

# St. Joseph Parish

THE HARVEST IS  
**ABUNDANT.**

— MATTHEW 9:37 —

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend we meet Jesus whose heart was moved with pity when he caught sight of the large crowds. He witnessed a people troubled and abandoned; they were like sheep without a shepherd. If any part of your life is out of sorts, anxious, confused, lost or doubting, turn to the Good Shepherd. As we hear how Jesus chose the 12 apostles, and he offered them a share in his healing power, remember that you also have a share in the healing power of Christ – acknowledge it, claim it and use that divine power in your compassionate response to serving others!

This week, the global community steps into FIFA World Cup 2026. Growing up in the Midwest, we did not play soccer, just Little League and Pop Warner football. Did you know that AYSO, the American youth soccer organization was born out of a garage in the city of Torrance in 1964! Through the years, many of your children and grandchildren have grown up playing soccer. For this year's FIFA players, childhood dreams will be realized, we will meet the faces of a new generation of athletes, some will drive their team to success in their final World Cup. Every team has global ambitions, and by the final game on July 19, new names will emerge as legends. Billions of people from around the world will come together to watch the games. FIFA is a global language, that transcends borders, languages, and politics. Enjoy the games!

Thank you for remembering the Priest Retirement Fund this weekend. Many of you mailed in an envelope with a generous offering, and we still have envelopes in the church. May our retired priests, many of whom are my friends enjoy their sunset years, serving the Lord.

The summer solstice, also known as the start of astronomical summer, will take place next Sunday, June 21 at 1:24 AM, Pacific daylight time. May your summer days be filled with light!!

This week I'll quietly share two milestones in my blessed life. This Friday June 19, I'll celebrate my 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Priest of Jesus Christ. This occasion always reminds me to thank our heavenly Father for allowing me to share in the mission of Christ. I'm grateful for my mentor, Monsignor James O'Callahan, who inspired me to be a priest and may he rest in peace. I'm also grateful to Cardinal Timothy Manning, who ordained me and my 15 classmates at Saint Vibiana's in downtown LA and may he rest in peace. This Saturday, June 20 I turn 71 years old and I'm also grateful to my parents for birthing me into life. May Beverly and Joseph rest in peace. If you are reading this, please know that you are my greatest gift and please pray for me! May the Lord grant me many more years to live out this weekend's Gospel admonition, "Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give"!

Summer Blessings,  
Msgr. Kevin

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. (Ex 19:5)

### Psalm:

We are his people: the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)

### Second Reading:

But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

### Gospel:

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. (Mt 9:36)

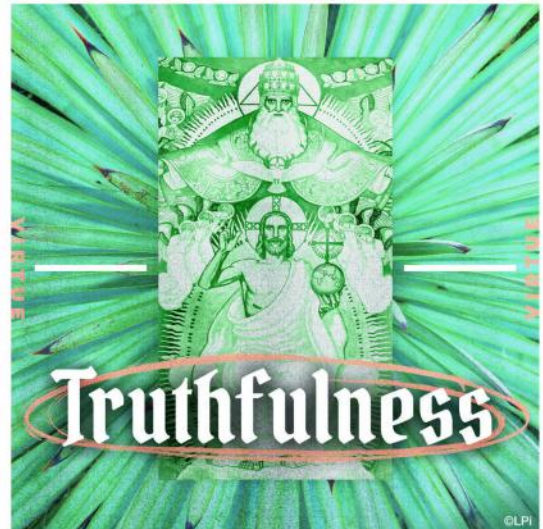
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In his mercy, Jesus sent his Apostles into ministry — and the Apostles are still ministering today. We see them in the sanctuary, in the confessional. They are our priests, sent to shepherd Christ's sheep. This week, let's pray for our shepherds.

## Observances for the week of June 14, 2026

- Sunday:** 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; *Flag Day*  
**Friday:** St. Romuald, Abbot; *World Refugee Day; Juneteenth*  
**Next Sunday:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; *Father's Day*



## Virtues, Explained!

God Himself is Truth. Therefore, if we belong to God, we must live truthfully — in small matters and in large ones, so that the witness we bear to the ultimate Truth of God shall always be taken seriously.

## Prayer of Discipleship

Dear Jesus,  
You've called every soul to yourself, aware of our faults and failures, but also our gifts, perspectives, our talents, and our dreams. As we grow to know you, help us to more fully understand ourselves and, in doing so, to use our unique positions to spread your love to the world.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of June 14, 2026

### Sunday:

Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/  
Mt 9:36-10:8

### Monday:

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/  
Mt 5:38-42

### Tuesday:

1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/  
Mt 5:43-48

### Wednesday:

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday:

Sir 48:1-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/  
Mt 6:7-15

### Friday:

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14,  
17-18/Mt 6:19-23

### Saturday:

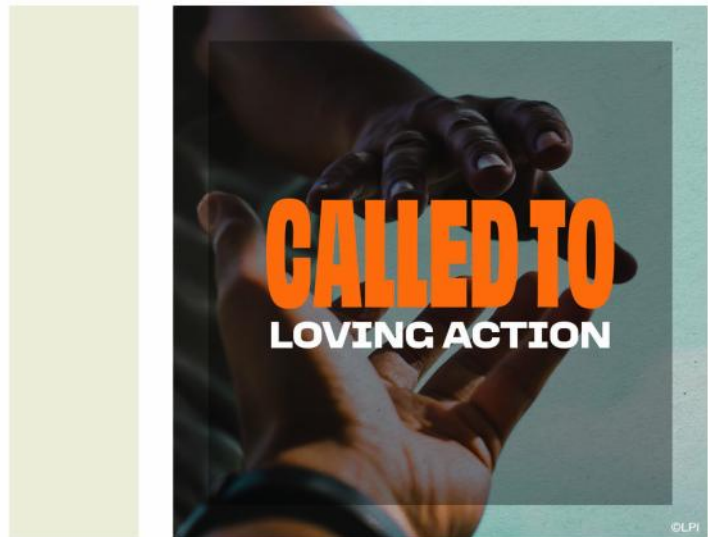
2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32,  
33-34/Mt 6:24-34

### Next Sunday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/  
Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is **“moved with compassion” for the crowd, for they were “like sheep without a shepherd.”** (Matthew 9:36) So he calls his disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from his authority and the Spirit's gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (cf. *Lumen Gentium* 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's. Then get to work.

