

St. Joseph Parish

Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



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Whoever wishes to be great
among you will be your servant;
whoever wishes to be first
among you will be the slave of all.

Mark 10:43-44

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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,

The final weeks of the liturgical year are flying by. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, evening November 2nd. This day marks the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls) We'll celebrate a special Mass at 7:00 PM in memory of the parishioners who have died this past year and we'll also remember those who have died from Covid-19. We extend a special invitation to family members and friends of parishioners who passed since November of last year as we announce their names to the Lord and light a candle symbolizing our hope as a Christian people in the Resurrection of the Lord.

After five months of construction, our current school upgrade project should be completed this week. Every classroom and office has been equipped with new ceiling mounted LED lights and fans. The old 60 year old windows have all been replaced with windows meeting Title 24 state requirements. The dual glazed glass windows will help with heat and noise reduction. The old open windows had no screens. The new windows are equipped with screens that will keep all unwanted critters outside. The large screens have increased the beautiful Long Beach airflow by 100%. Thank you to Vancrest Construction Company and John Van Dyke for orchestrating this upgrade project and let's say a prayer in thanksgiving for the donors, Alex, the construction project manager and the supervisor Jonathon and his great team of construction workers. Generations of St. Joseph school and faith formation students will benefit from these beautiful upgrades to our campus.

The St. Joseph's fiscal year financial summary is printed on the next page one last time. You'll hear one of the Finance Council members offer a brief presentation and summary at this weekend's Masses.

I'm praying for you and your families.

Blessings, Msgr. Kevin

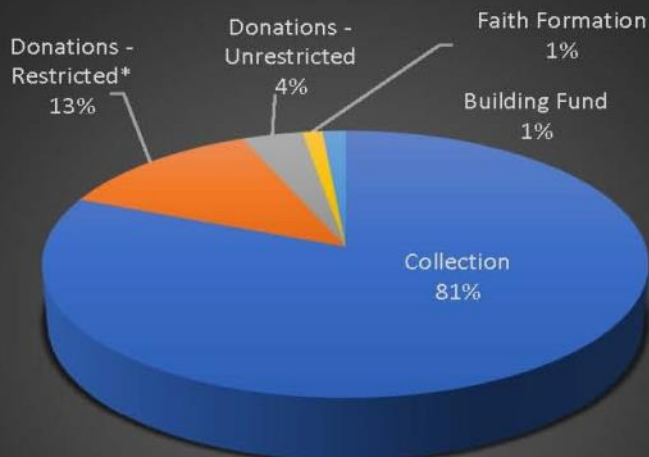
2020-21 St. Joseph Parish Financial Report

Fiscal Year: July 1-June 30

	Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget	Fiscal Year 2020-21 Actual	Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget vs Actual
Income			
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
	\$ 885,990.00	\$ 933,730.92	\$ 47,740.92
Expenses			
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
	\$ 857,296.71	\$ 753,997.99	\$ (103,298.72)
Net Surplus	\$ 28,693.29	\$ 179,732.93	\$ 151,039.64

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

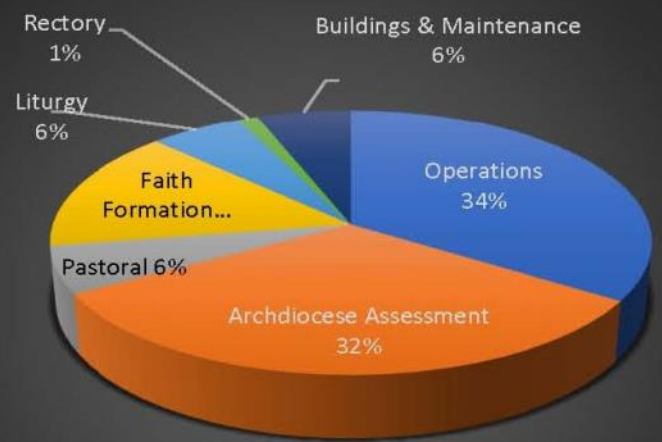
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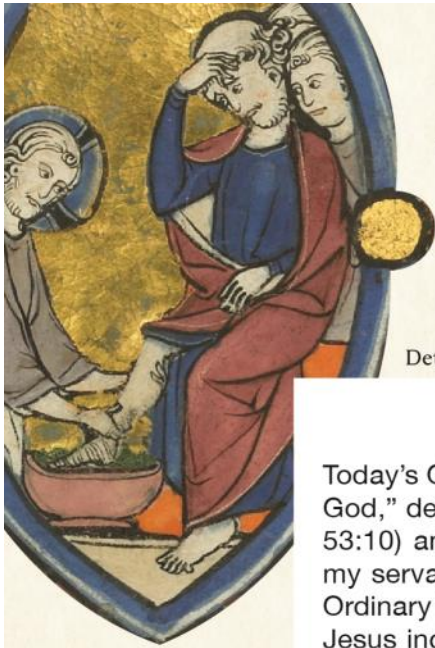
All Amounts in \$1,000

- 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)
- Rectorry (\$9K)
- Buildings & Maintenance (\$43K)



The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

MARK 10:45

Detail, Anonymous, *Christ Washing the Apostles' Feet*, Paris, c. 1250-1260

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OCTOBER 17, 2021

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CONTINUALLY LEARNING FROM JESUS

Today's Old Testament selection, from Isaiah's "Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant of God," describes God's Servant as one who "gives his life as an offering for sin" (Isaiah 53:10) and celebrates the mighty power of that self-offering: "through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear" (53:11). As always during Ordinary Time, this Old Testament reading prepares us for today's longer form Gospel. Jesus incarnates the redemptive suffering that Isaiah foresaw in the offering of God's Servant, as well as the covenantal restoration that the Servant's sacrifice achieved. The reading from Hebrews confirms our finding peace in continually learning from Jesus, whatever our deepest flaws and trials: for Jesus, our "great high priest" (Hebrews 4:14) is not "unable to sympathize with our weaknesses," for Jesus was "tested in every way" that we are (4:15).

