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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

This weekend the Church celebrates the ***Feast of the Dedication Lateran Basilica in Rome***. It's the Pope's Cathedral in Rome. It's considered to be the Mother Church of Catholicism. Why celebrate a place that most of us will never visit? Reflect on all the places of worship you have prayed in, all the sacred spaces where you have celebrated the Sacraments. All those spaces are connected to the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the eternal city of our Church!

One of the fruits of the "Welcome – Christ Renews His Parish" weekend retreat is that many of the groups continue to meet and pray and journey together long after the retreat weekend. Some meet weekly and some meet monthly. For some time, the men of Welcome Retreat team #4 have been discerning how they can give back to the Parish community. They have decided to host an evening of Eucharistic Adoration on the third Tuesday of every month. The Hour of Prayer will be led completely by them, and the clergy will not be present. My Tuesday nights are always filled with either baptism classes, Finance Council meetings, sessions with couples to plan their marriages, etc. The men of Welcome Retreat #4 asked to extend this invitation:

"Saint Joseph Parish will be offering Evening Adoration of the Holy Eucharist at 7 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. Our first adoration will be on Tuesday, November 18 from 7 PM to 8 PM. All are welcome to join us for a time of reflection and prayer in the presence of the Lord. This adoration will be hosted by the men of Welcome Retreat #4 and we hope to see you there."

During this November month of All Souls, we continue to remember your loved ones in the Masses and prayers at Saint Joseph's. Please remember that at death, we pray:

"Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended."

From the Preface for the Mass of Christian Burial

I'm remembering your loved ones in prayer,

Msgr. Kevin

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Photos From Our Pastor

Trunk or Treat made a triumphant return to the courtyard of Saint Joseph's!

Thanks to Liz Moreno and YELT -

our Youth Event Leadership Team for coordinating such a fun activity!



Early arrivals got a first look at the creatively decorated trunks!



At sunset the crowd swelled!!



This young ones creative costume was able to fill his container with candy.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Along both banks of the river,
fruit trees of every kind shall grow;
their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. (Ez 47:12)

Psalm:

The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High! (Ps 46)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God,
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

Gospel:

Jesus answered and said to them,
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

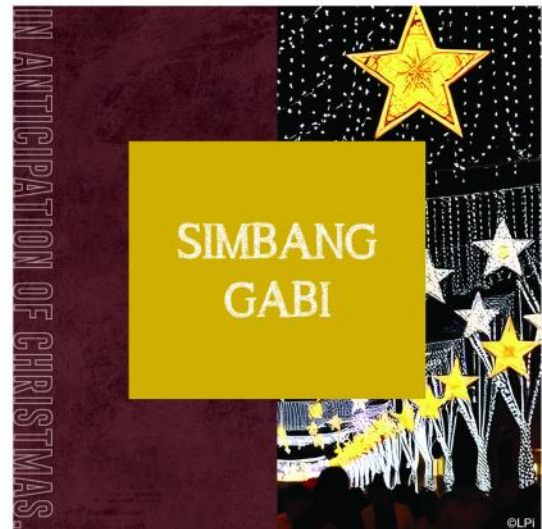
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"You are the temple of God," Paul tells us.
But in today's Gospel we see how easily even
temple areas become corrupted. Jesus, purge
the greed and selfishness from our hearts.
Make them fit dwellings for your Holy Spirit.

Observances for the week of November 9, 2025

- Sunday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica;
Monday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
Wednesday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Saturday: St. Albert the Great,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition of nine early-morning votive Masses offered in anticipation of Christmas. Celebrations follow Mass, where delicacies like baked rice cakes and breakfast rolls are enjoyed.

Prayer of Missionary Zeal

Dear Lord,
Give us eyes to see the depth of
grace You provide to Your Church.
May that goodness ignite in us fire
to share the truth of Your mercy
with every soul we encounter.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 9, 2025

Sunday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Monday:

Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday:

Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday:

Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday:

Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,
175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday:

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday:

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday:

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, **"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22)**. His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— *Father John Muir*

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"If you want peace, work for justice."

