

# St. Joseph Parish



THAT THE WORLD  
MIGHT BE  
**SAVED.**

— JOHN 3:17 —

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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# Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to this last weekend of May and the celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity!! The Central doctrine of Christianity in our faith is the most Holy Trinity. That we can enter into a relationship with three co-eternal, consubstantial divine “persons” is a mystery that should always be unfolding in our lives. The liturgical readings for this weekend’s celebration contain three themes: identity, unity, and power. As we see the escalation of violence, fear, and anxiety in our world, the Trinity reminds us that God is at work to bring unity and peace. Let’s pray that we along with the world will recognize that the power of the Holy Trinity has yet to be unleashed in our lives and among all of us!

It has been a month since the Parish Fair and receipts and invoices continue to be processed. A BIG PARISH THANK YOU to this year’s leadership who served as Chairs of the Fair, Captains and Food Workers. They are listed here and please say a prayer for them and their families!!

**Peter Wroblicky**  
**Peter Callaghan**  
**Conny Frost**  
**Vicky Bedell**  
**Jill Salinaz**  
**Nina Escandon**  
**Gina Cooper**  
**Kate Gorr**  
**Rebecca Kennedy**  
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**Paul Burboa**  
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**Tylan Fields**  
**Rey Gonzales**  
**Dan Ruiz**  
**Joe Van der Linden**  
**Miguel Rios**

**Mark Manson**  
**The Carpenter Crew**  
**John Schaaf**  
**Christine Abear**  
**Alex Cerino**  
**Marty Vezzetti**  
**Knights of Columbus-**  
**Council 3629**  
**Ron Wilhelm**  
**Dylan Wright**  
**Tim Clark**

**Andy Cox**  
**Mike Santy**  
**Bobby Anderson**  
**Brenda Pineda**  
**Jim and Susan -**  
**Marshall**

Take note that next year’s 2027 Fair will be held during the weekend of April 23, 24,25. Mark your calendars and see you at the Fair!

The Welcome – Christ’s Renew His Parish planning teams are meeting weekly to plan next fall’s Welcome retreats. This coming Saturday, June 6, our website will be open for you to sign up for the women’s and men’s fall retreats. When you open the website, click the tab Ministries and go to the Welcome page to register.

Goodbye to May and welcome to June, the start of summer and the longest days of light this year.

June Blessings,  
Msgr. Kevin

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." (Ex 34:5)

### Psalm:

Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3)

### Second Reading:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Cor 13:13)

### Gospel:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

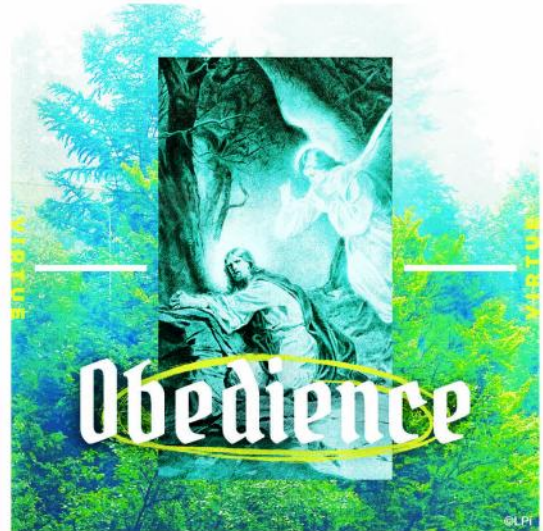
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Salvation is a gift God dearly wishes us to accept. It is not a yardstick against which He measures our worth. He has made it so simple. So, will we accept?

