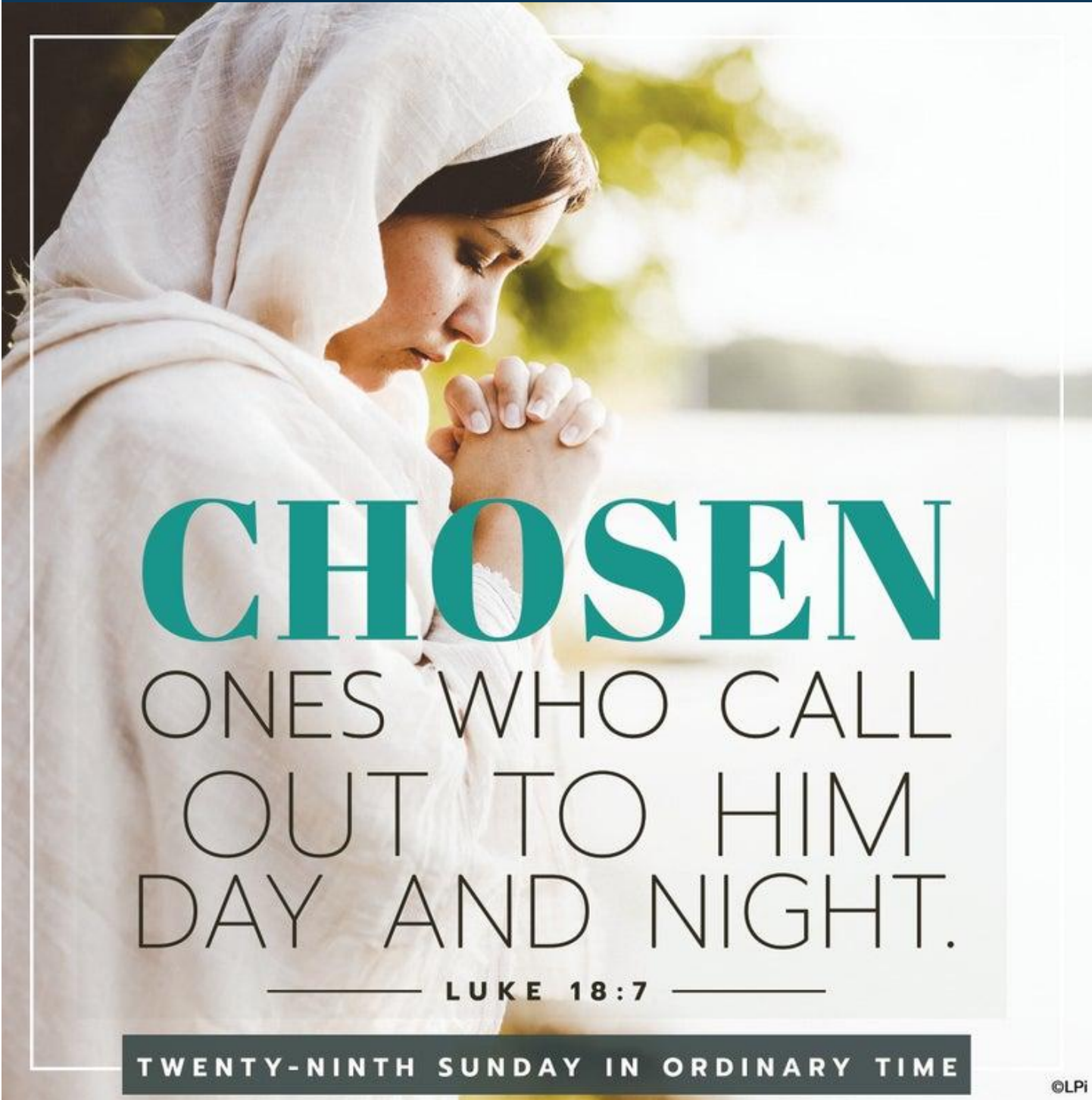


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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time! This Sunday, the Gospel of Luke takes us into a courtroom, where a persistent widow keeps asking a judge for a just decision in her favor against her adversary. The judge complains that this widow keeps bothering him. The widow gives us a model of what it means for us to pray continuously. One scripture scholar writes that the widow symbolizes all who are poor and vulnerable, yet she had one weapon – persistence. When we persist in prayer, either God grants our request or gives us a promotion: a better gift!

