

St. Joseph Parish



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TO BE WITH YOU
ALWAYS.

— JOHN 14:16 —

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 6th Sunday of Easter! Only two weeks left of the 50 days of this joyous Easter season. Next weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and in two weeks Easter concludes with a great Feast of Pentecost! During these weeks, we will hear much about the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Protector who needs to be invited into our lives so that God's hopes for us will draw us more deeply into the mission of Christ's love.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Saint Joseph's Moms. We pray for you and thank you for the many ways in which you continue to nourish our lives. This weekend we will remember all our mothers, living and deceased, and ask God's abundant blessings upon them!

Our Vacation Bible Camp is now taking registrations for those between four years old and fifth grade. Scroll down and register through the QR code. The weeklong camp will be held here at Saint Joseph's, and we welcome our young friends from Saint Cornelius and Our Lady of Refuge to join this year's camp!

The Annual Cardinal McIntyre Fund Drive will help families who are facing some type of financial emergency. Envelopes are in the church.

My thanks to all the amazing Fair Chairs and Captains of all the booths who worked so hard to make last weekend's Parish Fair such a great success! It takes a few weeks for all the bills to be paid so we will have the financial results in about a month. My niece captured part of the Kostelnik clan, including yours truly on one of those wild rides:



Blessings during these last two weeks of Easter!
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice,
came out of many possessed people,
and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured.
There was great joy in that city. (Acts 8:7-8)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For Christ also suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel:

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them
is the one who loves me.
And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and reveal myself to him." (Jn 14:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When we want to see Christ's face, we must look to the Sacraments. "The world will no longer see me," Christ tells his disciples, "but you will see me." This ability to see Jesus is a gift of the Holy Spirit, one made again and again — even today.

Observances for the week of May 10, 2026

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; *Mother's Day*
Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;
St. Pancras, Martyr
Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses);
St. Matthias, Apostle
Friday: St. Isidore
Saturday: *Armed Forces Day*
Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of courage is intimately linked with that of fortitude — roughly understood as courage in action — and is shown by the person who makes a choice to place his trust in God, not in circumstance.

Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord,
Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way. For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing.
For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow.
For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love.
For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort.
For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation.
Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16
and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3,
7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Friday:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday:

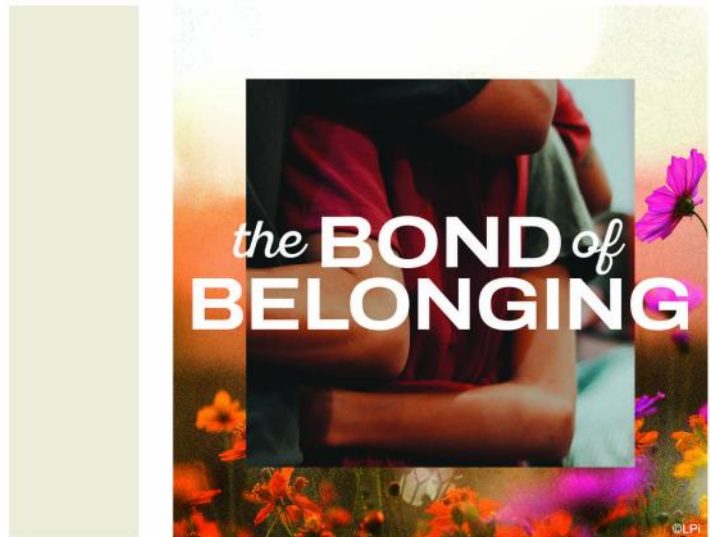
Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/
Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-
23/Mt 28:16-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."** (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit — his own Spirit, shared with the Father — who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans.

— *Father John Muir*

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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VACATION BIBLE CAMP

RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring The Nature of God

This camp is open to kids grades TK-5th

When: June 22nd- June 26th 2026

Where: St. Joseph Church
6180 E Willow St. Long Beach Ca 90815

Time: 9:00am to 12 noon.

Cost: \$75



To register, scan the QR code for an easy process! For any questions please contact: Marc Leon - (562)598-0519 Ext 1

"Grab your hiking boots and take a step through the misty air of Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a refuge in life's storms.

