St. Joseph Parish



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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. This is the last weekend before next Sunday when we celebrate the close of the liturgical year with the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. For the past few weeks, Saint Matthew's Gospel has been preparing us for the second coming of Christ. This weekend, the evangelist focuses our attention on the fact that our time is limited, and thus we need to spend it in the best way possible. The parable of this Sunday illustrates the demands of discipleship - there's no time to waste or hide away. The Lord is always blessing us so that we demonstrate our loyalty to all that the Master, the Lord Jesus wants to give us!

Congratulations to our schools Girls A Volleyball Team who brought home the championship trophy in the CYO Gold Division. GO KNIGHTS!!



This weekend at the end of all Masses, your Parish Finance Council will give a brief financial presentation on the fiscal year that just ended. Once again, this annual report reflects a transparency of how your stewardship gifts to your Saint Joseph's family are distributed. Thank you for your tremendous generosity and in this era of affordability, we are blessed to maintain a surplus. Scroll down to the next page to view the annual report. Your Finance Council members and I are always available to address any questions you may have.

Just a reminder that our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 AM. Join us and give thanks to God for the bountiful blessings in your lives.

I am praying for you and your families,
Msgr. Kevin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

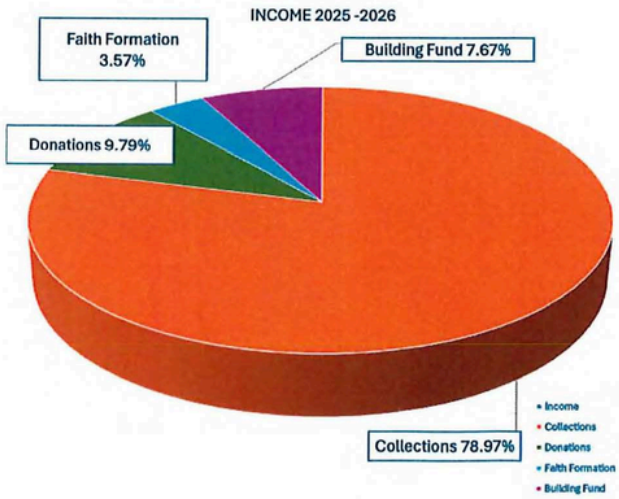
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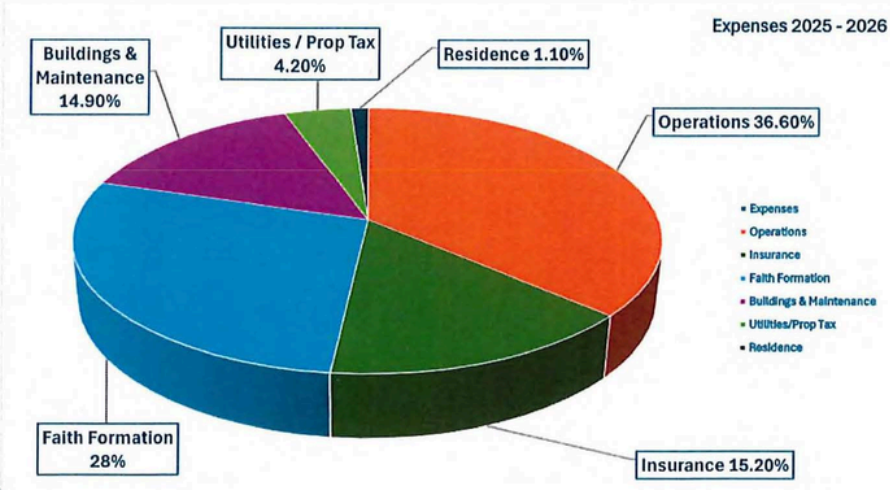
Collections	$1,093,052	78.97%
Donations	$135,563	9.79%
Faith Formation	$49,392	3.57%
Building Fund	$106,120	7.67%
Total	$1,384,127	100.00%

NET SURPLUS $114,965

EXPENSES

Operations	$463,990	36.56%
Insurance	$192,348	15.16%
Buildings & Maintenance	$189,371	14.92%
Faith Formation	$180,393	14.21%
Liturgical Ministry	$99,793	7.86%
Pastoral Ministry	$75,350	5.94%
Utilities/ Prop Tax	$53,409	4.21%
Residence	$14,508	1.14%
Total	$1,269,161	100.00%





Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

The virtue of abstinence describes the act of refusing, to any extent, food or types of food. On its own, this action does not produce grace within a soul. However, when regulated by reason and performed in pursuit of sanctification, it is a pious form of mortification of the flesh.

