

# St. Joseph Parish



TAKE UP YOUR  
**CROSS.**

— MATTHEW 10:38 —

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time! This weekend, Jesus teaches us that His family was God's family. The late beloved Pope Francis was fond of saying "TODOS! TODOS! TODOS!" ALL are part of God's family. No more favorites! Everyone without distinction! We are all children of God! In this family, everyone is mother, father, sister, brother! We are all disciples of the one, Lord!

World Cup fever is here as the global community comes together! One of the themes of this weekend's scriptures is hospitality and we'll reflect on the hospitality shining through the Games!

This week we will be doing some major maintenance in the church, including a replacement of the original electrical panel, which is 65 years old. The church will be closed after the 8:00 AM Mass on Wednesday through Friday, July 3. Since there will be no electrical power in the church, there will be no Adoration this Friday. Thank you for your understanding as we continually try to upgrade our Campus.

Our Knights of Columbus are doing their annual fundraiser of selling fireworks. The sales support scholarships to local Catholic High Schools. For further information and location please scroll down to the advertisement. Please be aware of your city's laws and be safe!

Thank you for supporting this weekend's "Feed a Baby" Program!

Blessings as we prepare to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our Nation next weekend!

Summer Blessings,  
Msgr. Kevin



**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kgs 4:15-16)

### Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

### Second Reading:

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:4)

### Gospel:

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Mt 10:39)

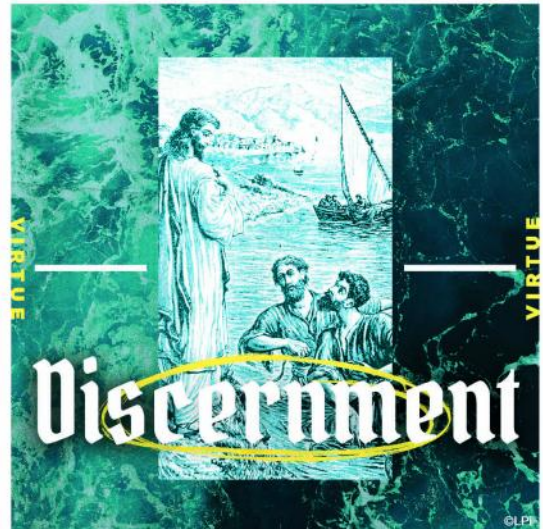
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Whoever receives the one sent in Christ's name receives Christ. Whoever loves the Word of God loves God Himself. Who is Christ sending to you in his name this week? What Word do they speak into the stillness of your soul? Receive them. Receive him.

## Observances for the week of June 28, 2026

- Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles
- Tuesday:** The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
- Wednesday:** St. Junípero Serra, Priest
- Friday:** St. Thomas, Apostle
- Saturday:** *Independence Day*
- Next Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Virtues, Explained!

When a person hears a "call," he cannot simply go — he must first figure out where the call is coming from. It's not enough to simply have an idea; the idea needs a good, thorough background check. This is discernment.

## Blessing for Marriage

Dear Jesus,  
Bless the married couples in our community and grow their bonds of love for each other. Give them the grace to share minds, hearts, dreams, growth, challenges, and strength in every season of life. Make them a sturdy shelter for each other, a place to find comfort and rest.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of June 28, 2026

### Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

### Monday:

**Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 **Day:** Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

### Tuesday:

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

### Wednesday:

Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34

### Thursday:

Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

### Friday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

### Saturday:

Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

### Next Sunday:

Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: **“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.”** (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ’s claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I’ve learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.

— *Father John Muir*



# Knights of Columbus

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Monday → Thursday  
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— 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.*



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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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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**





**“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.” -Mt 18:5**

**This Weekend Feed-a-Baby Food Drive:**  
Collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, and New Life Beginnings.

Thanks to all who generously supported our FOURTEEN Movement for a Better World initiatives during our 2025-2026 program year! For many opportunities to serve, call Tim Clark, (562) 431-4385.