This is a community event hosted by:

- St. Joseph
- St. Cornelius
- Our Lady of Refuge

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
LONG BEACH

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM



SESSIONS: BI-WEEKLY

MOST HOLIDAY WEEKENDS OFF

TIME: 11:00AM - 12:15PM

MASS AS A CLASS: 12:30PM - 1:30PM

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“May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we really can make a difference in this world, so that we are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.”
 - Four-fold Franciscan Blessing

May 21 7:00 PM: Committee Meeting: Help us decide what activities to sponsor and organizations to support in our next program year beginning July 1.

May 30-31 Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to people experiencing homelessness. Shopping lists will be available on May 23.

*For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call **Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.***



Did You Know?



Modeling appropriate behaviors
 Small things done well and with love can make a huge difference in the life of a child. A safe adult can model appropriate behavior in his or her daily life by following child safety rules, acting appropriately in front of children, volunteering to help with outreach and safety efforts in parishes and schools, and showing children respect and care. For more tips on how to live out the promise to keep children safe, read the VIRTUS® article “Modeling Healthy Behaviors” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

St. Joseph Senior Group Meeting

The next meeting will be on
Monday, May 11 in the beautiful new
St. Joseph Center!

We are starting early for a special program!

SPECIAL PROGRAM – DON'T MISS IT!

On Monday, May 11 the Senior Group will have a guest speaker, **Stan Lawrence**, who will talk on **Senior Safety**.



The program is put on by the Long Beach Fire Department and will be very informative.



We are going to begin this meeting at 9:30. The presentation by the speaker will be from 9:30 to 10:00 and games will begin after that.

Please plan to attend this special talk and plan to be there promptly at 9:30.

Bingo, Poker, Card Games, Mexican Train & More!



Activities from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm!

Bring One, Take One
Table of Books & Puzzles!



50/50
Raffle Tickets Available!



Trip Info & Schedules Available!



Bring Your Brown Bag Lunch!

Coffee, Tea, Water & Goodies Provided!



We look forward to seeing all our members and new friends who would like to join us!

Annual Dues: \$20

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be **only one meeting in May** because Memorial Day falls on the 4th Monday.

Any questions?
Contact Marilyn North (562) 519-0154



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

ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CEMETERY

4400 Cherry Ave ~ Long Beach
(562)424-8601

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

★ Monday, May 25, 2026 ★

10:00 a.m.

Principal Celebrant

Bishop Marc Trudeau, D.D., V.G.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Book Club

WORK IN PROGRESS



Our next Book Club meeting is **Wednesday, May 20th at 7pm** on Zoom

Work in Progress: Confessions of a busboy, dishwasher, caddy, usher, factory worker, bank teller, corporate tool, and priest by James Martin

In this funny, wise and inspiring memoir, Jesuit priest James Martin reminisces about the summer jobs that prepared him for his calling and reminds readers “of the ways that grace works through all our lives, no matter who we are or how ordinary our daily activities may seem.”

All are welcome. For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com



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GENERAL AUDIENCE

Saint Peter's Square
Wednesday, 6 May 2026

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Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. II. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*. 8. *The Church, pilgrim in history towards the heavenly homeland*

Brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

As we focus today on a section of Chapter VII of the [Second Vatican Council's Constitution](#) on the Church, let us reflect on one of its defining characteristics: its *eschatological dimension*. The Church, in fact, journeys through this earthly history always looking towards her final destination, which is the heavenly homeland. This is an essential dimension which, however, we often overlook or downplay, because we are too focused on what is immediately visible and on the more concrete dynamics of the life of the Christian community.

The Church is God's people journeying through history, which has the Kingdom of God as the purpose of all her action (cf. [LG](#), 9). Jesus initiated the Church precisely by proclaiming this Kingdom of love, justice and peace (cf. [LG](#), 5). We are therefore called to consider the community and cosmic dimension of salvation in Christ and to turn our eyes to this final horizon, to measure and evaluate everything from this perspective.

