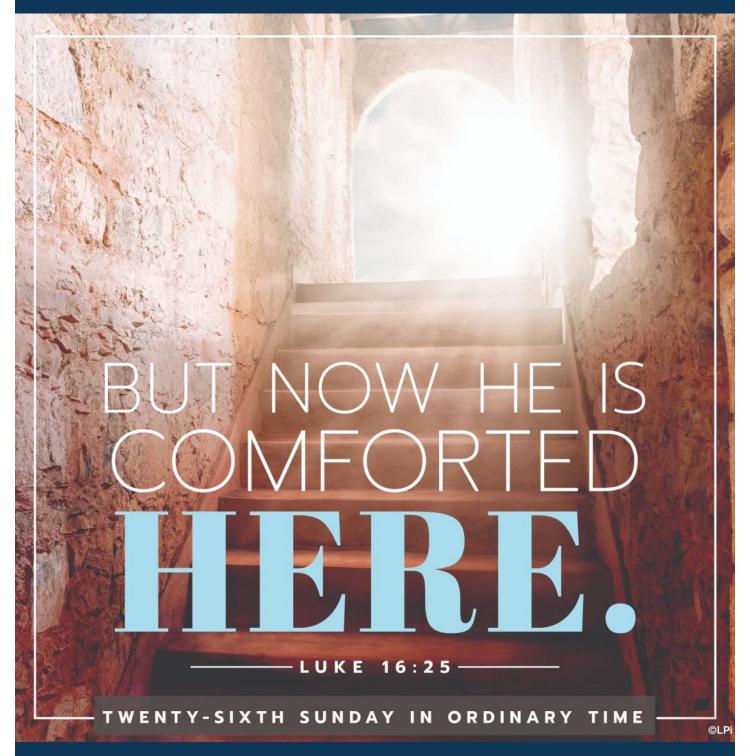
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Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the first full week of the Season of Autumn! In this weekend's Gospel, we meet an unnamed rich man and a poor man named Lazarus, who dreams about eating the scraps of food from the rich man's table. Every parable of Jesus is really a story about us and we are invited to discover a part of us in both characters. Today's readings are meant to provoke us to sharpen our senses and sensitivity. What do we choose to focus on and what do we intentionally block out? When we see need, do we evaluate the one in need or do we evaluate our own response? May this weekend's readings, heighten our awareness to take care of those in need!

In 1989, I was Knighted as a member of the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The Order's mandate originates from the time of the Crusades over 1000 years ago, who under a Pontifical decree were ordered to protect the Christian pilgrims, traveling to the Sacred Sites in the Holy Land. We are a Pontifical Order consisting of 30,000 members working in 60 countries around the world. We support the Catholic Church and Christian communities in the Holy Land through prayers, financial aid for religious and charitable institutions, and efforts to preserve the Christian presence in the region. Every year our Western Lieutenancy of the United States meets to discuss our financial support to the Latin Patriarch for distribution to parishes, churches, seminaries, clinics and humanitarian aid for food and medical supplies in the Holy Land, which includes the territories of Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian territories. Each year we rotate the meeting hosted by one of the 10 dioceses in our west coast Lieutenancy. This year, the Diocese of Honolulu is hosting, and our meeting will be held in Kona, Hawaii. The situation in the Holy Land is dire since tourism, the major source of economic sustenance has been nonexistent since that fateful day on October 7. Many Christians have fled the Holy Land seeking a better way of life for their families in the midst of war and economic deprivation. The Christian presence is now less than 2%. Last year, our Western Lieutenancy with over 1,200 members contributed over \$1 million to the Latin Patriarch in support of the Church's good works in the Holy Land. Please pray for all of us during next weekend's meeting and pray especially for the Peace of Jerusalem.

I'm praying for you and your families,

Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

Gospel:

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets,

neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.' (Lk 16:31)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The rich man had a chance, every day of his life, to choose righteousness. But righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He discovered too late that the only time we have to follow God is now. Here. This moment. Will we take our chance?

Observances for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Priesthood Sunday

Monday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Tuesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,

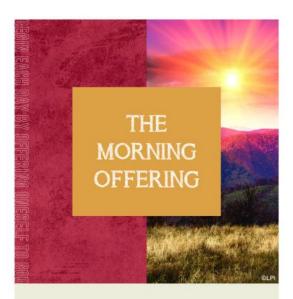
Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Respect Life Sunday



Devotions, Explained!