This weekend at all of our Masses one of the members of your Parish Finance Council will present a brief review of the finances for our Parish from the past fiscal year 2024-2025. Scroll down and just past this column, you will see the Financial Report. Many of you heard the call last April and you significantly increased your weekly offertory gift and it has helped immensely. Thank you so much for your generosity and care of your Parish Campus and family.

Please join us this Tuesday evening, October 21 at 7 PM in the Church or Wednesday at 9:00 AM in the Church to be inspired by the presentation of Cyndi Peterson, a podcaster, author and spiritual writer who will reflect on faith and forgiveness. The event is free, however, there will be an opportunity to make a free will offering to support Cyndi in her ministry!!

Trunk or Treat is next Saturday, October 25th. We have spaces available if you would like to decorate your trunk. The event is from 6:00PM to 8:00PM and you would need to set up one hour before the event. Click the QR code below for further information.

Our annual Blanket Drive is next Sunday, Oct. 26th. All new blankets collected will be distributed to over 100 supported families that will be served by our Parish at Thanksgiving. Winter in Long Beach can get cold and many families cannot afford heat in their homes so the blankets will help keep them warm.

This past week, the church celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Teresa of Avila. She is known for reforming the mission of the Carmelites and she founded 15 convents in Spain in the 16th century. She is one of thirty-seven Doctors of the Church and may her famous prayer offer you comfort:

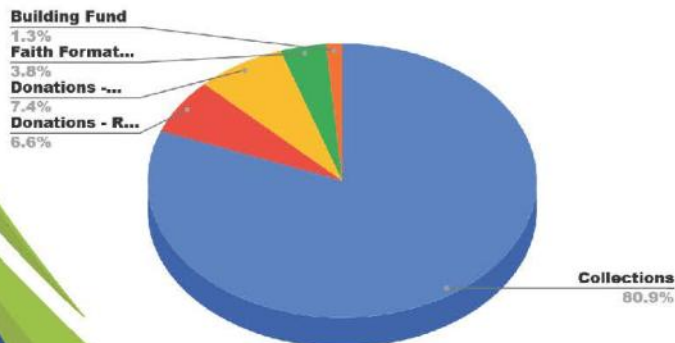
Let nothing disturb you.
Let nothing make you afraid.
All things are passing.
God alone, never changes.
Patience gains all things.
If you have God, you will want for nothing.
God alone suffices.

I'm praying for you,
Msgr. Kevin

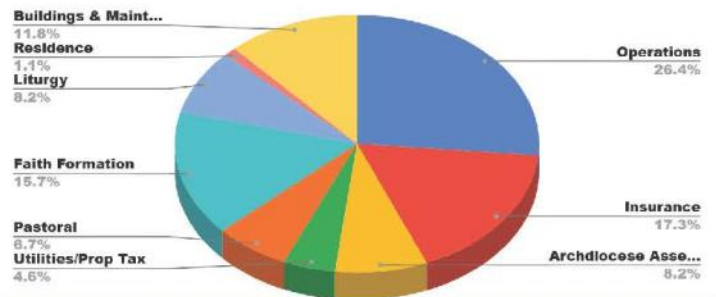
2024-25 St. Joseph Parish Financial Report

NET SURPLUS \$12,887

Income		
Collections	\$886,949	80.90%
Donations - Unrestricted	\$81,046	7.40%
Donations - Restricted	\$71,990	6.60%
Faith Formation	\$41,802	3.80%
Building Fund	\$14,610	1.30%
Total	\$1,096,396	100.00%



