

# St. Joseph Parish



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and you will have  
treasure in heaven;

***then come,  
follow me.***

Mark 10:21

Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**Indoor Vigil**

**Sunday**  
**Mass on the Grass**  
**Outdoors**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**Indoor Mass**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Daily Mass (M-W)**  
**8:00 a.m. Indoor**  
**Come Join Us**

## Reconciliation

**Saturdays**  
**3:45-4:30p.m.**  
**By the East Church**  
**Door parking lot**





## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

As we approach the middle of October, my thoughts and prayers are with you!

Our parish financial statement is included in this bulletin for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, which ended June 30. This year's statement reflects your tremendous generosity in the midst of all the struggles and difficulties during the pandemic. I'm so very grateful for your generosity of time, talent and treasure in caring for your Parish Family.

As your Pastor, I have a duty to be a good steward of your financial gifts and all parish resources. During these past few years, you know how I have taken seriously my accountability to all parishioners with respect to your gifts. We are all grateful to our Parish Finance Council who support me and all of us with their expertise and wisdom in all things financial and pastoral. We meet six times a year and please join me in thanking and praying for our Finance Council:

George Zualaga – Chair of the Finance Council  
Charleen Lawrence  
Stan Lawrence  
Tim McBride  
Mike Roide  
Joe Voigt – Parish Bookkeeper

Next Sunday, at all Masses, a member of the Finance Council will offer the annual brief summary of our Parish Finances and they will be available after Mass to answer any of your inquiries or questions. You may also direct your concerns to Joe Voigt, our Parish Bookkeeper at [joe@stjosephlb.org](mailto:joe@stjosephlb.org) or call him at 562-594-4657, ext. 231.

Thanks for blessing your Parish Family with your generosity.

Gratefully,  
Msgr. Kevin

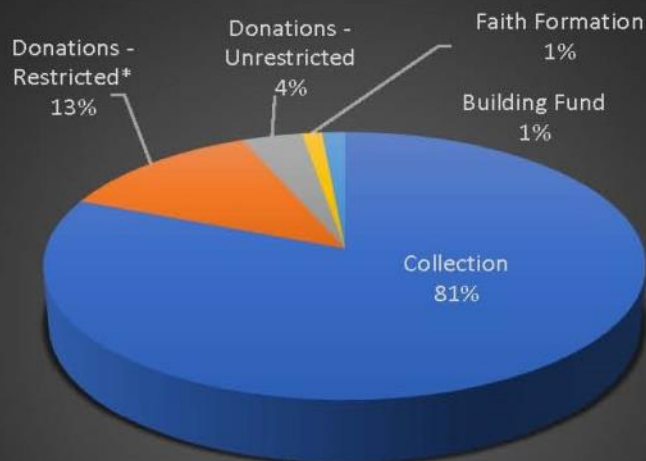
# 2020-21 St. Joseph Parish Financial Report

Fiscal Year: July 1-June 30

	Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget	Fiscal Year 2020-21 Actual	Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget vs Actual
<b>Income</b>			
Collection	\$ 793,000.00	\$ 757,717.71	\$ (35,282.29)
Donations - Restricted*	46,995.00	117,316.49	70,321.49
Donations - Unrestricted	12,000.00	34,277.46	22,277.46
Faith Formation	27,995.00	11,258.26	(16,736.74)
Building Fund	6,000.00	13,161.00	7,161.00
	<u>\$ 885,990.00</u>	<u>\$ 933,730.92</u>	<u>\$ 47,740.92</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Operations	\$ 250,700.00	\$ 257,909.38	\$ 7,209.38
Archdiocese Assessment	233,000.00	244,536.63	11,536.63
Pastoral	87,551.71	43,658.60	(43,893.11)
Faith Formation	143,045.00	112,442.74	(30,602.26)
Liturgy	90,000.00	43,061.40	(46,938.60)
Rectory	10,000.00	9,091.46	(908.54)
Buildings & Maintenance	43,000.00	43,297.78	297.78
	<u>\$ 857,296.71</u>	<u>\$ 753,997.99</u>	<u>\$ (103,298.72)</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>\$ 28,693.29</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 179,732.93</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 151,039.64</b></u>

