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Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "My Kingdom does not belong to this world. If my Kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my Kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to Him, "So then you are a King?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a King. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
(John 18:33-37)



1st Sunday of Advent—Nov. 28, 2021

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Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday Masses: 6:00 and 8:00 a.m.

(the daily 8:00 a.m., the Sunday 11:00 a.m., and the weekday 7:00 p.m. Masses are **LIVE STREAMED** on Facebook AND

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Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (*Spanish), Wednesday &

Thursday EVENINGS at 7:00 p.m.—(Tues. and Thurs. are

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7:15 p.m.); **First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.**

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to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m.

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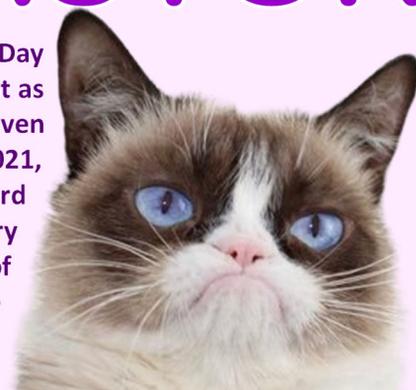
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy New Year of Grace 2022, everyone! Yes, it's the Church's New Year's Day once again! Sure, January 1st is important also, but the First Sunday of Advent as the beginning of the Church's New Year is at least as important, no? And, given the blessings that the Lord gave you and me during this past Year of Grace 2021, what blessings does He want you to receive in this coming Year?!! Come, Lord Jesus! As He came once, He will come again at the end of all time and history (His-story), His Second Coming. That is what we are getting ready for most of all during this Advent Season. As we get closer to December 25th, we will be getting ready to celebrate His First Coming, but still not isolated from His Second Coming; rather, our celebration of Christmas becomes a confidence-builder to help us heal from dreading and instead eagerly await and prepare for His Second Coming. It's BOTH/AND, not either/or, and hopefully and increasingly free from fear!



How NOT to look when the Second Coming happens...

"God deliver us from sour-faced saints!" --St. Teresa of Avila

Here (again) is Dr Peter Kreeft's challenge to his college students: "Take the next two weeks and live them as if they were the last two weeks of your life—because one day they WILL BE the BEGINNING of the last two weeks of your/my life."

"Depend upon it, sir, when a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully." ~Samuel Johnson

One way to help us get ready, and to help Jesus get His whole world ready, is with our Advent Mission.



Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, a member of the Order of Canons Regular of the Holy Cross, in union with Opus Sanctorum Angelorum (Work of the Holy Angels), will be offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 6:00 p.m. (NOT 7:00 p.m.!!!), followed by a conference, on Monday, November 29, Tuesday, November 30, and Wednesday, December 1. The first two evenings will focus on "The Revelation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Fatima," and the last will focus on "The Angel of Peace in Fatima."

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph,
Fr. Thomas, OCD

In keeping in line with the Archdiocesan policies for the Protecting God's Children Program, per Fr. Thomas, anyone working or volunteering with or around children is required to be certified in the Virtus program. **This includes everyone involved in ALL PARISH MINISTRIES, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, etc.** The following classes will be offered via ZOOM (**you MUST pre-register by the Friday before the class you need to take!!**):

Protecting God's Children, the initial full three-hour course needed for those needed to be certified for the first time within the L.A. Archdiocese. It will be held **Monday, December 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., via Zoom.**

Keeping the Promise Alive, the recertification session for those recertifying within five years (2016). It will be held on **Monday, December 13, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., via Zoom.**

For questions or to register for either class, you must email rhondalstorey@gmail.com. Once you do that, you will receive the registration forms, followed by the Zoom link the day before the appropriate session.



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Get your kids out of the public schools! Call the School for information about the new diocesan \$50 million financial assistance for new families. Our school has openings in most grade levels from TK through 8th Grade; we will gladly give you a personalized tour! The classical curriculum, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Carmelites present and active in our classrooms, weekly Masses, confessions, and a strong religion program are some of the attributes that make our school special. We are blessed to have faculty members who are all knowledgeable in classical education and who all love and actively practice their faith.

Fasting from the Sin of UNFORGIVENESS

Today, I choose to fast from the sin of unforgiveness. If resentment is firewood for your anger, unforgiveness is gasoline! Especially when we've been deeply hurt, we think that forgiveness means letting the other person off the hook, as though what happened to us was okay. Forgiveness, though, isn't about the other person. Forgiveness is about us! Unforgiveness actually keeps us tied to our hurt. Unforgiveness has been medically linked to early death, arthritis, cancer, heart disease, and a number of other physical ailments. Forgiveness is easier than we think, since it is a decision not a feeling; in fact, when we decide to forgive, our emotions will eventually follow our decision. There are four important keys to

"All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you—along with all malice.

