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BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:29 —



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday, we hear Saint Paul elaborate on being consecrated to the will of God. Saint Paul makes it very clear that he and all of us are called by God and we did not initiate our own vocation. Paul is talking to the Corinthian community inviting them to be holy together. Perhaps a reflection question for this week is “How you are bringing holiness to the Saint Joseph Parish community”?

Next Sunday commences Catholic Schools week. Our annual School Open house will take place from 9:30 AM until 12:00 PM. Stop by the classrooms and see all the creative work that is being accomplished by our students and visit the Book Fair over in the new Center.

IT'S THAT TIME: The Archdiocese of Los Angeles Annual Appeal called Together in Mission will be upon us in early February. The annual appeal supports our most needy Catholic schools and parishes in Los Angeles. Saint Joseph's has always responded generously and since I have been here, we have always surpassed our goal. This year our goal is \$88,695.00. This represents a 10% increase from last year's goal since our ordinary Sunday income has increased since last March. Together in Mission Commitment Sunday is February 8 and as you know, we use the homily time to make our pledge and commitment. Many of you will receive the donor letter in the mail and you can make a pledge or bring the envelope on Sunday, February 8 and we will do it together! Thank you for being so generous to this year's Together in Mission campaign called “This is the Hour for Love”!

Our Center is now in full use with CYO Basketball Monday thru Thursdays. Welcome to the Nine Catholic Long Beach Schools that have made our Center their new home.

Have a Blessed Week,

Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.
(Is 49:6)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

Gospel:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world." (Jn 1:29)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show others who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and everywhere, let us do the same.

Observances for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday:	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Friday:	St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Saturday:	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Virtues, Explained!

Our modern Catholic understanding of peace is derived from the Hebrew concept of *shalom*, or wholeness, and refers not just to an absence of violence but to a personal reconciliation with one's Creator.

Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,
Bless and anoint us today. You are
our Father and guide.
Remind us of our identity in You:
loved, called, and equipped for
mission.
Bless us as we journey, giving us
strength for each day and grace
in each step.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-
11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,
17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34).** That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— *Father John Muir*

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ST. JOSEPH MASS AND OPEN HOUSE

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**Sunday,
January 25, 2026**

**Open House following
8:30am Mass**

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ST. JOSEPH TBALL 2026

Get ready for a fun-filled 2026 T-Ball season! All kids ages 3-6 are welcome to join! Our season runs from March 7 to April 25 and focuses on building confidence, teamwork, and a love for the game in a positive, playful environment. Games are held on Saturdays at 9:00 AM and Wednesdays at 5:30 PM, making it easy for families to join the fun. Sign your child up for smiles, new friendships, and unforgettable first baseball memories this spring!



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6220 E. Willow St
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Register here

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Questions/Concerns? (562) 756-2094; stjosephball@hotmail.com

Testimonials From Parishioners who have attended Welcome Christ Renews His Parish at St. Joseph Church



"I attended the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat at St. Joseph in Long Beach. The witnesses that I heard on my retreat were so moving. The men really opened up and shared their backgrounds that made them the men they are today. It was truly an amazing experience. I've never been in a retreat like that where the men were so authentic and so open with their experiences. It is definitely a retreat all men of God should attend and be a part of the renewal of the church." Michael Mantong

"I had an amazing experience at Christ Renews His Parish. I met incredible women who shared their spiritual stories with me. I feel closer to the Lord and it deepened my faith and relationship with God." Minnie DeVico

"Thank you for offering the Welcome Retreat. It has helped me reconnect to several good men and get to know others; I feel my sense of community has expanded for the better." Paul Farrell

"When I signed up for the first WCRHP retreat at St. Joseph Parish, I had no idea what to expect. It was going to be the first retreat I had ever attended. From the minute I walked through the gate after being greeted by smiling faces and being seated at a table with women I had seen at mass but didn't really know, I felt so comfortable and welcome. The entire two days were a totally spiritual renewal for me, and I had 30 new friends." Marilyn Nort

Sign Up Now!

*Women's Weekend
March 14th and 15th 2026*

*Men's Weekend
April 18th and 19th 2026*

To learn more and to sign up, visit
<https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-Christ-renews/> Or our parish website.