\* Includes 77K from Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness

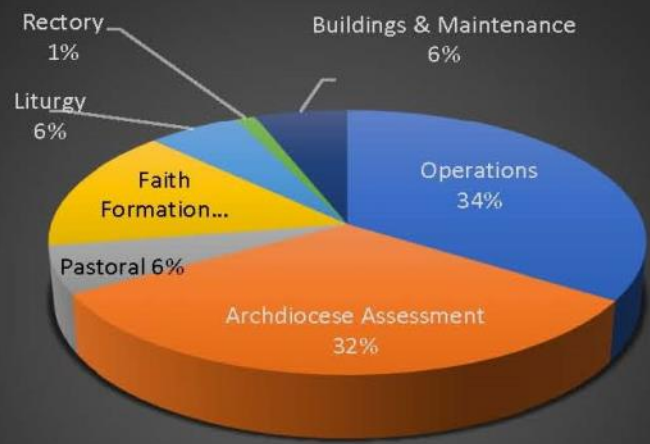
## 2020-21 Income



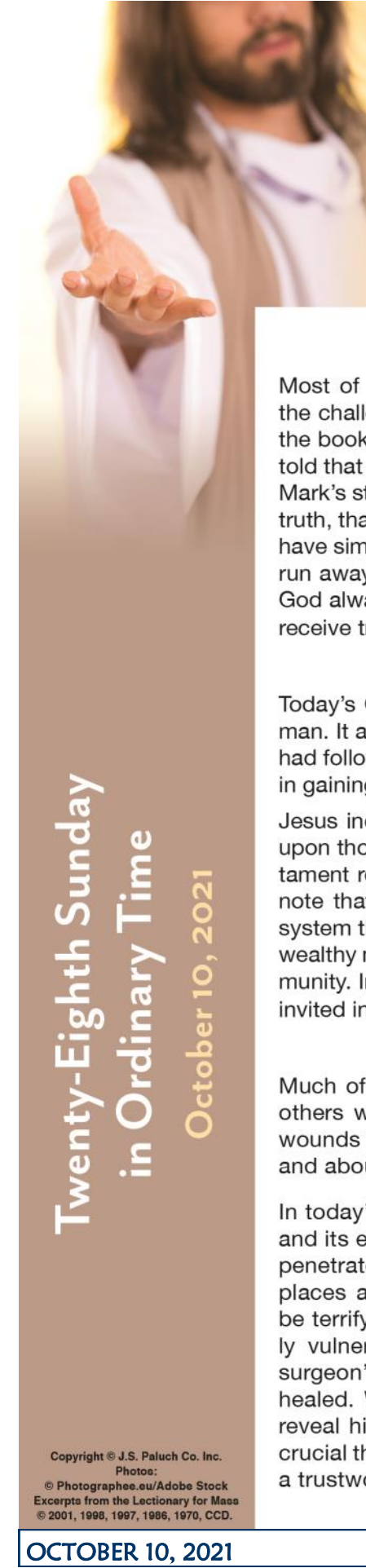
All Amounts in \$1,000

- Collection (\$758K)
- Donations - Restricted\* (\$117K)
- Donations - Unrestricted (\$34K)
- Faith Formation (\$11K)
- Building Fund (\$13K)

## 2020-21 Expenses



- Operations (\$258K)
- Archdiocese Assessment (\$245K)
- Pastoral (\$44K)
- Faith Formation (\$112K)
- Liturgy (\$43K)
- Rectory (\$9K)
- Buildings & Maintenance (\$43K)



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## GOD BLESSES AND HEALS US

Most of us sincerely desire to grow in wisdom and in faith. Today's readings explore the challenges we face when we allow God to lead the way. We first hear the author of the book of Wisdom extolling the value of wisdom in our lives. Then in Hebrews we are told that sometimes God exposes difficult truths about ourselves. These readings set up Mark's story of the wealthy man. In his encounter with Jesus, the man faced a very harsh truth, that his possessions actually possessed him and blocked his path to God. We may have similar "moments of truth" when we have an overwhelming desire to minimize or to run away from truth that God reveals to us. In these moments, may we remember that God always seeks to bless and heal us. In these moments, may God open our hearts to receive truth with faith and courage.