## Observances for the week of May 31, 2026

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity
- Monday:** St. Justin, Martyr
- Tuesday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Norbert, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



## Virtues, Explained!

We see perfect obedience shown by Christ amidst his agony in the garden. His human will dreads what will come, but his divine will, which is never at odds with his human will, submits to the Truth: "Yet, not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39)

## Trinity Prayer

O Divine Mystery, O Sacred Trinity! Surround us with Your wisdom, love, power, and grace. Draw us to Yourself. Help us to rest in Your goodness. Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of May 31, 2026

### Sunday:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/  
2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

### Monday:

2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/  
Mk 12:1-12

### Tuesday:

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14  
and 16/Mk 12:13-17

### Wednesday:

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/  
Mk 12:18-27

### Thursday:

2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/  
Mk 12:28-34

### Friday:

2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166,  
168/Mk 12:35-37

### Saturday:

2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/  
Mk 12:38-44

### Next Sunday:

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-  
20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: **“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.”** (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— *Father John Muir*

# VACATION BIBLE CAMP



**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  
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# HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM



**SESSIONS: BI-WEEKLY**

**MOST HOLIDAY WEEKENDS OFF**

**TIME: 11:00AM - 12:15PM**

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

**SCAN TO REGISTER!**



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YOUTH EVENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

# YOUTH MINISTRY **VOLUNTEERING**

At St. Joseph Catholic Church, our youth ministry is growing, and we're looking for caring adults who want to make a difference in the lives of teens.

Just bring:

- ♥ A heart for youth
- ♥ A love for Christ
- ♥ A willingness to serve

## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Event Helpers
- Retreat Chaperones
- Hospitality & Snacks
- Small Group Leaders
- Preparing Arts & Crafts Activities
- Games & Social Time
- Youth - Led Devotionals
- Outreach Opportunities

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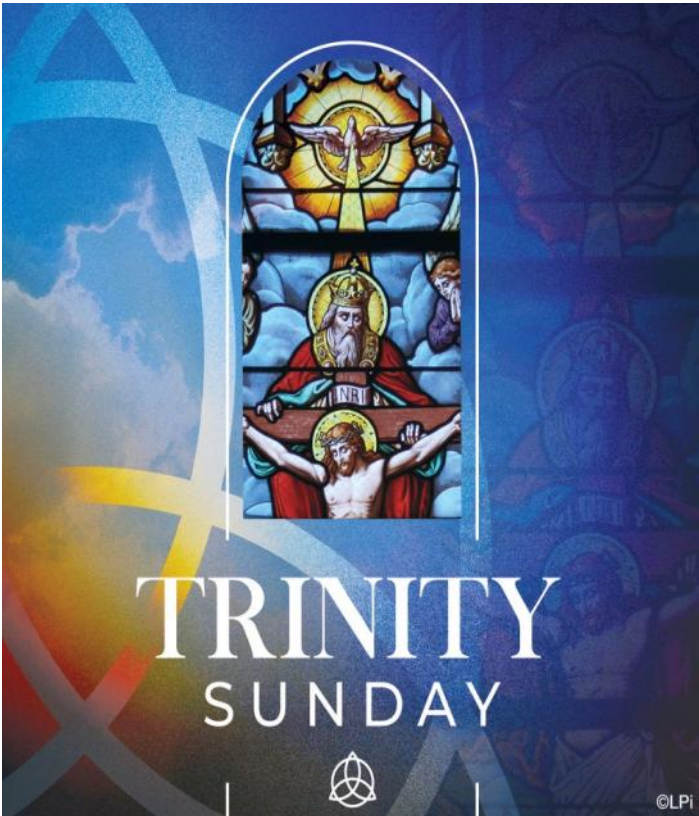




**“Let us love God, but let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows.” -St. Vincent de Paul**

**May 30-31 Homeless Kit Drive:** Take a shopping list *today* and return next week! Provide daily necessities to people experiencing homelessness. Travel sizes work best! Oversized items are put to good use in other ways.

Can you help receive, inspect, and store kits? For these and many other opportunities, call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.