There are many variations of the Morning Offering, but all share the same purpose: to begin each day by offering oneself to God, along with all the experiences, struggles and blessings that the day will bring.

Prayer for the Sick

For those in pain and in sorrow, God be their comfort.
For caretakers and medical staff, God give them grace.
Surround those afflicted with Your love, care, and mercy, You who are our healing and hope.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/ Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday:

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday:

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday:

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday:

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/ Lk 10:13-16

Saturday:

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/ Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday:

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/ 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: "My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

- Father John Muir

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, . . naked and you clothed me." Mt 25:35



Ministry For

- Weekly Sandwich/Lunch Ministry Opportunities: buy food, prepare, deliver
- ✓ Catholic Charities of LB
- ❖ Holiday Gift Drives
 ✓ 75 local families in need Blankets, Christmas Presents, Books
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- ❖ Holiday Food and Gift Distribution
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 Contact Jill Salinaz, (562) 822-7367 or jmsalinaz@yahoo.com.
- ❖ Holiday Family Adoption ✓ A local family in need Opportunities: adopt a family; provide food and gifts for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Please let us know right away. Please contact Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss at rhbauss@gmail.com .
- ❖ Feed-a-Baby Food Drives (3) ✓ Catholic Charities ✓ New Life Beginnings Opportunities: drive coordinator, volunteer coordinator, baby food donations, distribute to charity organizations, purchase food from cash donations.
- ❖ Food from the Heart Family Food Drive ✓ Catholic Charities of LB Opportunities: drive coordinator, volunteer coordinator, family food donations, distribute to charity organizations, purchase food from cash donations.
- ❖ Homeless Kit Drives (2)
 ✓ 200 homeless, 2 times/year
 Opportunities: assemble kit information packets, donate supplies.
- ❖ City of Long Beach Community Outreach ✓ Multi Service Center Opportunities: meal service for homeless, <u>Welcome Home</u> new housing provisions



Blue Skip-a-Meal Envelope donations support our ministry!

Please call: Tim Clark (562) 431-4385





St. Joseph Movement for a Better World Program Year Financial Summary

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Available Funds – July 1, 2024	\$6,460		
<u>Donations</u>			For
Skip-a-Meal Envelopes	\$31,187		- Movement for a Better World
Feed-a-Baby (2 drives)	\$3,286		- Catholic Charities, Long Beach - New Life Beginnings
Food From the Heart	\$1,026		- Catholic Charities, Long Beach
Homeless Support	\$1,037		- Catholic Charities, Long Beach
Other Donations, Christmas	\$1,300		- 110 local families
Other Donations Designated, Emergency Aid Cardinal McIntyre Fund Campaign Human Development Designated, Concern America Blanket Drive Book Drive	\$1,245 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$596 \$180		- 7 local families - 1 local family - Movement for a Better World - Concern America - 110 local families (Thanksgiving) - 110 local families (Easter)
Total Donations	\$42,857		The folial families (Editor)
On-going Activities Wednesday Lunches Special Programs Holiday Food Distribution Thanksgiving Christmas Easter Organization Support and Grants Sp'l Needs & Emergency Aid		-\$11,966 -\$8,500 -\$7,564 -\$6,679 -\$3,651 -\$1,500 -\$624 -\$3,204 -\$850 -\$200 -\$601	- 110 local families- 110 local families- Catholic Charities- Concern America
Operating Expenses		-\$79	Movement for a Better World (0.2%)
Total Expenses		-\$45,418	

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HOSTED BY: ST. JOE'S YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEER TRUNK SIGN-UP SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH 6PM-8PM







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! Whether you're crafting a cool trunk or dropping off candy, your support helps us share God's love in a fun and safe way!

Here's how you can join in:

Wolunteer your trunk! Decorate it, dress up, and hand out candy with joy

Some Candy will be provided. Candy donations are appreciated.



PLUS:

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



A Special Thank You

We extend our sincere gratitude to Monsignor Kevin, whose guidance and support made it possible to bring Welcome Christ Renews His Parish to St. Joseph Church.

Last weekend, St. Joseph Parish celebrated its fifth Women's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat. The two-day retreat was led by women of our parish, with Monsignor Kevin serving as Spiritual Guide. Participants experienced the power of the Holy Spirit and were renewed in the presence



of Our Lord. During the retreat, Monsignor Kevin introduced the participants and team members to the 10:30 a.m. congregation and offered them a blessing. The retreat was a grace-filled experience for the participants, as well as for the Lay Formation and Support Teams.