The Church lives in history in the service of the coming of the Kingdom of God in the world. She proclaims the words of this promise to all and always; she receives a pledge of it in the celebration of the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist; she puts its logic into practice and experiences it in relationships of love and service. Furthermore, she knows that she is the place and the means where union with Christ is realized "more closely" (LG, 48), whilst at the same time recognizing that salvation can be bestowed by God in the Holy Spirit even beyond her visible boundaries.

In this regard, the Constitution *Lumen gentium* makes an important statement: the Church is the "universal sacrament of salvation" (LG, 48), that is, the sign and instrument of that fullness of life and peace promoted by God. This means that she does not identify perfectly with the Kingdom of God, but is its seed and beginning, for its fulfilment will be granted to humanity and the cosmos only at the end. Believers in Christ, therefore, walk through this earthly history, marked by the maturation of good but also by injustices and sufferings, without being either deluded or despairing; they live guided by the promise received from the One who will "make all things new" (Rev 21:5). Therefore, the Church realizes her mission between the "already" of the beginning of the Kingdom of God in Jesus, and the "not yet" of the promised and anticipated fulfilment. As the guardian of a hope that enlightens the path, she is also invested with the mission of speaking clearly to reject everything that mortifies life and prevents its development, and to take a position in favour of the poor, the exploited, the victims of violence and war, and all those who suffer in body and in spirit (cf. *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 159).

As the sign and sacrament of the Kingdom, the Church is the pilgrim people of God on earth who, drawing precisely on the final promise, reads and interprets the dynamics of history through the Gospel, denouncing evil in all its forms and proclaiming, in word and deed, the salvation that Christ wishes to bring about for all humanity and His Kingdom of justice, love and peace. The Church, therefore, does not proclaim herself; on the contrary, everything within her must point to salvation in Christ.

From this perspective, the Church is called to recognize humbly the human fragility and transience of her own institutions who, despite being at the service of the Kingdom of God, bear the fleeting image of this world (cf. LG, 48). No ecclesial institution can be treated as absolute; indeed, since they exist within history and time, they are called to continual conversion, to the renewal of forms and the reform of structures, to the continual regeneration of relationships, so that they may truly fulfil their mission.

Within the horizon of the Kingdom of God, we must also understand the relationship between the Christians who are carrying out their mission today, and those who have already completed their earthly existence and are in a state of purification or beatitude. *Lumen gentium*, in fact, affirms that all Christians form a single Church, that there is communion and sharing of spiritual goods founded on the union with Christ of all believers, a *fraterna sollicitudo* between the earthly Church and the heavenly Church: that communion of saints that is experienced in particular in the liturgy (cf. *LG*, 49-51). By praying for the departed and following in the footsteps of those who have already lived as disciples of Jesus, we too are sustained on our journey and strengthen our worship of God: marked by the one Spirit and united in the one liturgy, together with those who have gone before us in faith, we praise and give glory to the Most Holy Trinity.

Let us be grateful to the Council Fathers for reminding us of this most important and beautiful aspect of being Christian, and may we strive to cultivate it in our lives.

Special greetings:

I greet all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, particularly the groups from Belgium, The Netherlands, Finland, Ghana, Uganda, New Zealand, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Canada and the United States of America. I greet in particular the faculty and students from the University of Florida, Saint Mary's College and Christendom College and all those participating in the AI Conference at the Gregorian University. Upon all of you, and upon your families, I invoke the joy and peace of the risen Jesus! May God bless you!

Summary of the Holy Father's words:

Dear brothers and sisters, in our ongoing catechesis on *Lumen Gentium*, we focus on the eschatological dimension of the Church. As the “universal sacrament of salvation,” the Church is a sign and instrument of the fullness of God’s promises. As the pilgrim People of God, the Church interprets history through the lens of the Gospel and speaks decisively against all evil. At the same time, the Church acknowledges the need for continual conversion so she may properly fulfill her mission. As members of the same Body, we too are called to renewal. We do this by remaining in communion with Christ and one another. The entire Church is most closely united in our praise of God in the liturgy. There we pray for the faithful departed and ask the Saints to intercede for us so that we may all receive the fullness of God’s promises in the Kingdom of Heaven.

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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.

