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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time! This weekend we are invited to compare our occasional lack of faith with that of Abraham's experience in his faith journey. We are invited to look around and see all the evidence of our faith. Abraham did not have any of the elements of faith by which we live and move and have our being in Christ. All that Abraham knew was a promise spoken by God, and as the letter to the Hebrew tells us, Abraham's faith was "The realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

A reminder that our next Bible Study program will be on Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthian community. This is an 11-part Bible study program. You can join in person in the PLC starting Wednesday, September 10th at 9:00 AM. Thank you, Sr. Eva for leading these in person sessions. The same program will be offered on Zoom starting on Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 PM. Thank you, Mike Santy, for leading the Zoom sessions. Renew your commitment to studying the Word of God by scrolling down and signing up today.

This Friday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy day of Obligation. Masses at Saint Joseph's are as follows:

Thursday, August 14th – 7:00 PM Vigil Mass.

Friday, August 15th Masses at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Mark your calendars – the Annual St. Joseph's Fair will take place next year on May 1st, 2nd & 3rd, in 2026. Come to meet old and new parishioners and friends!!

May you and your family enjoy these final weeks of August, which may include final days of vacation, preparation for school to commence, celebrating our 70th Parish Anniversary and reopening of the St. Joseph Center. I'm praying for you!!

Peace,
Msgr. Kevin



Photos From Our Pastor

The St. Joseph Center is nearing completion:

The new drapery has been hung!



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The night of the passover was known beforehand
to our fathers,
that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they
put their faith,
they might have courage. (Wis 18:6-7)

Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for
and evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)

Gospel:

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much,
and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted
with more." (Lk 12:48)

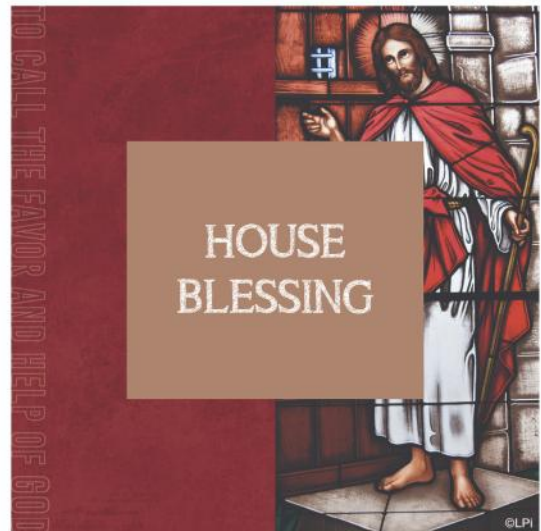
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are the servants and God is our master.
He has told us His will, and given us all that
we need to carry out His directions. Do
we have the courage to act as our master
desires? Do we have what it takes to be
stewards of God's grace?

Observances for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Clare, Virgin
Tuesday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Wednesday:	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Friday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday:	St. Stephen of Hungary
Next Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Catholics who move to a new place of residence often wish to have their dwelling blessed, to call the favor and help of God upon all those who live in the house and all those who will enter it. The Roman Ritual provides two formats for such blessings.

Prayer for Generosity

God who has gifted me every good thing,
Help me to remember what truly matters.
To treasure love above all else,
and to serve readily.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 10, 2025

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

Monday:

Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday:

Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday:

Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/
Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, **“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34).** Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— *Father John Muir*

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.

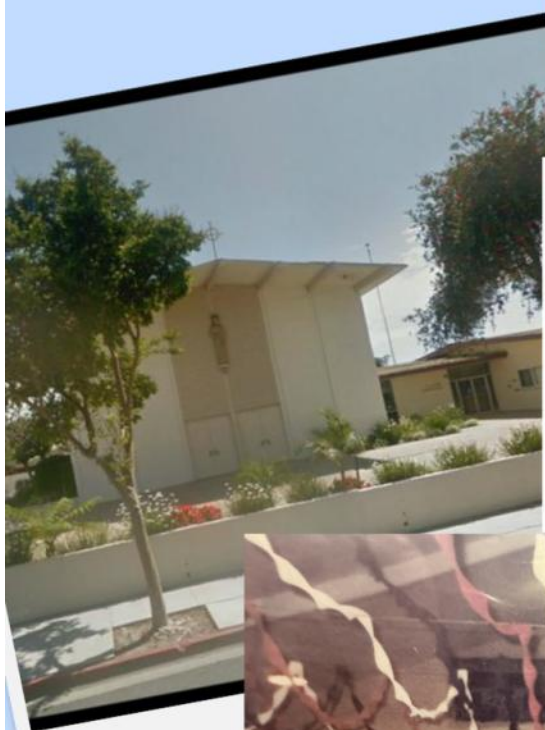


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TIME: 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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

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.



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

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For Maintenance

**Friday August 15th &
Monday August 18th**

Sorry for the inconvenience
Thank you!



Did You Know?

Far-reaching effects of child abuse

Children who suffer from sexual abuse run a greater risk of negative associated outcomes, not only with their mental health, but also suicidal tendencies, potential future abuse, more cognitive deficits, or lower educational interests and efforts. Abused children also are at higher risk for eating disorders, obesity, early onset of puberty, or chronic health issues. Ultimately, abuse has far-reaching consequences beyond childhood for many victims, and it is critical to act quickly to protect potential victims. It's important to remember that any intervention or supportive response from a safe adult can reduce the risk of many or all negative outcomes. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Disclosures Part 1: Why are Disclosures Important?" 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



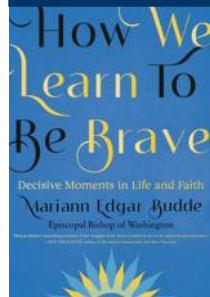
Grief support 13 week sessions from
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Tuesdays 9:30 -11:30 a.m. each week
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For more information Contact May Pace,
Bereavement Minister,
maypace@gmail.com
Or 562/833-6370

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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.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Adoration

First Fridays

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