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FAITH
THE SIZE OF A
MUSTARD SEED.

— LUKE 17:6 —

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ST. JOSEPH'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

A time of renewal & faith

WITH GUEST SPEAKER
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.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

Observances for the week of October 5, 2025

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
- Monday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher,
Virgin
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of the Rosary
- Thursday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Saturday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



GOD IS
GOOD, ALL
THE TIME

Devotions, *Explained!*

This popular phrase is an affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, a theme that is presented again and again in Scripture: come what may, God will be with us.

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God,
Help us to hear Your voice,
especially when You speak on
behalf of the voiceless,
the overlooked, and the forgotten.
Keep our ears attuned, and work
through us in a way that loves,
blesses, assures, supports, and
strengthens LIFE.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 5, 2025

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

Monday:

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday:

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:

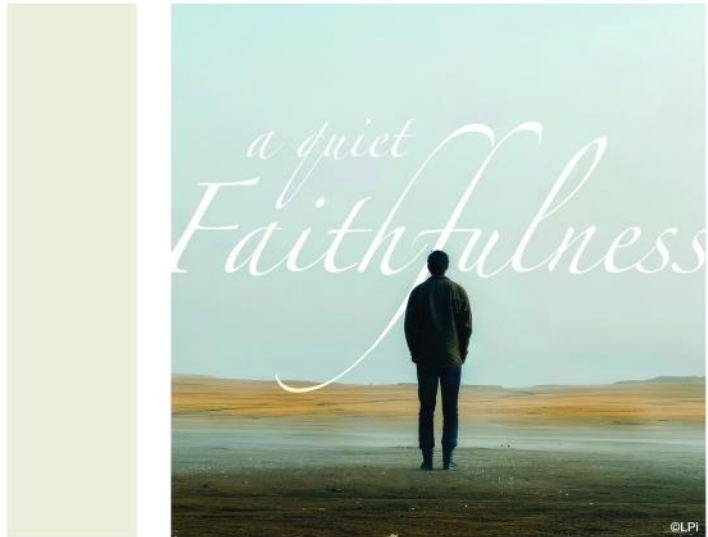
Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday:

2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."

His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: **"So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"** In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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:

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

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

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



Thank You All for Your Prayers

Last weekend we concluded our Fifth Men's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat at St. Joseph's, and the Women's just a week ago. The Men's and Women's retreats took place over two days and were led from men and women of St. Joseph with Monsignor Kevin as our Spiritual Guide. Participants felt the power of the Holy Spirit and were renewed with the presence of Our Lord. It was an amazing experience for all participants as well as the Lay Formation Team and the Support Team. Both Retreats were a huge success!



During the Men's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat, Msgr. Kevin introduced the participants and team members to the 10:30 congregation and gave them all a blessing.

We have already begun planning for the next retreats which will take place in the Spring. It is our hope that the Parish will benefit from the love, joy, and excitement that this Renewal Retreat brings to our community. Together continuing to grow in God's love and building a faith filled community of love and service to others.

The Spring schedule for our next Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat is available on the parish website. Registration opens January 3rd. The Women's is Saturday, March 14th and Sunday, March 15th, 2026 and the Men's is Saturday, April 18th and Sunday, April 19th, 2026.

The Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat team.



“Charity is the form, mover, mother and root of all the virtues.” - St. Thomas Aquinas

Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: *Thank you* to all who supported the School’s and last weekend’s baby food and products drive! We collected 12 shopping carts of food, diapers and other baby products for Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach. Cash donations of \$1,771 were used to purchase items requested by Catholic Charities!

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!



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.



Did You Know?

AI-generated explicit images

With the rising use of AI, explicit nonconsensual images can be generated easily and without the victim’s knowledge. An offender now may not even need an explicit image to work from. When threatened with explicit AI-generated images being published or distributed online, victims often succumb to demands for money, in-person meetings or worse. This can affect anyone, regardless of age or gender – but children are most at risk. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “The Take It Down Act: Combating Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery and Sexual Exploitation” at lacatholics.org/did-you-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



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.

Session Details:

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

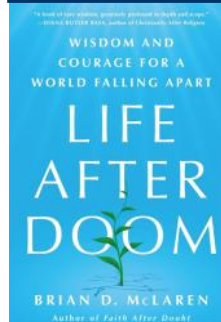
For more information, please contact May Pace at 562-833-6370. You are not alone—join us for understanding, support, and hope.



Book Club

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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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

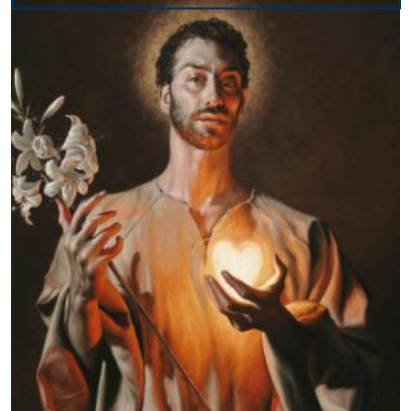
Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





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