## BIBLICAL GENEROSITY

Today's Gospel describes a tense and tragic encounter between Jesus and a wealthy man. It appears that the man sincerely desired to know the way to inherit eternal life. He had followed much of the Law of Moses. Apparently, he had also followed society's rules in gaining and sustaining his wealth, avoiding stealing and defrauding.

Jesus indicates that the man missed a crucial part of the Biblical tradition, which calls upon those who have much to share generously with those who have little. The Old Testament regularly refers to this obligation (for example, see Deuteronomy 15). Historians note that in the society in Jesus' day, the wealthy enjoyed privileges in an economic system that also prevented the poor and vulnerable from meeting their basic needs. The wealthy man's entrapment in his possessions damaged both himself and the whole community. In our own time and place, those of us who enjoy privileges of various kinds are invited into social and economic practices that embrace this biblical generosity.

## HEART SURGERY

Much of our inner life is hidden from others. This protects us from being harmed by others who would seek advantage over us. But our hidden inner life can also keep wounds from healing, and may help sustain deeply damaging illusions about ourselves and about the outer world.

In today's passage from Hebrews, the author offers vivid imagery of the word of God and its effect upon us. Here, God's word is described as the active power of God that penetrates our hearts. God is described as a surgeon who can expose our hidden places and maneuver around our hardness of heart. Exposure of our inner self can be terrifying. During surgery, we are deeply vulnerable and utterly depend on the surgeon's care and skill so that we can be healed. When events in life allow God to reveal hidden truths about ourselves, it is crucial that we know we are in the hands of a trustworthy and skilled surgeon.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 7:7-11  
Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
Hebrews 4:12-13  
Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]

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## Parish Ministry Opening



### LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR MINISTRY

Liturgical Environment Coordinator (LEC) oversees the environment and decoration of the church and other St. Joseph Sacred Spaces based on liturgical principles and according to the church seasons. The ministry requires some familiarity with church scheduling procedures.

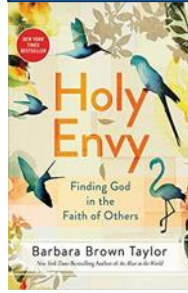
The ministry requires some physical labor and the person needs to be creative, proactive, flexible and work well with people of various skills. The LEC provides supervision during liturgical season preparation of church décor.

As the LEC you will be a member of the Liturgy Committee, and asked to attend meetings as requested. Time commitment varies according to the liturgical season. This ministry for the most part is seasonal, with busy times at Christmas and Easter, which will require a greater time commitment.

If you would like to learn more about this volunteer ministry, please contact Brenda, the Office Manager at 562-594-4657 or email her: [brenda@stjosephlb.org](mailto:brenda@stjosephlb.org)



## Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Tuesday, November 9th at 7pm. We will discuss:

**Holy Envy** by  
**Barbara Brown Taylor**

It is a series of vignettes on Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islamism and Judaism which have influenced the author's view on Christianity.

All are welcome!

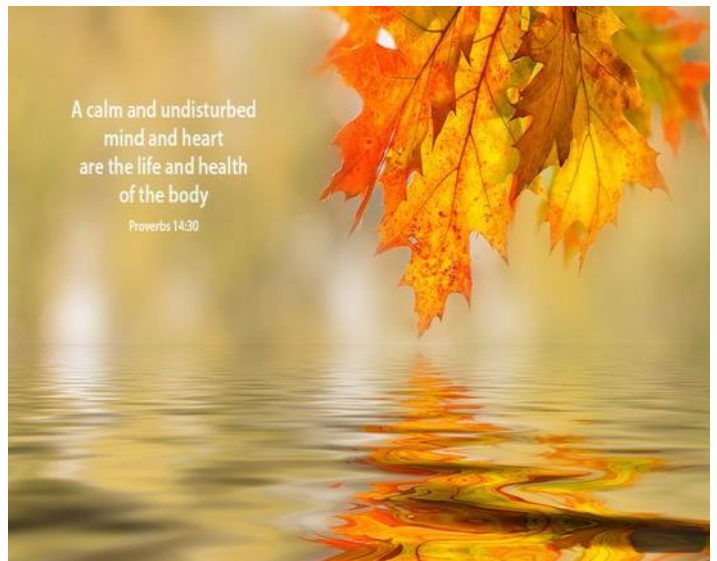
For more info, email: [agoodlife@msn.com](mailto:agoodlife@msn.com)



