Saturday:	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The St. Bridget Prayers evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the suppliant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters.
And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your heaven as my guide.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday:

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he... he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's Gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the **"one necessary thing."** He praises her for she **"has chosen the better part"** (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work — domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative — is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— *Father John Muir*

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025 | 16TH 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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TIME: 11:00AM - 12:00PM

BREAK: 12:00PM - 12:20PM

MASS AS A CLASS: 12:30PM - 1:30PM



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A Special Opportunity for the Men of our Parish

Openings are still available for Men's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat. Do you sense that something is missing from your life? Do you feel that if you weren't too busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe even a better person?

Come to the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend. It is an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other Men in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday, you will find what you are looking for and more.

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**
IN THE MIDST OF A PAGAN CULTURE IN

First Corinthians

AN 11-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING
TIM GRAY



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
sreva@stjosephlb.org or
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.



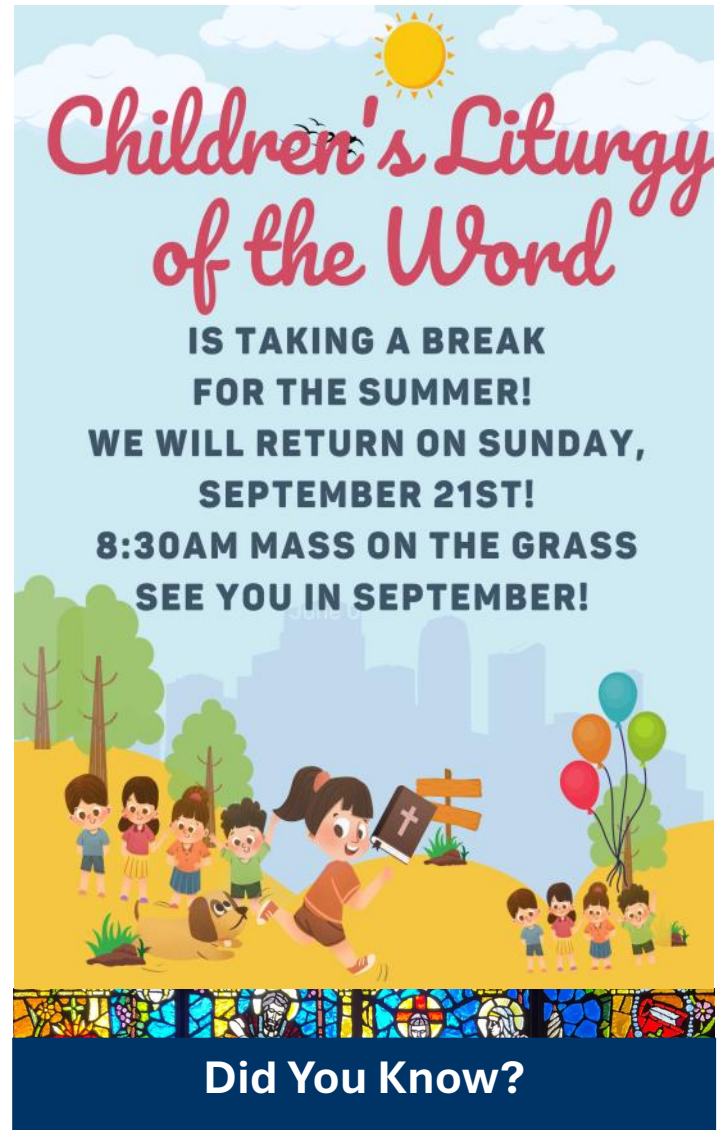
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“Be the change you want to see in the world.” -Mahatma Gandhi

Aug. 16-17 Food from the Heart: Collecting food for families served by Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

Opportunities: Thanks to all who generously supported our FOURTEEN Movement for a Better World initiatives during our 2024-2025 program year. **Sandwich Ministry-** Can you deliver sandwiches to Catholic Charities, in rotation, once per month? **Multi-Services Center-** Can you serve as a point of contact with the City of Long Beach HHS Multi-Services Center? For this and many other opportunities to serve, call Tim Clark, (562) 431-4385.



Did You Know?

Safe environment tips

Everyone that works and interacts with children should have clear boundaries in place. This can include rules like: staying in public view and avoiding isolated one-on-one situations with children and ensuring that two or more adults are always paired together to work with children, as well as other guidelines on appropriate physical contact. For the Archdiocese of Los Angeles's guidelines on how to interact with minors at our parishes, schools and ministries please visit <https://lacatholics.org/policies-and-procedures/>, and for more tips read the VIRTUS® article “When Boundaries Abound, Our Lives Can Flourish” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Senior Group



**Our next get together will be at the
El Dorado Restaurant on
Monday, August 11th 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

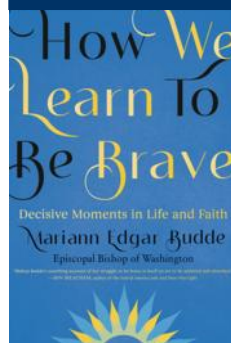


Grief support 13 week sessions from
June 3rd — August 26th

Meetings are held on
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
Or 562/833-6370

Book Club



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

**How We Learn to Be Brave by
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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

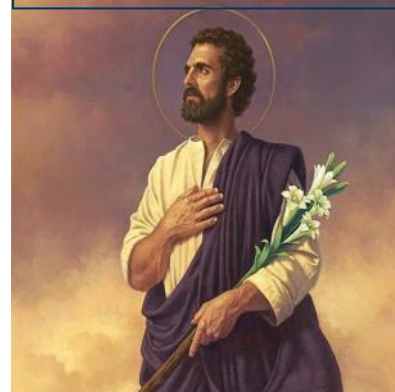
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