**Aug. 15-16 Food from the Heart:** Collecting food for families served by Catholic Charities of Long Beach.



# WOMEN'S *Silent Retreat*

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*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**. 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!*

## Did You Know?



**Act against inappropriate images online**  
If a minor has had nude or explicit images or videos published on the internet, there is assistance to remove those images online. Take It Down is a free service provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) that helps to stop the sharing of explicit images taken of victims under the age of 18. Users can remain anonymous, and do not have to send or share their images to anyone. Take It Down uses public, unencrypted online platforms to remove these images from the internet. For more information, visit [takeitdown.ncmec.org/](https://takeitdown.ncmec.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!**

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

**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**

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



## In Memoriam



**Marie Mitchell**

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
 Monday, June 29th at 10:00 am

**Susan Klodd**

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
 Friday July 10th 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!**

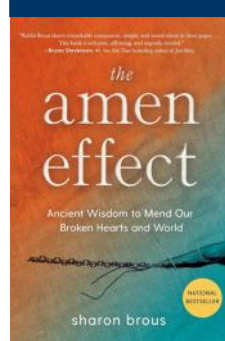
*Mark Your Calendar!*

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, 17 June 2026*

**[Multimedia]**

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### **Catechesis. The Apostolic Journey in Spain**

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

Today, I would like to share some reflections on [the Apostolic Journey I made last week to Spain](#), visiting Madrid, Barcelona, the Abbey of Montserrat and the Canary Islands.

After the [long Journey in four African countries](#), this time I found myself immersed in a European country with an ancient and very rich Catholic tradition. And it appeared evident that today in Spain, which has experienced significant social and cultural changes, the Pope was welcomed everywhere with enthusiasm and readiness to listen. For this I give thanks to God and to the entire Spanish people, the King and the civil Authorities, the Bishops and the ecclesial communities.

The people of God gave me great comfort through the joyful expression of their faith and affection. For my part, I confirmed the faithful and, as Bishop of Rome, I encouraged them to overcome every form of division and conflict by always promoting communion, dialogue and unity in diversity. This is the very service of the Successor of Peter, a service which finds a specific expression in Apostolic Journeys, each time adapted to the ecclesial and social situations of the countries visited.

With regard to Spain, I was able to observe with joy that people of all ages and situations had been looking forward to the Pope's visit. I found multitudes [of people] everywhere, who welcomed me with great warmth. This was not something that was taken for granted, and is worthy of reflection. Naturally such participation expresses, first of all, as I said, the faith of the Spanish people. At the same time, I believe it reveals a widespread need to find unity based on a true and deep foundation, one that is neither ideological nor based on partial interests — a foundation which, ultimately, can only be ensured by Christ, and is conveyed in the lives of people by the Gospel, through the necessary "inculturation". It can do so because its message fully responds to both these needs: the search for truth and the thirst for justice.

In Madrid and Barcelona, we gathered in the great Cathedral as well as in modern stadiums. We prayed the holy Rosary at the Abbey of Montserrat. We celebrated [Mass] at the Sagrada Familia — a majestic symbol, a symphony of stones and light that speaks to everyone of the Christian mystery. This encounter of ancient and modern, Catholic tradition and contemporary culture enabled me to perceive first-hand the very character of Europe, its inestimable wealth, as a living reality, not a thing of the past. It is a heritage to be safeguarded with care, so that it may be invested in today's global world with its momentous challenges: peace, integral ecology, equitable and sustainable development, and respect for human dignity. They are challenges that the Second Vatican Council had already clearly recognized, and to which the subsequent Magisterium returned, up to my recent Encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, which aims to safeguard the human person in the time of artificial intelligence.

Through the various meetings, I sensed a need to hear from the Pope's voice, the Gospel of hope for today's humanity, which is sorely tried by the negative consequences of a deceptive model of development. I recognized this need, which found expression in the many testimonies I was able to listen to — testimonies that were sometimes moving, sometimes edifying — also and above all in the faces of the little ones and the poor whom I met: the child who read his letter to me in the parish; some victims of abuse, who ask to be heard; the inmates who were waiting for me in the prison; the young people filled with anxiety and aspirations; the migrants in the reception centres in the Canary Islands.