MISUNDERSTANDING JESUS

Throughout this part of Ordinary Time, Mark's Gospel tracks the disciples' progressive misunderstanding about Jesus' mission and the nature of discipleship. We heard Jesus make two predictions about his Passion on Sundays in September, and just before today's Gospel episode, Jesus informed the Twelve: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise" (Mark 10:33-34). Despite Jesus' three predictions and his definition of "glory" and "power" as serving others in humility, James and John still imagine Jesus as bound for a glorious earthly messiahship. How moving that Jesus, rather than scolding James and John as he had previously rebuked Peter, instead begins teaching them patiently, "You do not know what you are asking" (10:38).

SELF-EXAMINATION

Knowing that Jesus' throne of glory is also a "throne of grace," from which Jesus bestows "mercy and grace for timely help" (Hebrews 4:16), today's Gospel suggests sincere self-examination: How do we approach Jesus and make our requests? What do we ask for: what Jesus wants us to do or, like James and John today, do we demand "whatever we want" from Jesus? Does the world in which we live and work focus our hearts on glory to the right and power on the left? Or does "the cup we drink," "the baptism" we've received inspire us to gladly become servants of all, like the Jesus who has made us his disciples? Do we also avoid imitating the "indignant ten" other Apostles who rebuked James and John? Or are we also quick to see the errors of others and rash in passing judgment on them? How do we live in response to Jesus who gave his life "as a ransom for many"?

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]

St. Joseph

Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph” (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

Dear St. Joseph,
help us to
imitate your
faithful trust and
courage.

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

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Blood Drive



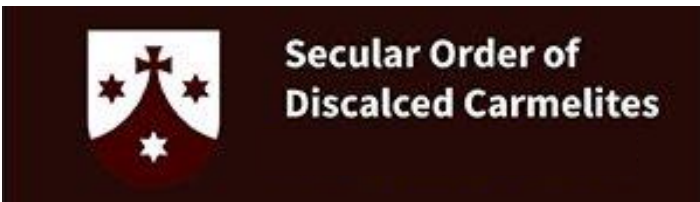
St. Joseph Parish Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Sunday, Oct. 31st from 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM
in the Parish Hall.

Sign up online at redcrossblood.org;
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You can also sign up on Oct. 24th after the
8:30 AM or 10:30 AM Mass.

For more information contact Knight Tony Diaz
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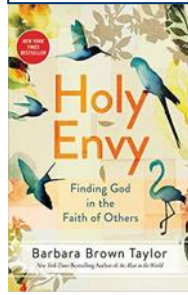
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For more information,
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Book Club



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

**Holy Envy by
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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!

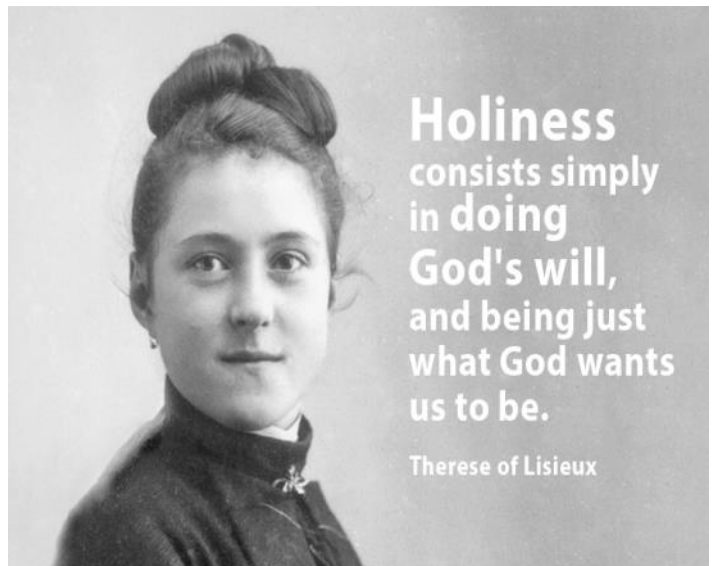
For more info, email: agoodlife@msn.com



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
or 310-633-1744



Holiness
consists simply
in doing
God's will,
and being just
what God wants
us to be.

Therese of Lisieux



Safeguard The Children



Escalating red flags in an adult’s behavior

In most abuse cases, the victim knows the offender. Offenders go to great lengths to ensure that they are not strangers, often spending months or even years hiding in plain sight. Parents should be aware of a few red flags that range from obvious to subtle, and usually indicate a more sinister relationship at work between an offender and potential victims. Some obvious signs include telling children dirty jokes or showing them pornography. More subtle signs could be an adult who wrestles or tickles often, wants to be alone with children, gives gifts frequently, or encourages children to keep secrets. For more red flags, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “The Rationale of Warning Signs” at 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.

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.

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

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

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