## Meditation Group

**St. Joseph's Meditation Group** now meets as a Zoom meeting every Tuesday at 7:00PM. No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to experience both the prayerful and calming benefits of this ancient Christian practice.

For more information please contact group leader, Frank McKown, at [frmckown@gmail.com](mailto:frmckown@gmail.com) or 310-633-1744





## Safeguard The Children

### Talking about stranger danger

The idea of “stranger danger” is often too broad a concept for children to grasp as not all strangers are dangerous, and children will always be meeting new people and on occasion may need to ask a stranger for help. Instead of issuing a blanket warning, try these tips for keeping children safe around people they do not know. If an unknown adult approaches them, have them check with a parent or known and trusted adult before engaging in conversation. This can be as simple as a quick look to the parent followed by a nod indicating that it is okay to interact. As an adult yourself, you can set a good example by talking first to parents, then to children in their care. This helps your own children see how trustworthy adults engage with children around their parents and helps them learn caution for adults who do not act in the same way. For more tips, request the VIRTUS® article “Communication Tip No. 5: Stranger Danger” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).



## Movement For A Better World

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

**Nov. 6-7** – New Blanket Drive: Collecting new blankets for our Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution and Homeless Ministry.

**Nov. 20 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution:** As a parish community, we will support 65 families for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Can you help us deliver? Please contact Tom and Marie Newton (562) 209-1298 or email: [tjn8343@gmail.com](mailto:tjn8343@gmail.com).

**Family Adoptions:** Can you adopt a family on a family-to-family basis for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Questions? Please call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Amy Ford at [amyford6331@yahoo.com](mailto:amyford6331@yahoo.com).

**Skip-a-Meal Donations:** Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest. For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.

## RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



For more info, contact Olga at [olga@stjosephlb.org](mailto:olga@stjosephlb.org)

**RCIA** is a program for any non-baptized adult interested in becoming a Catholic. It is also for adults baptized in the Catholic faith (or in another Christian faith), who would like to complete the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

RCIA begins with a period of Inquiry, where you can find out what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. If you, or anyone you know, would like to find out more please contact Olga Cuda at [olga@stjosephlb.org](mailto:olga@stjosephlb.org)

**Come-and-See what RCIA is all about !**



# St. Joseph School News

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## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Volleyball Team



## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Artists







# Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services, Local Chapter

Please consider a call to missionary discipleship. Help us build a more just world that reflects the kingdom of God. Our Catholic Relief Services, San Pedro Region Chapter promotes locally, the global mission of CRS. Questions? Call Tim Clark at 562-431-4385 for information about our group from 8 other parishes in the San Pedro Region. We meet online the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Please also, join us October 12th for a Mass to commemorate our chapter's first anniversary and celebrate our accomplishments. Bishop Mark Trudeau will preside. Please see Mass information below. Live streaming will be available from the St. Cyprian website, [stcyprianchurch.org](http://stcyprianchurch.org).

# Save the Date

## CRS West Chapters Mass

### Misa para Comunidades de Solidaridad

**Tuesday,  
October 12  
6:00pm PT**

This Mass is an effort to provide spiritual nourishment for CRS Chapter members and to thank God for the blessings they have received in their work.

All are welcome to attend in-person or on livestream at [stcyprianchurch.org](http://stcyprianchurch.org). La misa será ofrecida bilingüe.



*Celebrant: Bishop Marc V. Trudeau  
San Pedro Region, Los Angeles Archdiocese*

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