— *Father John Muir*

— YOU ARE INVITED TO —

# Welcome

## Christ Renews His Parish



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A PARISH RETREAT WEEKEND  
HERE AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



“Come to Me,  
all you who labor  
and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.”

— MATTHEW 11:28

JOIN YOUR PARISH FAMILY FOR A LIFE-CHANGING RETREAT WEEKEND  
filled with prayer, inspiring talks, fellowship,  
and a renewed encounter with Jesus.



### ENCOUNTER

Experience God's love  
in a personal and  
powerful way.



### GROW

Deepen your faith  
through prayer,  
Scripture and talks.



### CONNECT

Build meaningful  
friendships and a  
stronger parish family.



### BE RENEWED

Leave refreshed with  
a heart on fire  
for Jesus.



### BE SENT

Return home  
empowered to live  
and share your faith.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN



*Women's*  
**RETREAT WEEKEND**  
OCTOBER 10TH & 11TH, 2026



*Men's*  
**RETREAT WEEKEND**  
OCTOBER 24TH & 25TH, 2026



MEN AND WOMEN: YOU ARE NEEDED. YOU ARE INVITED. YOU BELONG.

Invite a friend to attend with you. Grow in faith together.

*Walk with Christ. Be renewed. Go and make a difference.*





## Vacation Bible Camp Donations needed!

Our **Vacation Bible Camp** is coming soon, and we are excited to welcome our children for a week of faith, fun, learning, and community from **June 22–26!**

To help make this special week a success, we are seeking food donations for our volunteers and participants. If you would like to support our Vacation Bible Camp ministry, we would be deeply grateful for your generosity.

### **How to Help:**

Simply scan the QR Code to view our donation sign-up list and choose an item you would like to contribute. Thank you for partnering with us, your support helps make Vacation Bible Camp a joyful and faith-filled week for all!



# 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  
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**

**SCAN TO REGISTER!**



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO  
REGISTER TODAY!**

**ENROLLING  
NOW!**



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**(562)598-0519 EXT 2**



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

**CALL: (562)598-0519 EXT 2**  
**EMAIL: LIZ@STJOSEPHLB.ORG**



# LOVE *is a* TRANSFORMATIVE FORCE

Movement For A Better World



**“Charity is the form, mover, mother and root of all the virtues.”**

- St. Thomas Aquinas

**Homeless Kit Drive:** Many THANKS for the *generous* support! Kits and supplies for over **200 kits** were provided! \$907 was donated from which additional kits will be made.

### **June 27-28 Feed-a-Baby Food Drive:**

Collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, and New Life Beginnings. For many opportunities to serve, call Tim Clark **(562) 431-4385**.



# Eucharistic Adoration

Every third Tuesday | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church



**Next Adoration:**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026**

*Give your faith a boost!*



## Did You Know?

### **Reporting child online sexual exploitation**

If your children are exposed to exploitive and abusive materials online, or if you discover such materials online, please report these exposures to help protect other children and families. You can report an incident to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) 24/7 at [report.cybertip.org](https://report.cybertip.org). Include the username of the person who shared explicit content, when it happened, what URL was used, and any other relevant information. NCMEC will work with law enforcement officials to start an investigation and shut down inappropriate activity. NCMEC also has materials and resources to help parents and children begin to recover from being exposed to exploitive and abusive materials online. To learn more, visit [missingkids.org](https://missingkids.org).

# St. Joseph Senior Group Meeting

The next meeting will be on  
**Monday, July 13**  
in the beautiful new  
**St. Joseph Center!**

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

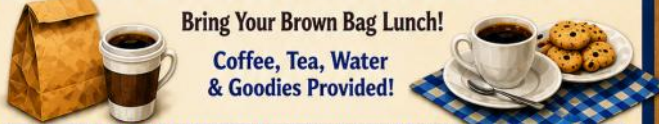


**Bring One, Take One Table of Books & Puzzles!**



**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**

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](mailto:frmckown@gmail.com)

# WOMEN'S Silent Retreat

*Ladies of the parish!*

Please join your sisters in Christ for a refreshing and peaceful weekend with the Carmelite sisters at Sacred Heart Retreat House.



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**  
for the weekend of  
**September 11-13, 2026**



Registration is done directly on their website [sacredheartretreathouse.com](http://sacredheartretreathouse.com). However, if you have any questions or would like to carpool to the retreat house please contact:



**Marie Newton** 562-209-1298  
**Tina Gath** 562-481-2301

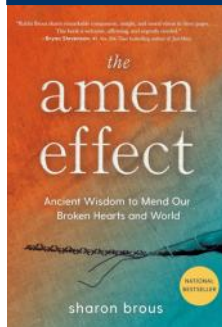


There is also the opportunity to attend an extended retreat which starts **September 10-13**.



*This is a wonderful time of spiritual renewal. Don't miss out!*

## 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 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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Natural Family Planning	Greg & Beth Gath	(562) 377-5877
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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.