**Come spend an hour with our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.**

Enter what Catholic author Matthew Kelly calls *“The Classroom of Silence,”* and answer Jesus’ invitation:

**“Could you not watch with me one hour?” (Matthew 26:40)**

Join **Deacon Joe & Dianne Lumsdaine** for **Eucharistic Adoration** this **Friday, June 5th at 8:00 a.m.**




**Respecting boundaries**

A child’s need to establish a boundary must always be the priority, even over an adult’s desire for affection or connection. If a child does not want to give a hug or even a high five, it is up to the adult to accept that boundary and respect the child’s comfort level. This is an easy way to help a child determine what feels safe and what does not and can help protect him from potential abuse. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “How to Advocate Directly With You their Safety and Wellbeing” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).

# St. Joseph Senior Group Meeting

The next meeting will be on  
**Monday, June 8** in the beautiful new  
**St. Joseph Center!**

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



**Bring One, Take One Table of Books & Puzzles!**



**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 not be a meeting  
of the Senior Group on  
May 25 because of Memorial Day.  
The next Senior Group  
meeting will be on **June 8**.



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

## In Memoriam



### Tom Wilhelm

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church  
Saturday, June 13th at 11:00 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~

GriefShare®

## SAVE THE DATE

**GriefShare is  
taking a break  
for the summer!**

Thank you to everyone  
who has been a part of  
our GriefShare Support Group.  
We're grateful for the  
connections, encouragement,  
and hope we've shared  
together.



We will return  
in August!

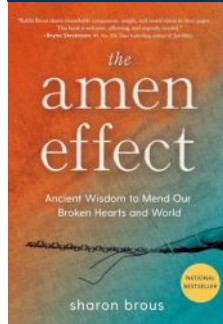
*Mark Your Calendar!*

Our next 13-week session begins  
**Tuesday, August 4**

We look forward to walking alongside you  
on your grief journey.

[griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)

## Book Club



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

**The Amen Effect: Ancient  
Wisdom to Mend Our Broken  
Hearts and World** by Sharon  
Brous.

From one of the most prominent rabbis in Los Angeles, an inspiring book about what it will take, in a time of loneliness and isolation, social rupture and alienation, to mend our broken hearts and rebuild our society.

All are welcome. For more info, email  
[agoodlife@msn.com](mailto:agoodlife@msn.com)



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## **GENERAL AUDIENCE**

*Saint Peter's Square*  
*Wednesday, 27 May 2026*  
**[Multimedia]**

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**Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. III.**

**Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. 2. *The reform of the liturgy: tradition and development***

*Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!*

In the Encyclical *Mediator Dei*, the Venerable Pius XII writes that “the Church is without question a living organism, and as an organism, in respect of the sacred liturgy also, she grows, matures, develops, adapts and accommodates herself to temporal needs and circumstances, provided only that the integrity of her doctrine be safeguarded” (no. 59).

In full accordance with this principle, the Second Vatican Council, in the Introduction to the Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (*SC*), recognizes “particularly cogent reasons for undertaking the reform and promotion of the liturgy” (no. 1). The Council assembly was gathered, in fact, with the desire to “impart an ever increasing vigour to the Christian life of the faithful; to adapt more suitably to the needs of our own times those institutions which are subject to change; to foster whatever can promote union among all who believe in Christ; to strengthen whatever can help to call the whole of mankind into the household of the Church” (*ibid.*).

At that moment in history, there was a strong sense of the need for a renewal of the ritual forms through which, for centuries, the Church had glorified God and sanctified the Christian people. Thanks to the Liturgical Movement, the conviction had matured—later expressed by [Saint John Paul II](#)—that “a very close and organic bond exists between the renewal of the liturgy and the renewal of the whole life of the Church. The Church not only acts but also expresses herself in the liturgy, lives by the liturgy and draws from the liturgy the strength for her life” (Letter [Dominicae Cenae](#), 13).

To encourage the access of the faithful to the richness of the gifts of grace dispensed by the sacred liturgy, the Constitution [Sacrosanctum Concilium](#) thus indicates, with a very effective phrase, the direction to take: “That sound tradition may be retained, and yet the way remain open to legitimate progress” ([SC](#), 23).