Expenses		
Operations	\$286,428	26.40%
Insurance	\$187,714	17.30%
Faith Formation	\$170,554	15.70%
Buildings & Maintenance	\$127,413	11.80%
Archdiocese Assessment	\$88,724	8.20%
Liturgy	\$88,770	8.20%
Pastoral	\$72,116	6.70%
Utilities/Prop Tax	\$49,846	4.60%
Residence	\$11,944	1.10%
Total	\$1,083,509	100.00%



OPERATIONS	
Salaries	41%
Other Expenses	32%
Health Insurance/ Benefits	19%
Payroll Tax Expense	8%

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,
Israel had the better of the fight,
but when he let his hands rest,
Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

Second Reading:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed,
because you know from whom you learned it,
and that from infancy you have known
the sacred Scriptures,
which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tm 3:14)

Gospel:

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night?
Will he be slow to answer them?
I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done
for them speedily." (Lk 18:7)

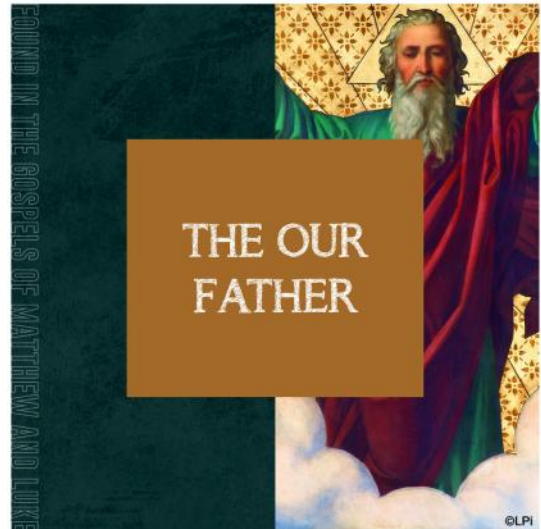
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

Observances for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday
Monday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Wednesday: St. John Paul II, Pope
Thursday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Friday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Our Father, also known as The Lord's Prayer, is found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Universally beloved in most traditions of Christianity, its words are those of Jesus Christ himself as he answers his disciples' queries on how best to pray.

Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God,
You are the one who finds a way in
the darkness, and clears the path for
those You love. Help us to trust in
Your call, and to answer generously to
the unknowns we face,
knowing You will never leave us alone.
Amen.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 | 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a,
8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93,
94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is *already* answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

— Father John Muir

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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
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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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We're gearing up for Trunk or Treat on October 25
and we need YOUR creativity! 🕷️👻

Sign up to host a trunk and help us make this event
fun (and a little spooky!) for our community's kids.

Date: Saturday, October 25

Trunk Volunteer Schedule: 5pm - 8:30pm

Location: St. Joseph Parish, Long Beach
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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? Call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss rhbauss@gmail.com.

For many opportunities to serve, call Tim Clark, (562) 431-4385

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



 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.

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Please contact: Confirmation Coordinator, Liz Moreno
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Senior Group



**Our next get together will be at the
El Dorado Restaurant on
Monday, November 10th 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



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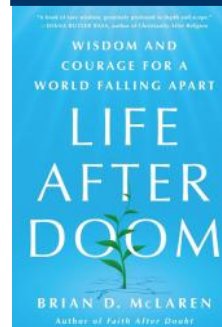
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griefshare.org/holidays



Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is
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at 7pm on Zoom

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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

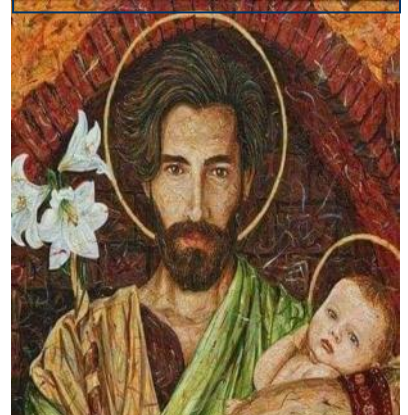
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