

St. Joseph Parish

HAVE SEEN
A GREAT
LIGHT.

— MATTHEW 4:16 —

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light; (Is 9:1)

Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that all of you agree in what you say,
and that you be united in the same mind and in the same
purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

Gospel:

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea,
in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,
that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet
might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

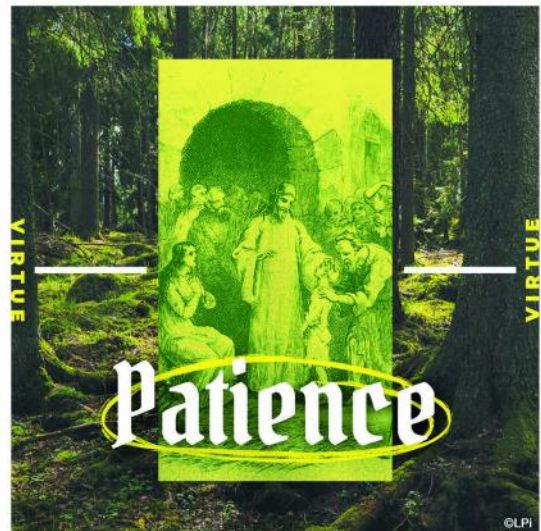
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don't see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow?

Observances for the week of January 25, 2026

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Tuesday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

In practicing patience, we bear any kind of suffering for a greater good, safeguard our reason against sorrow, and “look at (other people) with God’s gaze knowing how to distinguish their faces from their faults.”.

Blessing of Light

Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine. Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays. Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 25, 2026

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

Monday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday:

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday:

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

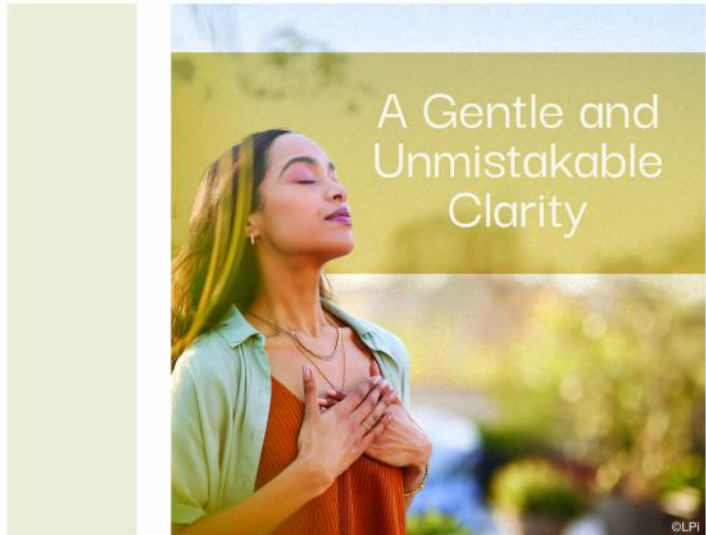
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: "Go to the seminary." There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, "Lord, if that's from you, let me find great joy in it." Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today's Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, "**Come after me**" (Matthew 4:19). And *immediately* they leave their nets and follow. There's no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, "**In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us**" (1 John 4:10). They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus' call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.

— Father John Muir



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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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Questions/Concerns? (562) 756-2094; stjosephtball@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.



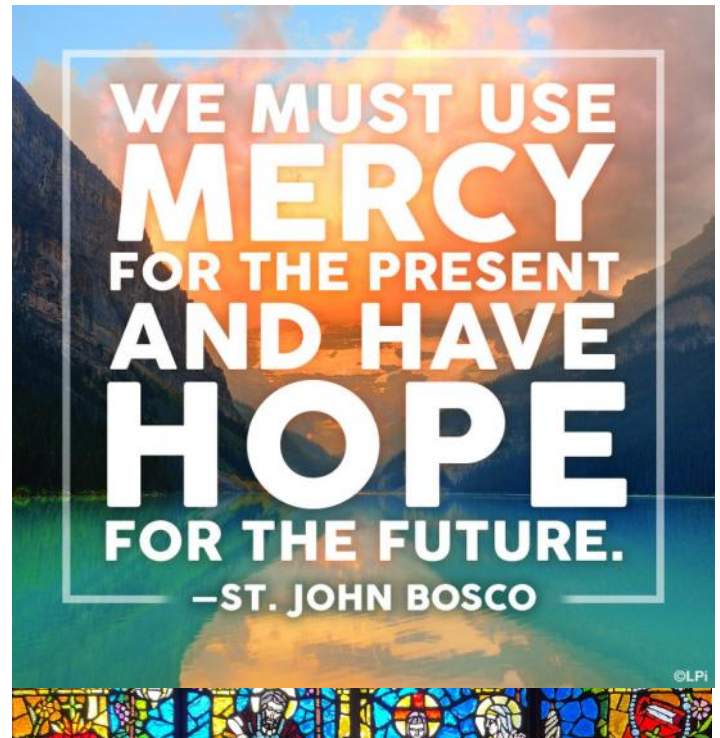
“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” -Mt 25:40

Homeless Kit Drive: Many THANKS for the *generous* support Jan. 17-18! Kits and supplies for over **200 kits** were provided! \$729 was donated from which **50 additional kits** will be made. Several additional shopping-list envelopes were taken last weekend to be returned this weekend. (We target 480 kits per year; next drive, May 30.)

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 does grooming look like?

In practice, grooming relies on secrecy. Groomers use secrets to bind their child victims to them, starting with small secrets and working up to harmful ones, like abusive behaviors. Predators often use bribery (“I’ll let you stay up late and watch TV if you let me do this.”), threats (“I’ll hurt you if you tell.”), and withdrawal of affection (“I won’t like you if you tell anyone the truth.”) to keep children from disclosing abuse. Families should establish a “no secrets” rule, and never ask children to keep secrets from their parents or trusted adults. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “The Grooming Process” 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**

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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.

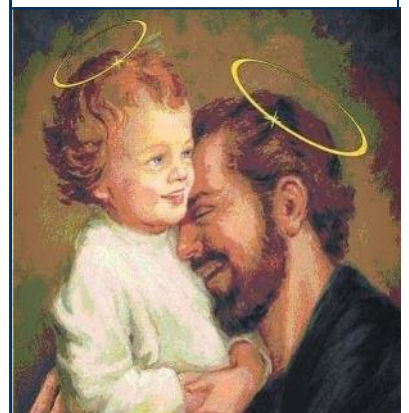
Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Third Tuesdays

7:00-8:00 p.m.





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