-Pope Paul VI

Blanket Drive: Thank you for the outstanding support of last weekend's blanket drive! Over 200 blankets were donated and from the School. \$325 in cash donations will be used to purchase additional blankets in support of over 100 families for Thanksgiving.

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



Leland Johnson

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church
Monday, November 24th 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~



Stand Up Sunday recognizes those who have completed VIRTUS® Training. Next weekend, in solidarity with those who have been harmed, and as a visible demonstration of our ongoing commitment to the prevention of child sexual abuse, parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are dedicating a Mass and offering prayers in support of the United Nations World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Exploitation, Abuse and Violence. We would like to recognize and give thanks to all in our parish communities who have completed the VIRTUS® Sexual Abuse Prevention Training and required background checks and fingerprinting, now standard for those working or volunteering in the church. Each of you is a blessing to our parishes and greater communities and is a living representation of the Church's efforts to protect the most vulnerable among us. If you would like to learn more about VIRTUS® or sign up for a training session please visit, lacatholics.org/education-and-training.





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!



Surviving the Holidays

provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this 2-hour seminar

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6180 East Willow Long Beach PLC Building	Tuesday, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. November 18 or December 16	May Pace 562/833-6370 maypace@gmail.com

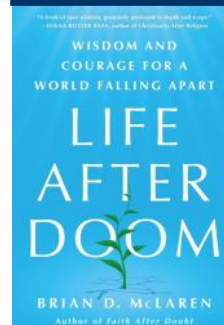
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Book Club

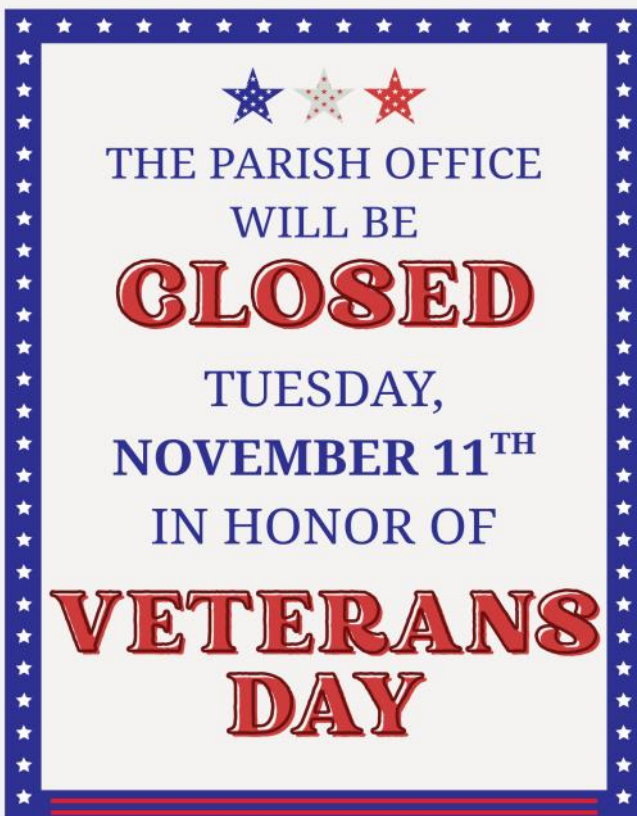
Our next Book Club meeting is
Wednesday, November 19th
at 7pm on Zoom

**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](#)

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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

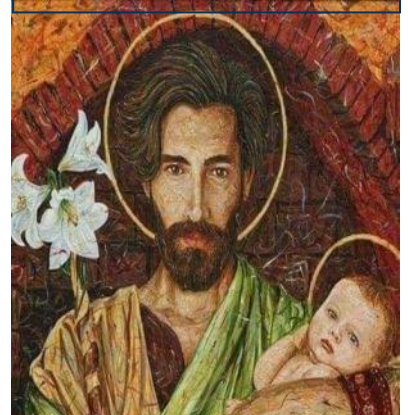
Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





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