

St. Joseph Parish

RICH IN
WHAT MATTERS
TO GOD.

— LUKE 12:21 —

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the beginning of August. This weekend, Jesus reminds us that one's life does not consist of gathering possessions but that we should be rich in what matters to God. We'll meet a man who mistakenly believes that he and his wealth will endure forever. Suddenly, he is called out of this life to the next, and his harvest has no place to go. Jesus emphasizes that the things of this world are passing while the things of heaven endure eternally. The reflection for the week – how are you rich in the eyes of God?

Three weeks ago, Fr. Ignacio Verdier spoke at our Annual Mission Cooperative Sunday and your generosity has so far raised \$9,447.00 for his Mission Dalmanuta. Thank you for blessing Fr. Ignacio and his companions!

I'm very grateful to the hard-working planning committee under the leadership of our Parish Council Chair Shelley Padilla, for all the hours they are putting in to plan our Parish's 70th Anniversary Dinner and the reopening of our Saint Joseph Center on Saturday, August 23 at 6:00 PM. As of today, over 450 people have RSVP'd. Thank you for such an extraordinary response! Registration for the event closes this week on August 9 as we must provide the Caterer with accurate numbers. You will only be able to enjoy the fine cuisine if you have RSVP'd which will be evident through the name tag that you will be wearing. You'll be able to pick up your name tag at tables that will be positioned at the gate. If you are only coming to the Worship Concert, no name tag necessary and the Concert starts at 7:30 PM on the Grass – please bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

This week's Construction photos display the dozens of boxes that have recently arrived at the new Center. They are the new small wares for the facility. I have enjoyed online shopping at ULINE, Chefs Toys and the Webstaurant Store. I'm very grateful to Ian Gonzalez, a parishioner and school parent who volunteered his expertise in helping us to outfit the new Center.

Blessings on your week and I'm praying for your family,

Msgr. Kevin



Photos From Our Pastor

Shelving for the storage rooms for the Seniors....



Movement for a Better World, Sports Equipment and Hospitality.



Here's the new portable bar for Knights of Columbus!



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil
and anxiety of heart
with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 2:22)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves
but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:21)

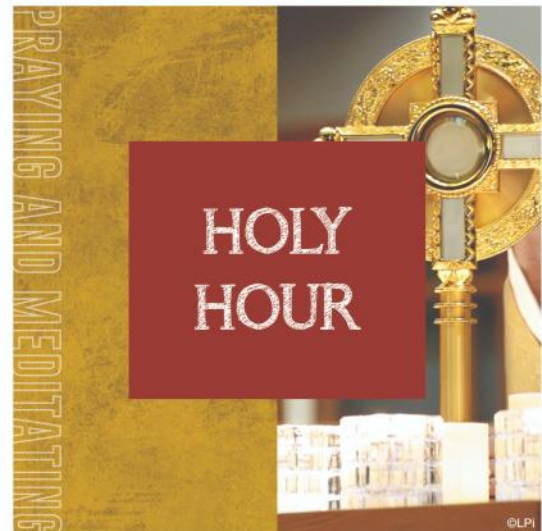
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgment. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth?

Observances for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. John Vianney, Priest
Tuesday:	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Wednesday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday:	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Friday:	St. Dominic, Priest
Saturday:	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Open Hands

Lord, I do not know what any day holds,
I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given.
Help me to use them, then, as You would have me.
Help me to live according to Your invitations.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday:

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday:

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 16:13-23

Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

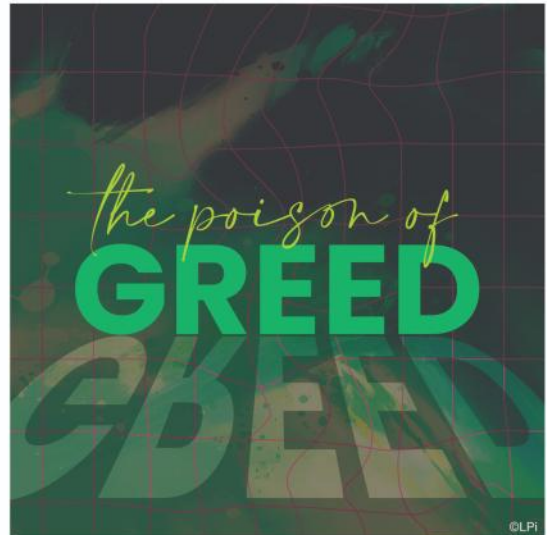
Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48
or 12:35-40



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **“Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions” (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— *Father John Muir*

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)

RSVP Required by August 9th

<https://bit.ly/44owGKZ>



ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Join Us in Celebrating 70 Years of Faith & Community



GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW ST. JOSEPH CENTER

We are looking for joyful, generous hearts to help make this celebration a success!

Sign up to volunteer for one of the following service opportunities:



Early Set-Up

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

8 Volunteers Needed



Final Set-Up & Buffet Service

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

12 Volunteers Needed



Registration / Check-In

5:15 PM - 6:30 PM

8 Volunteers Needed



Clean-Up

7:30 PM - Onward

12 Volunteers Needed

Be a part of this historic moment at St. Joseph Parish!

**To volunteer please email Kathy Mills at
kathysmills@aol.com**

70th Anniversary Photo Submission

We're excited to celebrate with you on Saturday, August 23rd, 2025! Please attach any photos of you and your family or community members playing sports, attending events, or making memories in the Fr. Martin Hall! We will use the photos for a running slideshow at the event. Please scan the QR to upload your photos.