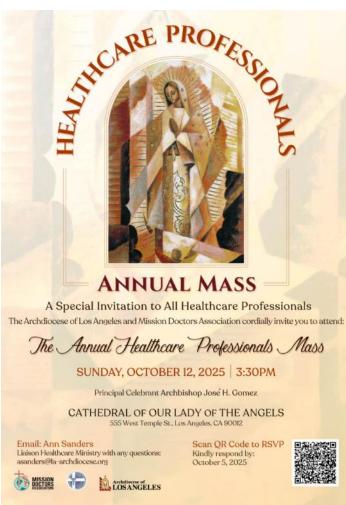
Men's Retreat This Weekend



Please keep in your prayers our Men's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat taking place this weekend. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide every detail so that the retreat flows smoothly and all who are involved may be strengthened with wisdom, energy, grace, and joyful hearts.

May the men attending the retreat be renewed in Christ, touched by the power of the Holy Spirit, and encouraged to grow in faith. May this retreat deepen their connection with God, with one another, and with our St. Joseph Parish community.







NO PARKING! CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN EXTENDED Construction

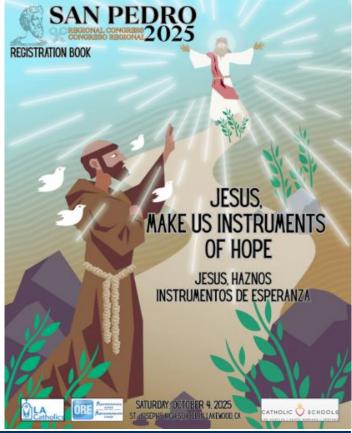
ZONE

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.







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

This Weekend- Feed-a-Baby Food

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

Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: DRIVERS NEEDED. As a parish community, we will support 70 families for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter! Can you help us deliver? So meaningful to kids! Please contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or jmsalinaz@yahoo.com.

Family Adoptions: Would you like to adopt a family to support Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Questions? Call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss rhbauss@gmail.com

Oct. 25-26- Blanket Drive: Collecting new blankets for our Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution to over 100 families. For many opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark, (562) 431-4385

Please be attentive to Skip-a-Meal donations during the holiday season!



Come and spend an hour with our Lord Jesus
Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.
Experience what Catholic author
Matthew Kelly calls
"The Classroom of Silence,"
and respond to Jesus' call: "Could you not
watch with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40).
Deacon Joe & Dianne Lumsdaine
will lead Eucharistic
Adoration this Friday October, 3rd
at 8:00 am.



Forms of cyber bullying

With the widespread use of mobile devices, more and more children are susceptible to cyber bullying, which has far-reaching consequences. Cyber bullying can take many forms, including cruel messages via text or social media, the distribution of photoshopped pictures designed to mock an individual, forwarding "private" photos or videos, and pretending to be someone else on a social media site. Victims of cyber bullying often suffer from depression, isolation, and can even become suicidal. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Cyber-Bullying: Protecting Young People from Technology Dangers" at lacatholics.org/didyou-know.

Senior Group

Our next get together will be at the El Dorado Restaurant on Monday, October 13th at 9:30 am.

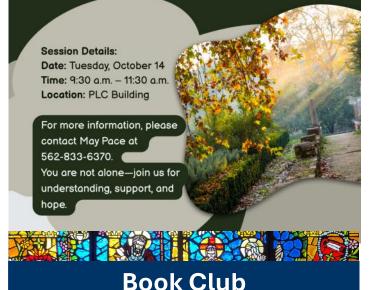
Please join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there. For future reference, we meet there on the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time. Looking forward to seeing you!

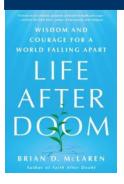
Meditation The World Community for Christian Meditation

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

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.





Our next Book Club meeting is **Wednesday, November 19th** at 7pm on Zoom

Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart by Brian D. McLaren

"Blending insights from philosophers, poets, scientists, and theologians, *Life After Doom* explores the complexity of hope, the necessity of grief, and the need for new ways of thinking, becoming, and belonging in turbulent times." Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart: McLaren, Brian D.: 9781250893277: Amazon.com: Books

All are welcome. For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com

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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 8:00-9:00 a.m.



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