Be kind to one another, compassionate—forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."
—Ephesians 4:31-32

forgiveness: 1) Decide to forgive—don't wait for your emotions; 2) Depend on God—grace is the antidote for negative emotions; 3) Pray for the other person; and 4) Bless them—speak well of the other person and don't gossip.

Take time to ask yourself...

- Who in my past or present have I not forgiven?
- What benefit do I think I get by holding on to unforgiveness?

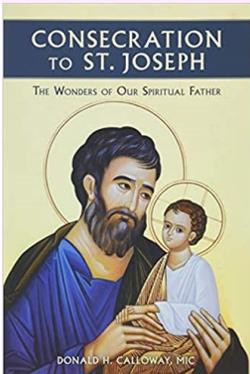
PAUSE TO HEAR GOD SPEAK:
"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant as I had pity on you?" Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."
—Matthew 18:33-35

Pray slowly... Heavenly Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce unforgiveness and repent all the ways I have sinned because of it. I reject every form of unforgiveness in my life. I ask you, Father, to forgive me and I forgive myself for my unforgiving heart and actions. Holy Spirit, make me aware of any unforgiving thoughts, feelings, and actions. Amen.

The above is taken from the book, *Lenten Healing*, by Ken Kniepmann—available for sale in the parish office.

St. Joseph Consecration

The next Consecration to St. Joseph will take place on the **SOLEMNITY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Wednesday, December 8, at the 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass.** Prior to that, there will be five preparation gatherings on Wednesdays, (we began on November 3 and will continue meeting every Wednesday through December 8). You can choose to attend at either 12:00 Noon or 6:00 p.m. (meet in the Guadalupe Courtyard (enter through the Adoration Chapel doors).



Those preparing will need the book, **CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father**, by Fr. Donald Calloway, which contains 33 days of preparation and may be purchased in the parish office for \$15 (also available on Amazon and other websites). For more info, contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236 or ale3767@yahoo.com.

To view a short video of Fr. Thomas and Fr. Steve Watson, OCD, talking about St. Joseph, go to: <https://santacruzchurch.flocknote.com/>

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



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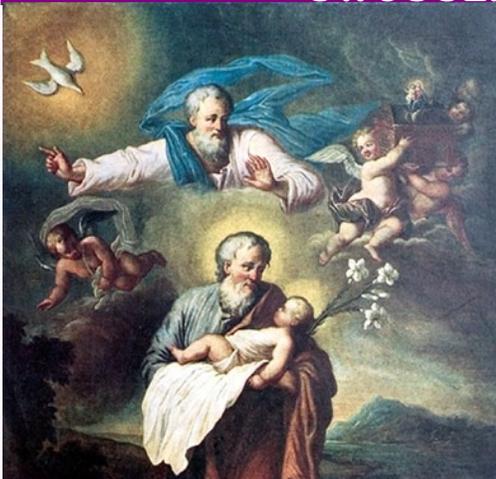


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by Joe Heschmeyer

St. Joseph is the second-most cited saint in the papal magisterium and, in the last 150 years, many of the popes have pointed us to him continually and bestowed various honors and titles upon him. The first of those titles, “Patron of the Catholic Church” was given to St. Joseph on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception back in 1870 by Pope Pius IX, the same pope who had dogmatically declared the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception exactly sixteen years earlier. The point seems to be that you can’t understand the story of St. Joseph without talking about Jesus, Mary, and the Church. In his trilogy on Mary, Mark Shea refers to Mary’s life as a “referred life,” by which he means that “the point of the perpetual virginity of Mary, as of the virgin birth, is that—again—the point is not about Mary. It’s about Christ and His Church.” So, too, Joseph’s life is “referred”: to Mary, to the Church, and especially to Jesus.

Pope Francis captures this aspect of St. Joseph when he refers to Jan Dobraczyński’s “evocative image” of Joseph as “the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father.” St. Paul writes in Ephesians 3:14-15 that, “I bow my knees before the Patēr (Father), from whom every patria (family) in heaven and on earth is named.” So, every parent, and particularly every father, is a sort of “shadow” of the one true Father. He’s the real Father, and the rest of us (both priests and biological fathers) are fathers only analogously. But, of course, this is especially and intensely true in the life of St. Joseph, who isn’t the biological father of Jesus. He knows that he’s a sort of an earthly “stand-in,” helping to raise a Child who properly belongs to the Father. It’s precisely in that role that he’s such a powerful model to all other fathers, because it’s a lot easier for us to forget that we’re also stand-ins.

As Pope Francis explains: “Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a “most chaste” father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one’s life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love. A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the center of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.

Devotion to St. Joseph was slow to develop throughout Church history, and most of the magisterial pronouncements have taken place in the past 150 years. Here are some of the most notable:

1870: On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Pius IX proclaims St. Joseph “Patron of the Universal Church.”

1889: Pope Leo XIII publishes *Quamquam Pluries*, the first encyclical devoted to St. Joseph, on the Assumption.