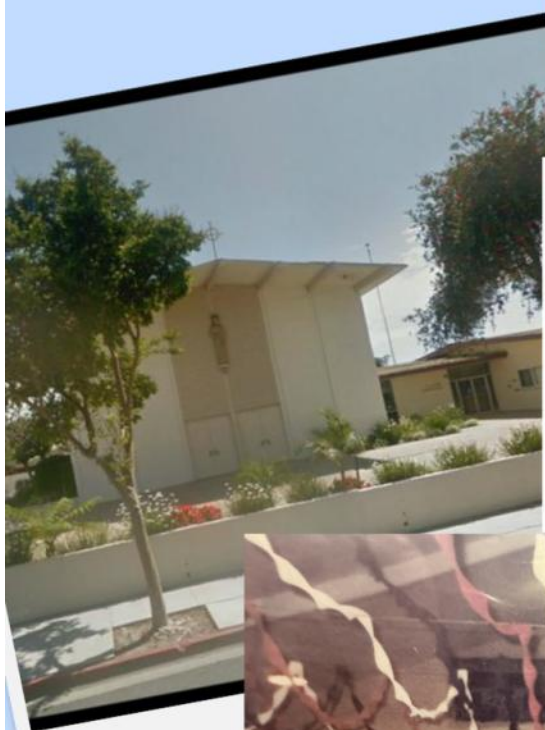


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BREAK: 12:00PM - 12:20PM

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A Special Opportunity for the Men of our Parish

From Men who have attended

"I attended the Christ Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat at St. Joseph in Long Beach. The witnesses that I heard on my retreat were so moving. The men really opened up and shared their backgrounds that made them the men they are today. It was truly an amazing experience. I've never been in a retreat like that where the men were so authentic and so open with their experiences. It is definitely a retreat all men of God should attend and be a part of the renewal of the church." - Michael Mantong

"Thank you for offering the Welcome Retreat. It has helped me reconnect to several good men and get to know others, I feel my sense of community has expanded for the better." - Paul Farrell

Men's Weekend Retreat:

Saturday, September 27 & Sunday, September 28, 2025

Sign Up Now!

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.



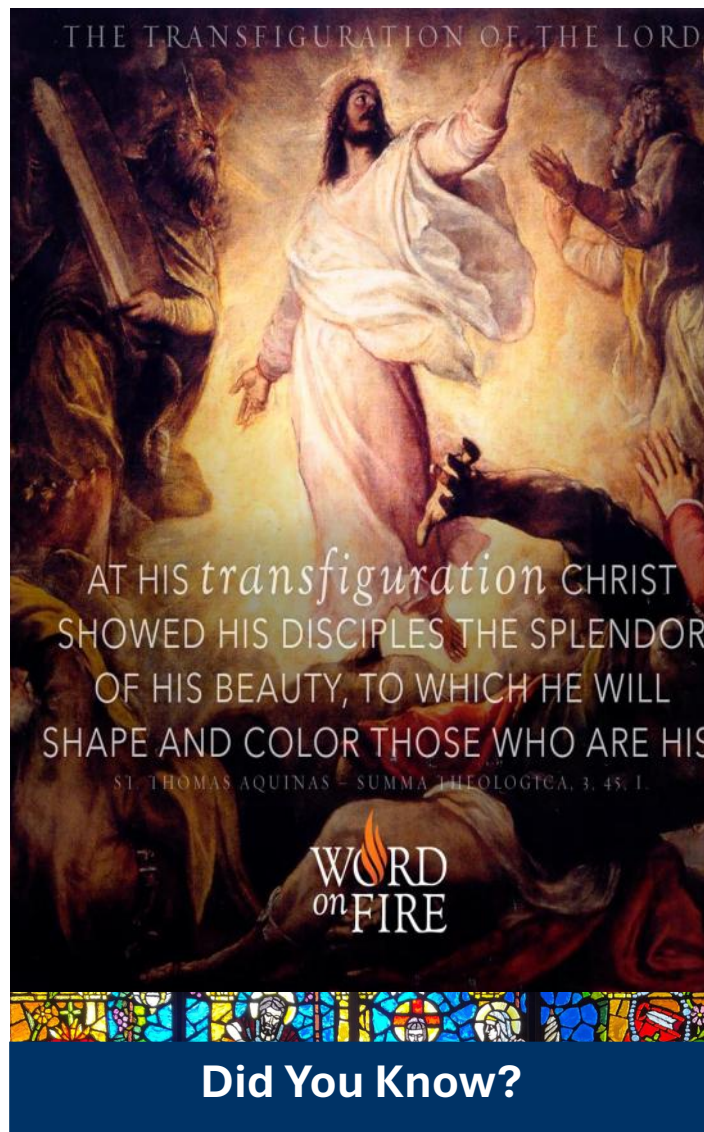
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"It is a kingly act to assist the fallen."
-St. Mother Teresa

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. **Essential Home Furnishings-** Can you help pick up parishioner donations and deliver them to families in need? **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?

Who do children talk to about abuse?

Studies show that when children know that adults are willing to believe them, and advocate for them, children are more willing to come to adults with their problems. This is why other safe adults, like teachers and youth ministry volunteers, are essential to child protection. If a child discloses abuse, it is critical for a safe adult to provide a listening ear and help when needed, including reporting to the right people and authorities. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Disclosures Part 1: Why are Disclosures Important?" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Meditation



St. Joseph's Meditation Group currently meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00PM via Zoom. Our weekly session is based on the teachings of Fr. John Main, OSB. Meditation is an age-old Christian practice and open to everyone. No experience is required and beginners are welcome. For more information, contact Frank McKown at (310) 633-1744 or frmckown@gmail.com



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
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For more information Contact May Pace,
Bereavement Minister,
maypace@gmail.com
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10:00 a.m. Procession
10:30 a.m. Multilingual Rosary
11:00 a.m. Mass



For more information:
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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.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Adoration

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