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THE PERSON TRUSTWORTHY
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ALSO TRUSTWORTHY IN
GREAT ONES.

— LUKE 16:10 —



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend's Scriptures invite us to do some deep consideration of God's gifts entrusted to us. We are invited to pray with the sense of wealth which God blesses us. We pray with the joy of being just in our dealings with people. And we pray as children of light amid all the divisions and darkness in our world. May the Word of God and your experience of the Eucharist be an encouragement to recognize that all good things come from and lead back to the one God!

This weekend, we are praying for all our amazing women parishioners who are participating in Welcome, Christ Renews His Parish Retreat #5. May they be inspired by the team of women calling them to a renewed discipleship in Jesus Christ!

Next weekend is our Feed a Baby drive for Catholic Charities, the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence and New Life Beginnings. Please scroll down for further information and the optional items to bring to support this most important ministry.

Many of us know two of our great parishioners, Edward and Haley Steinhauser, the cofounders of the Cooper Steinhauser Foundation. Next Sunday is the NICU warrior walk 2025. If you would like to find out more about the walk, make a donation or just be informed about the foundation, please scroll down for further information.

This weekend, our church celebrates Catechetical Sunday and we give thanks and bless all our catechists in religious education and all our teachers in the school. Our faith formation program is always looking for new catechists, especially those who would like to teach our Confirmation students. If you have that gift, and can offer some time on Sunday, please let me know or call Liz Moreno our Confirmation Coordinator.

Blessings as we start the season of Autumn,

Msgr. Kevin



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Never will I forget a thing they have done! (Am 8:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113)

Second Reading:

There is also one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus,
who gave himself as ransom for all. (1 Tm 2:5-6)

Gospel:

"No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

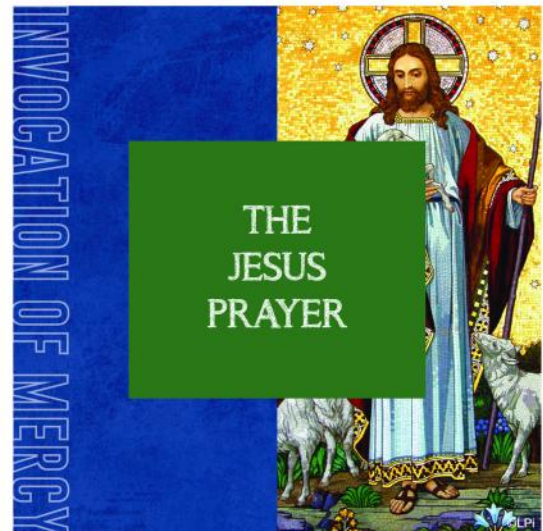
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

No servant can serve two masters, and in his goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of this world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?

Observances for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	National Migration Week
Tuesday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Friday:	Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Next Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, its short form makes it ideal for meditative prayer.

Prayer for Trust

Jesus,
With your gentle mercy, build
my trust. Help me to believe you
when you say you want good
for me. In every season, give
me grace. In every need, be my
answer.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday:

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday:

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday:

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,
4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday:

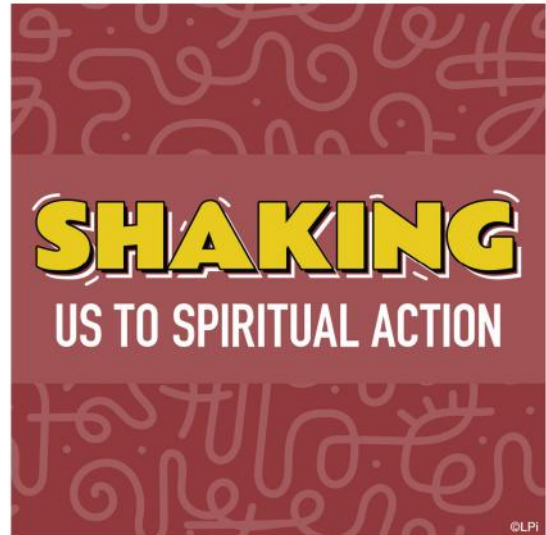
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:

Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the **"master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8)**. What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he *wants* us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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A time of renewal & faith

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CYNDI PETERSON



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST AT 7PM OR
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND AT 9AM**

PODCASTER, AUTHOR, SPEAKER

Cyndi Peterson is a wife, mother, and retired board certified dermatologist residing in Southern California with her family. She regularly shares the personal story of her life and the dramatic changes her faith underwent through the lives of her two beautiful daughters Kelly and Sarah. Your faith will be ignited as Cyndi's testimony both inspires and challenges you to move deeper in your relationship with Christ.



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4-7! (PRESCHOOLER-1ST GRADE)**

Join us for Children's dismissal at the
8:30am Mass on the Grass to
participate in listening to the Gospel,
singing, and learning how much God
loves us through His Word!