It was precisely there, in the Canary Islands — the final stop of the Journey — that I was offered a comprehensive insight. It was offered to me, on the one hand, by the very geographical location of that archipelago; and, on the other, by the reality of a local Church which welcomes a large number of forced migrants, mainly from Africa. We know that the migration phenomenon is complex and requires organic and coordinated action plans. But this interpretation opens up a different, broader perspective: it enables us to understand how we are called to reread the Gospel in today's world, exchanging the gifts of our respective cultures with each other, and in particular, the results produced in them by the fruitfulness of Christ's message. And one of these fruits is precisely dialogue between people and between peoples, an encounter in the spirit of fraternity, which enables us to discover and appreciate one another's values. This journey is not easy. It requires goodwill and God's help, but it is the path that leads to the civilization of love.

Dear brothers and sisters, the motto of this Apostolic Journey was "*Alzad la mirada*", "Lift up your gaze!" (cf. Jn 4:35). Jesus addressed these words to his first disciples, to teach them to see the desire for life, truth and fullness in people and in the crowds. The Lord repeats those words to me first, and by his grace I also experienced them during this Journey. Today, I would like to share this invitation with you: let us lift up our gaze! Let us learn from Jesus to look at our neighbour, at people and at the world, "through God's eyes", that is, with love, respect and compassion.

Finally, I want to thank all those who prayed for the success of this Apostolic Journey, especially the contemplative nuns, who, thanks be to God, are very numerous in Spain. Continue to pray, so that, by the intercession of the Virgin Mary, the seeds I scattered may bear abundant fruit. Thank you!

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#### **APPEAL**

I welcome with satisfaction the agreement reached between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America, which is to be signed on Friday, as an encouraging outcome of patient dialogue and negotiation. I express my gratitude to the countries that have worked to facilitate the meeting between the parties and make this agreement possible. I hope that this agreement may help to strengthen mutual trust, security and stability in the Middle East, by promoting paths of dialogue and cooperation among peoples.

Meanwhile, distressing news continues to emerge regarding the war in Ukraine, which continues to escalate: so many innocent victims, aid workers killed, churches and cultural heritage sites devastated by fire. My thoughts are with those who are mourning their loved ones, with the injured, and with those who, amidst the violence, continue to serve life with courage. I invite everyone to pray for an end to this war. Let us ask the Lord to open pathways to dialogue, to extinguish hatred, and to make a just and lasting peace possible.

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### **Greeting after the Catechesis:**

I extend a warm welcome to all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, especially those coming from England, Cameroon, Taiwan, The Philippines and the United States of America. As the summer holidays begin for many, may this time be an opportunity to grow closer to the Lord through moments of prayer and to support one another through generous acts of charity. Upon all of you and your families, I invoke the peace and unity of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you all!

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### **Summary of the Holy Father's words:**

Dear brothers and sisters,

In today's catechesis, I would like to share some reflections with you on [my Apostolic Journey to Spain last week](#). Throughout the trip, I was comforted to see the joyful expression of faith and affection shown by the people of God, as well as the crowds that welcomed me with such warmth. During the various events, I sensed not only the deep-rooted faith of the Spanish people, but also a desire for the unity and hope that can only be found in Christ and in his love for us. The experience reminded me of the cultural wealth of Europe, its strong Catholic heritage and the role it can currently play in promoting peace, respect for human dignity and fraternal dialogue as we seek to build a true civilization of love. As you know, the motto of the Journey was "Lift up your gaze!" (cf Jn 4:35), and I would like to extend this invitation to you as well: lift your gaze to the Lord. And let us learn from him to see other people and the world around us as he does. Thank you to everyone who prayed for the success of the Apostolic Journey. Please continue to pray that it bears much fruit.

# Parish Directory

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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.**