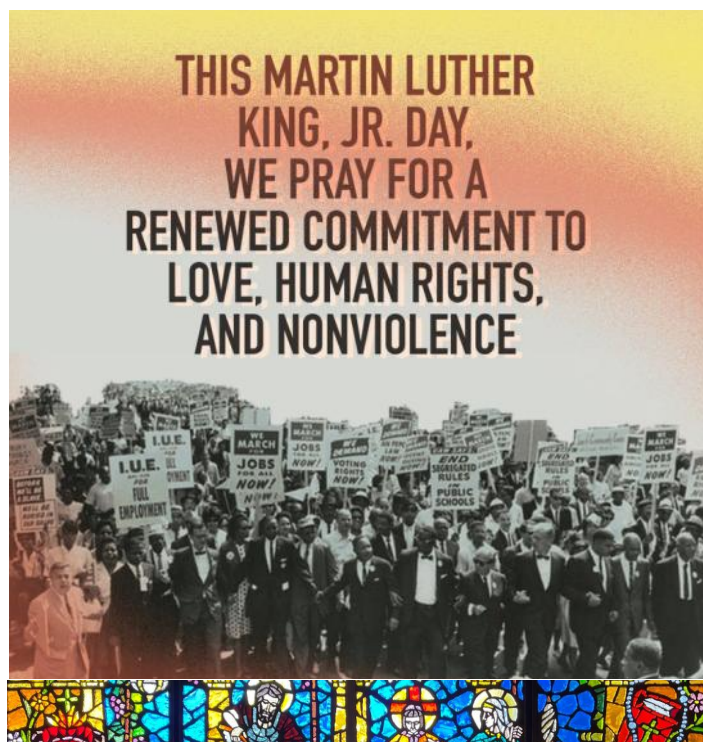
“If you want peace, work for justice.”
-Pope Paul VI

This Weekend Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to the most vulnerable of our community. Shopping lists are available in the church. Helpers are needed to inspect donated kits for completeness.

Feb. 28–Mar. 1 Book Drive: Collecting new and gently used reading books for over 300 children of our assisted families for Easter. *Teen books are the biggest challenge.*

Essential Home Furnishings: Our holiday distributions provided feedback of *many* essential home furnishing needs: refrigerator repairs, beds, tables, dressers, heaters, imminent loss of utility service, etc. We have begun to address these.

Are you able to help us in this urgent ministry? For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call **Tim Clark (562) 431-4385**.

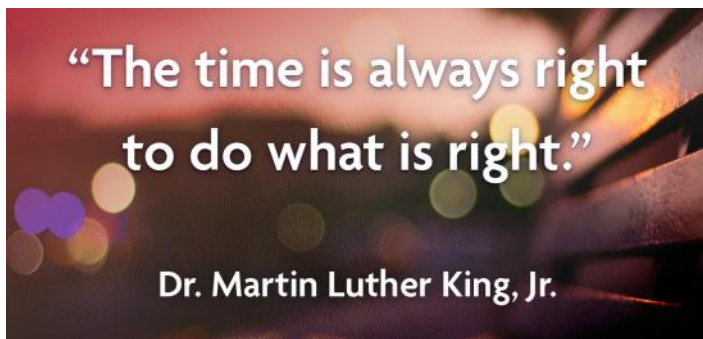


Did You Know?



What is needed in a culture of safety?

By prioritizing safeguarding, education about healthy boundaries and access to support for survivors, we create safer learning environments for the children in our care in which we continually share responsibility among program leadership, employees, volunteers, families, and the community. In any culture of safety, the safety of children and vulnerable people is a core value, and all decisions are centered around protecting this safety. Beyond believing in the importance of safety, people within the organization take concrete actions to maintain a safe environment. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “High Stakes: A Culture of Safety for Every Child” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.





Senior Group



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS (Ages 55+)

Next Meeting:

Monday, February 9, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Location: St. Joseph Center (Hall)

Please note: We must be out of the hall by 1:30 PM due to school activities.

St. Joseph Seniors meetings **returned to The New St. Joseph Center.**

We look forward to seeing everyone at our **next gathering on February 9.**

Activities Include:

- Games and Bingo
- 50/50 tickets available for purchase

Lunch & Refreshments:

- Bring your own lunch
- Coffee and hot tea provided
- Goodies available

2026 Dues: \$20

(Collected at the January 12 meeting)

We welcome all members—new and returning!

Questions?

Contact **Marilyn North** at **(562) 519-0154**

Join us Monday, February 9 at 10:00 AM!

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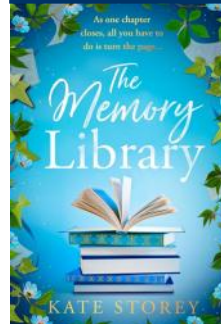
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Book Club



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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.

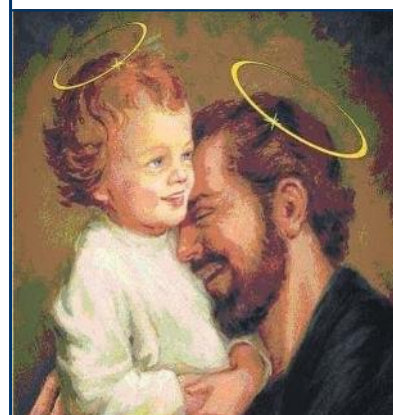
Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Third Tuesdays

7:00-8:00 p.m.





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