[Pope Benedict XVI](#) grasped in this declaration of intent the “reform programme” of the Council Fathers, “a balance between the great liturgical tradition of the past and that of the future”, noting that “tradition and progress are often clumsily opposed”, whereas “actually, the two concepts merge: tradition is a living reality, which therefore includes in itself the principle of development, of progress. It is as if to say that the river of tradition also carries its source in itself and flows towards the outlet” ([Address to participants in the Congress promoted by the Pontifical Athenaeum of Saint Anselm on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of foundation](#), 6 May 2011).

[The Council](#) affirms the legitimacy of this progress, rooted in authentic Tradition, distinguishing within the liturgy “immutable elements, divinely instituted” from “elements subject to change [which] not only may but ought to be changed with the passage of time if they have suffered from the intrusion of anything out of harmony with the inner nature of the liturgy or have become unsuited to it” ([SC](#), 21). Changes of this type have taken place constantly over the centuries in order to enable the faithful to participate fruitfully, through ritual actions, in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, the foundation of the Christian faith. The Church’s worship has thus been “embodied” in the cultural forms of each age and has been able to influence them and even transform them. The liturgy has thus been, for centuries, a driving force for evangelization. Today, this energy must be renewed in continuity with the authentic and living Catholic tradition, that is, in accordance with a dynamic aimed at introducing believers to the fullness of the truth.

It is therefore understandable why the Council Fathers recommended that the revision of the rites, when “the good of the Church genuinely and certainly requires them”, must be carried out taking care that “any new forms adopted should in some way grow organically from forms already existing” (*SC*, 23). For the good of the entire Church, every reform must always be preceded by careful “theological, historical and pastoral” investigation (*ibid.*). The Council Magisterium, in this way, thus calls for the avoidance of confusion amongst the faithful, discouraging anyone from adding, removing or altering anything in liturgical matters on their own initiative (cf. *SC*, 22). The progress evoked in the *Conciliar Constitution* in no way compromises ecclesial communion: rather, it seeks to confirm and foster it.

I therefore urge all those called to prepare the celebration of the divine mysteries, in particular priests who exercise the ministry of liturgical presidency, to always uphold that respect for the texts and regulations of the liturgy which springs from an inner attitude of openness and trust in God, manifesting humility before His greatness and sincere fidelity to ecclesial communion.

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### **APPEAL**

I am following with concern the war in Ukraine, which has intensified significantly in recent days. I wish to express my solidarity with all those suffering as a result of the recent attacks, which have also targeted civilians.

War does not solve problems; it exacerbates them. It does not build security; it multiplies suffering and hatred. Where missiles and drones fall, hopes are crushed, homes and places of worship are destroyed, and innocent lives are cut short.

I entrust all peoples stricken by war to the protection of the Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace.

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### **Special greetings:**

I greet the English speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today’s audience, in particular the groups from England, Ireland, Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria, India, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Korea, Canada and the United States of America. May the peace of God guard your minds and your hearts that you may know the love of Jesus Christ and joyfully share it with others. God bless you!

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## Summary of the Holy Father's words:

Dear brothers and sisters, in today's reflection on [\*Sacrosanctum Concilium\*](#), we consider the liturgy through the lens of tradition and of development. [\*Pope Pius XII\*](#) called the Church a "living organism" which needs to grow, mature and adapt to circumstances. Indeed, desiring that Christian life should thrive and grow, the [\*Second Vatican Council\*](#) recognized it was time to adjust some adaptable elements in the liturgy for the health and vitality of the Church, to fortify and rejuvenate Christians, and to foster unity and evangelize men and women. [\*The Council\*](#) affirmed that legitimate progress in the liturgy must also preserve sound tradition, and that certain elements of the liturgy can never change because they are divinely instituted. In a particular way, I encourage all priests to respect the texts and norms of the liturgy with openness, humility, trust in God's greatness and with sincere fidelity to ecclesial communion.

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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.**