Abstinence is compelled by the fourth precept of the Catholic Church ("You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.") This precept "ensures the times of ascesis and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart," says the Catechism (CCC 2043).

St. Thomas writes that the virtuous act of fasting is ordered to three ends: first, to control the appetites of the flesh; second, "that the mind may arise more freely to the contemplation of heavenly things," as we see so often in Scripture; and third, in reparation for sin (II:II, 147, Art. 1).

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to overtake you like a thief.
For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel

"'Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.'" (Mt 25:21)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

God invites us to take part in the mission of the Gospel. His investment is his Body and Blood, offered for our salvation. What return will it generate? Only we can decide what to do with this great gift.

Worship & Observances

Prayer - Blessing for a Friendsgiving

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of these beautiful souls gathered! You have blessed us in our friendship with each other! May each of us deeply know Your generosity this evening, through rich food and drink, through company and conversation, through Your goodness and grace.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of November 15, 2026

Sunday
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

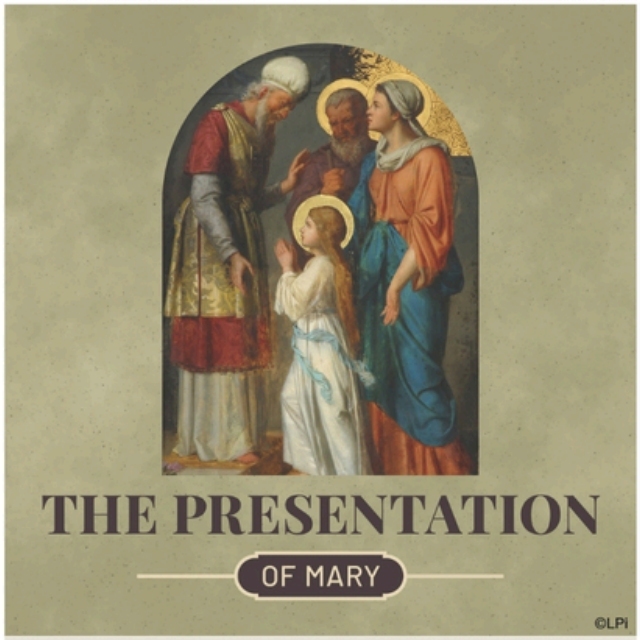
Wednesday
Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday
Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

Friday
Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday
Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



Observances for the Week of November 15, 2026

Sunday
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday
St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Tuesday
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Wednesday
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles;
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Saturday
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Gospel Meditation



Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30

A friend once took his young adult son to the casino for his birthday. He handed him $100 and said, "Let's have a great time." The son, a graduate student with limited money, quietly pocketed the money and refused to play. "I don't want to lose it," he said. But he missed the point: the money was not really his to pocket; it was his father's invitation to share an experience together.

God sees our gifts a bit like this. In Jesus' parable, a servant buries his master's talent and explains: **"Master, I knew you were a demanding person...so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground" (Matthew 25:24-25).** The master condemns him not for failure but for refusing to risk. The servant's fear distorts his image of the master and leads to a small, loveless response. No love, no risk. No risk, no relationship.

How easily we fall into this trap! We treat God's gifts as fragile possessions rather than invitations. We play it safe, avoid risk, and tell ourselves we are wise and God is cruel. But Jesus praises those who trust the Master's goodness enough to act boldly. They are not reckless but confident enough in their Master to risk their gifts for Him.

So, what is my interior story about God right now? Is it marked by generosity, adventure, and trust? Or by fear, caution, and suspicion? That hidden narrative shapes everything. Because love, by its nature, always takes risks with, and for, the beloved.

— Father John R. Muir

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FAMILIES *Needed* TO BE ALTAR SERVERS

AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Catholic Liturgy is meant to be the Work of the People. **Families** who attend Mass together are encouraged to serve together in this beautiful ministry of service.

A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO GROW IN FAITH AS A FAMILY

HELP LEAD OUR PARISH IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP

A MEANINGFUL WAY TO SERVE GOD AND OUR COMMUNITY

TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families who apply will receive appropriate training in the ministry before serving, and then they will be added to an Altar Server schedule. Most families will serve at one Mass during the weekend.

We hope your family will join in this special ministry!

NEXT TRAINING:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

THE ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR:

Monica Wissuchek

at stjfamilyaltarservers@gmail.com

Monica will work with each family to help meet their individual needs and to train and schedule them for liturgies throughout the year.

ADMISSIONS NOW OPEN!

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"He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." -Lk 4:18.

