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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Next weekend is the last Sunday in the Church's liturgical year with the annual celebration of "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe." Then a new church year will commence with the Season of Advent. As we prepare to say goodbye to St. Luke's gospel, we hear Jesus say, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." These are messianic times, and we know that the day of the Lord is here and the day of the Lord is coming. Let's pray that we are always recognizing ourselves in a place of wisdom, love and courage.

This weekend, in solidarity with all those who have been harmed by abuse, and as a visible demonstration of our ongoing commitment to the prevention of child abuse, our Masses will be dedicated, and we will offer prayers in support of the World day for the prevention of and healing from child exploitation, abuse, trafficking, and violence. Here at Saint Joseph's, we stand steadfast in our commitment to protecting children. Our gratitude to all who have gone through Virtus training!

This Tuesday evening, the men of Welcome Retreat #4 begin their monthly evening of Adoration in the Church from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All are welcome to come and spend an hour with the Lord and the community in prayer.

Please mark your calendars and step into the quiet beauty of Advent with an engaging and participatory experience in Contemplative Prayer. It will be held on Wednesday, December 10 at 7 PM to 8:30 PM and repeated on Thursday, December 11 at 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM in the new Saint Joseph Parish Center. More information will follow.

As you make plans for your Thanksgiving holiday, just a reminder that our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 AM and we invite you to bring any bread or wine that will grace your table and we will offer a blessing over them.

Have a Blessed Week,
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But for you who fear my name, there will arise
the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Mal 3:20)

Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:

Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you,
so that you might imitate us. (2 Thes 3:9)

Gospel:

"You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.
By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 21:17-19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' words today are filled with fire
and brimstone, vivid with images of pain,
suffering, confusion — and, ultimately,
peace. Do we believe what he promises?
Do we have the endurance to stay with
him until the end?

Observances for the week of November 16, 2025

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Devotions, *Explained!*

An Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreen and four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple; one is rose, representing Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the closeness of Christmas.

Prayer in Season of Trust

O Lord,
Be with me now, I feel so alone.
Bring Your blessings to me, like
the light of a candle in darkness.
Wrap me in Your mercy,
give me strength to face every
hardship.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps
119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and
15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/
Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **"Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— *Father John Muir*

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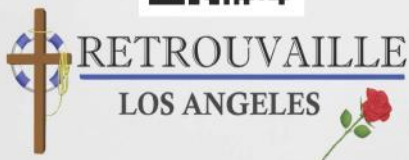
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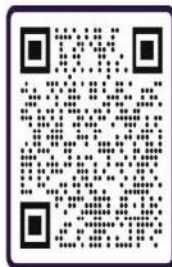
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Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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"If you want peace, work for justice."

-Pope Paul VI

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

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Leland Johnson

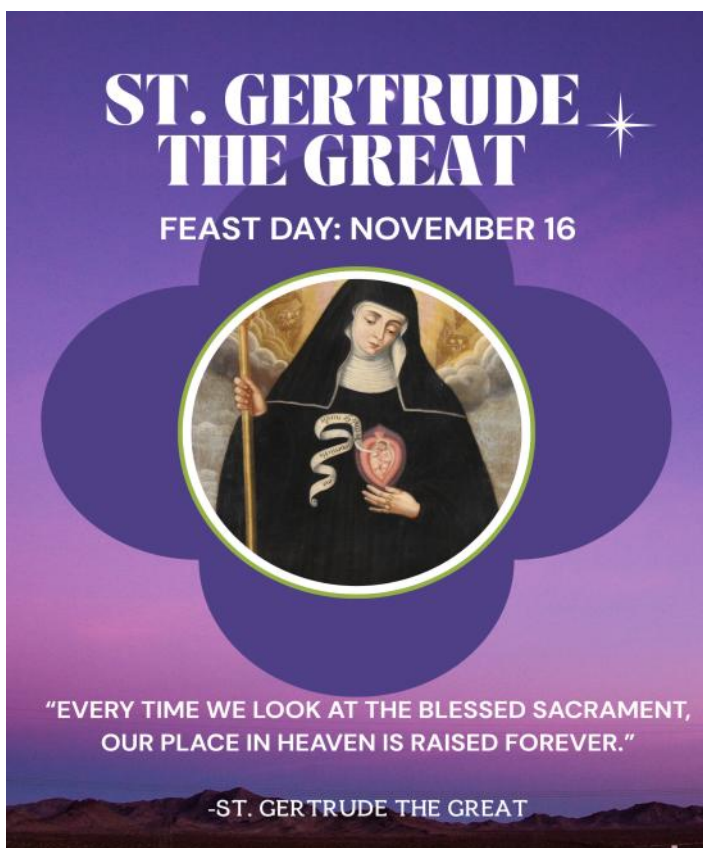
Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church
Monday, November 24th at 10:00 am

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



Hello all you St. Joseph Seniors, (50 or Older)

Our St. Joseph Senior Social Group has been meeting once a month at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant for breakfast. We will have one more breakfast meeting at the El Dorado on Monday, December 8 at 9:30am. This will be a Christmas breakfast, and we are asking everyone to bring a nice "white elephant" gift, wrapped, and we will draw numbers to pick a gift... It will be a fun morning to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas Season. It is also a Holy Day - The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, so we can go to 8:00 am Mass and then to the El Dorado Restaurant. Then the exciting news is that we will begin having our regular Senior Social Group gatherings in our new St. Joseph Center starting in January 2026.



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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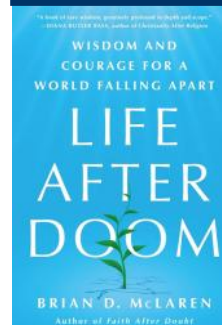
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griefshare.org/holidays



Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is
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.

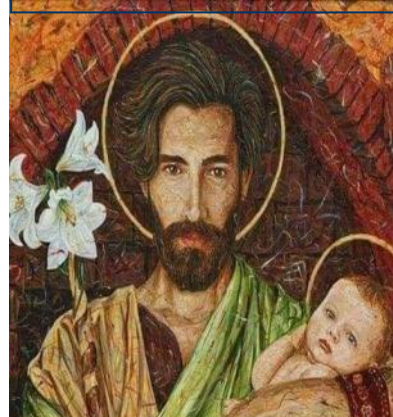
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First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.

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