✨ Women's Retreat This Weekend ✨

Please keep in prayer our Women's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat taking place this weekend. Pray that everything runs smoothly and that all who are involved may be blessed with energy, wisdom, grace, and joyful spirits. May the women attending be touched by the power of the Holy Spirit, experience renewal through Christ, and grow in deeper connection with one another and with our St. Joseph Parish community.

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

🙏 PRAY FOR OUR MEN FOR NEXT WEEKEND MEN'S RETREAT 🙏

Please pray for our Men's retreat team as they make final preparations for next weekend's retreat. May the retreat planning go smoothly and the team be blessed with energy, wisdom, grace, and joyful spirits as they prepare. Please also pray for all of the men attending next weekend's retreat. May they each experience renewal through Christ and feel a stronger connection with one another and with St. Joseph Parish.



Join Us for the 2nd Annual NICU Warrior Walk

Edward and Haley Steinhauser (12:30 PM Mass) invite you to join them for the **2nd Annual NICU Warrior Walk** on **Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 8:30 AM** in downtown Long Beach. Organized in honor of their son Cooper, this special event takes place during **NICU Awareness Month** as we come together to honor babies, their families, and the medical teams who care for them.

Tickets can be purchased at nicuwarriorwalk.org. If you are unable to attend, you can still support this mission by making a donation through the website.

Together, let's walk in faith, hope, and love for NICU families.



In Memoriam



Vincent Olson

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church
Friday, September 26 at 10:00 am

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

~Amen~

NO PARKING! CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN EXTENDED Construction ZONE

The final chapter of the construction project is the fire hydrant tie-in on Willow Street.

This timeline has been extended until complete. During the hours of Construction (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) there will be two lane closures on Willow Street from Woodruff past the field, the PLC and the school. One lane will be open going eastbound. Please drive slowly and follow the traffic control signage. Entrances into the Saint Joseph's parking lot will not be affected. Thank you for your patience and care during this time.



HOSTED BY: ST. JOE'S YOUTH GROUP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

6PM-8PM



TRUNK or TREAT

Hello St. Joseph Family!

Our Youth Group is hosting a community Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25th – 6pm -8pm, and we need YOUR help to make it an unforgettable evening of fun, faith, and candy-filled smiles! Whether you're crafting a cool trunk or dropping off some sweet treats, your support helps us share God's love in a fun and safe way!

Here's how you can join in:

👉 Volunteer your trunk! Decorate it, dress up, and hand out candy with joy (Candy will be provided.)



PLUS:

🏆 Best Costume & Best Trunk Prizes

🎵 Live DJ & Family Fun

👉 A safe, joy-filled night for our community!

Ready to join the fun?

Sign up or get more info here: <https://signup.com/go/JdEVeUc>

Contact: Youth Minister, Liz Moreno (562)598-0519 Ext 2



"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." African Proverb

Next Weekend- Feed-a-Baby Food

Drive: Collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

Oct. 25-26- Blanket Drive: Collecting new blankets for our Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution to over 100 families.

Committee Meeting: Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Committee Meeting Sept. 16. We initiated another program year to channel the generosity of the parish on behalf of those in need of Long Beach.

Holiday distribution planning is underway.

Can you help? 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



August Collection

Collection	
Faith Direct	\$26,903.45
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Regular Envelopes	\$46,292.00
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Total:	\$88,815.45

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Did You Know?

How to talk about sexting with teens

As children get older, they begin to form more peer relationships, and today this growth also coincides with having more opportunities for private communication through technology, especially with mobile phones. Young people are often uncomfortable talking to adults about their relationships, particularly when it involves technology, because they fear raising concerns will lead to caregivers restricting access to their devices. However, positive relationships with adults help and empower youth to make safe and healthy choices, both on and offline. Netsmartz (<https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz>) offers resources for keeping children and teens safe online, please visit <https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/sextortion>.



Senior Group



**Our next get together will be at the
El Dorado Restaurant on
Monday, October 13th 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 Parish
High School Confirmation Program

Help our Youth Grow in Faith

We're looking for teacher assistants to support our Confirmation program. The commitment is simple—just 2 hours once or twice a month (**your choice!**)—but the impact is eternal.

Come share your faith and help guide our young people as they grow closer to God!



Please contact: Confirmation Coordinator, Liz Moreno
(562)598-0519 Ext 2 or Liz@stjosephlb.org

NEW VIDEO SESSION: LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Losing a spouse is a unique and life-altering pain. If you are grieving, you don't have to face it alone. Our bereavement group offers a supportive space for focused encouragement and healing.

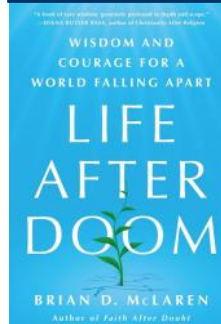
Session Details:

Date: Tuesday, October 14
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location: PLC Building

For more information, please
contact May Pace at
562-833-6370.
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Our next Book Club
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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

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Adoration

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