1892: In the apostolic letter, *Neminem Fugit*, Pope Leo XIII affirms and promotes devotion to the Holy Family. A year later, he institutes the feast of the Holy Family, which dioceses may celebrate on the Sunday after Epiphany.

1921: Pope Benedict XV makes the feast of the Holy Family an obligatory celebration of the universal Church. He also adds to the Divine Praises the phrase “Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.”

1955: Pope Pius XII establishes the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker, to be celebrated May 1. The feast promotes the true dignity of human labor in response to communist May Day celebrations.

1961: Pope John XXIII declares St. Joseph the patron of the Second Vatican Council. The next year, he inserts St. Joseph’s name into the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I).

1989: On the 100th anniversary of *Quamquam Pluries*, Pope John Paul II publishes an apostolic exhortation about St. Joseph titled *Redemptoris Custos* (*Guardian of the Redeemer*).

2013: Pope Francis, fulfilling the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI, inserts St. Joseph’s name into the other three Eucharistic Prayers of the Latin Rite. He also consecrates Vatican City to St. Joseph.

2020: With the apostolic letter, *Patris Corde* (*With a Father’s Heart*), Pope Francis proclaims a “Year of St. Joseph” (ending December 8, 2021) and marks the 150th anniversary of Pius IX’s declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

Mass Intentions

November 27–December 4, 2021

Saturday:

5 p.m.: Florence Schroeder, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 am: Maria Elena Paredes, RIP
 7:30 a.m.: Florence Schroeder, RIP
 9:00 a.m.: Abraham Esteban, INT
 11:00 a.m.: Odon Family, INT
 1:00 p.m.: Norma Aquino, INT
 5:00 p.m.: Alicia Maria Guadalupe, RIP

Monday:

6 a.m.: Sunny Liawati Solichin, RIP
 *7:30 am: Maria Elena Paredes, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Noralyn Cailan, INT
 7:00 p.m.: Isabel Cuevas, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 am: Denise McMaster-Holguin, INT
 *7:30 am: Denise McMaster Holguin, INT
 8:00 a.m.: Charitt Torres, INT
 7 pm: Arenas-Ortega Family

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Florence Hutchinson, RIP
 *7:30 am: Jacqueline Marie Arenas, Bday INT
 8:00 a.m.: Jasmine Nunez, INT
 7:00 p.m.: Jacqueline Marie Arenas, Bday INT

Thursday:

*7:30 a.m.: Cecilia Hardjasmita, BDay INT
 8:00 a.m.: Maria Elena Paredes, RIP
 10:00 p.m.: Jose N. Vales, RIP
 7:00 pm: Friars of St Therese Church INT

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Carmina Doria, INT
 *7:30 am: Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD, INT
 8:00 a.m.: Daisy Thompson, INT
 7:00 p.m.: Josie Villacorta, RIP

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8 am: Healthcare Workers & Families INT

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite
 Chapel, 215 E Alhambra Rd
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Mon.-Sat.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. weekday Masses are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness, etc.).

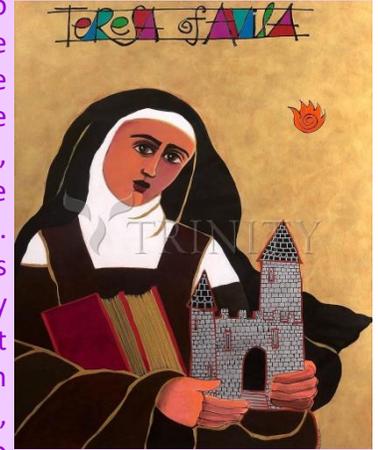
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Quiet Listening Prayer

FROM WAY OF PERFECTION

By St. Teresa of Avila

This prayer is something supernatural, something we cannot procure through our own efforts. In it the soul enters into peace or, better, the Lord puts it at peace by His presence, as he did to the just Simeon, [2] so that all the faculties are calmed. The soul understands in another way, very foreign to the way it understands through the exterior senses, that it is now close to



its God and that not much more would be required for it to become one with Him in union. This is not because it sees Him with the eyes either of the body or of the soul. The just Simeon didn't see any more than the glorious, little, poor child. For by the way the child was clothed and by the few people that were in the procession, Simeon could have easily judged the babe to be the son of poor people rather than the Son of our heavenly Father. But the child Himself made Simeon understand (Chapter 31, Number 2).

Outside the Parish

ATTENTION: Ladies from 18 to 30 years of age! Join the Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart for a fun Sunday afternoon! We will pray the rosary together, enjoy a light dinner, and play games! **When: Sunday, December 5, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.** Where: Holy Innocents School, 2556 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach. **RSVP by December 1** by contacting Sr. Carla, O.C.D. or Sr. Marie Carmen, O.C.D. at 562/427-6924 (<https://carmelitesistersocd.com/>).

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