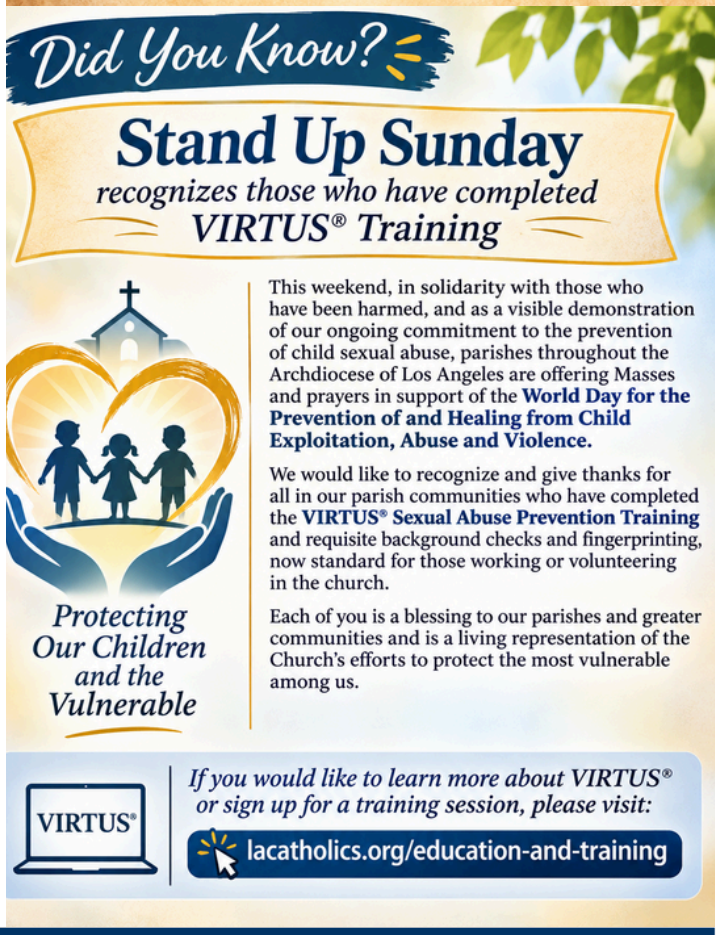
Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: Next weekend, Nov. 21. Can you help deliver? So meaningful to kids!! Contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or jmsalinaz@yahoo.com.

Family Adoptions: Would you like to adopt a family to support Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss rhbauss@gmail.com

Dec. 5 Christmas Present Drive: Christmas trees decorated with envelopes representing more than 200 children will be available. Parishioners are invited to select one or more envelopes and purchase gifts for children in need this Christmas. All gifts must be returned by **12:30 p.m. on Dec. 13.**







ST. JOSEPH SENIOR GROUP

UPCOMING MEETING

Next Meeting:
Monday, November 23
at 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH
LAST CHANCE TO MAKE A RESERVATION!

Monday, December 14
Cost: $10 per person
You must have a reservation to attend.

ACTIVITIES, FRIENDSHIP & FUN



Bingo


Poker Card Games


Mexican Train & More!


Bring One, Take One Table of Books & Puzzles



50/50 Raffle Tickets Available


Trip Information & Schedules Available


BRING YOUR BROWN-BAG LUNCH!
Coffee, tea, water & goodies provided.



We look forward to seeing all our members and welcoming new friends!

Questions? Contact Marilyn North at (562) 519-0154



GriefShare

Surviving the Holidays

provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this 2-hour seminar.

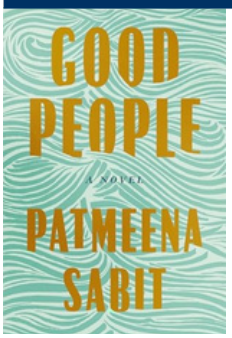
Location
6180 East Willow Street
Long Beach, CA
Parish Life Center
(PLC Building)

Date & Time
Tuesday,
December 8, 2026
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Contact Info
May Pace
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maypace@gmail.com

griefshare.org/holidays

Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is Wednesday, November 18th at 7pm on Zoom

Good People by Patmeena Sabit.

In the debut novel by Afghan American author, Good People is a literary mystery told through a kaleidoscope of perspectives, exploring family, cultural tension, and the American immigrant experience.

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

ST. JOSEPH

Care Calls Ministry

to the Homebound

Do you know a St. Joseph parishioner who is homebound or healing from surgery/illness?

Our ministry offers friendly weekly check-in calls to help our parishioners stay connected to our church community.

For more information, contact Katie Kasprzyk at
stjcarecalls@gmail.com

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A Catholic Community
Rooted in Faith,
Growing in Love,
Serving All.

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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.

