


St. Joseph Parish

Thirtieth
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2021



**Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
they shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.**

Psalm 126:6

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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:

Peace and Greetings to you this beautiful Fall weekend!

This weekend the universal church celebrates World Mission Sunday, an opportunity to support missions and missionaries throughout the world. Thank you for supporting and praying for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith so that the Gospel can be proclaimed in more than 1,100 mission dioceses throughout the world!

The universal and our local Church is on the synodal path! On October 10, Archbishop Gomez joined Pope Francis as he opened the 16th Synod of Bishops with a Solemn Mass in St. Peter's Square. The theme of the Synod is "For a synodal church communion, participation and mission." Unlike previous gatherings of the worlds Bishops, the Holy Father wants this Synod to include directly the people in local dioceses across the world, especially with lay faithful. In the near future, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will be holding consultation and listening sessions to gather perspectives that the bishops will use in preparing a report to Rome. In the coming year, Pope Francis is asking each of us to think about our relationship with Jesus Christ, our communion with him in His church, and how we participate in His mission. On October 31, Archbishop Gomez will open the Archdiocesan phase of the Synod with a Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels. The consultative process in our Archdiocese will begin in early 2022. As more information becomes available, I will keep you informed.

During this month of October which is Respect Life Month and the month of the Rosary, I encourage you to pray the Rosary so that we may all make a greater commitment to life and pray that all life will be revered and honored as a Gift of God!

I'm praying for you and your families,
Msgr. Kevin



The blind man said, “Master, I want to see.”
 Jesus told him, “Go your way;
 your faith has saved you.”

MARK 10:51-52

Attr. Master of the Antiphony of San Giovanni Fuorcivitas,
Initial A: Christ Wiping the Tears from the Eyes of the Saved, Florence or Pisa, Italy, c. 1330-1340

CONSOLATION FROM GOD

Today’s reading from Jeremiah, Israel’s sorrowful and suffering prophet, whose readings usually signal and prepare us to hear Jesus’ Gospel suffering, is from Jeremiah’s “Book of Consolation.” Jeremiah sets aside traditional sorrow and instead bids God’s chosen people—and us, as God’s baptized covenant people—to celebrate the Lord’s miraculous “harvest”: “Shout with joy; exult; proclaim your praise” (Jeremiah 31:7). In this “harvest,” God declares Israel already “delivered,” while promising to transform a “remnant” (31:7) into “an immense throng,” “gathered from the ends of the world” (31:8). Though these people are still in need, Jeremiah declares their tears already gone, replaced by God’s consolation and guidance to living waters. As a fitting response, the great “Harvest Psalm” makes us, at least spiritually, former “captives,” whose joyous return feels like “dreaming” (Psalm 126:1). Then, Mark’s Gospel—again—shows the prophetic vision for the world fulfilled as Jesus heals, and we ourselves are once again challenged to live more faithfully our baptismal covenant.

SIGHTLESS BARTIMAEUS’ VISION

At first, Bartimaeus is not yet “on the way”—Mark’s “Gospel code” for Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem and our journey of discipleship—but at least near the way, “by the roadside” (Mark 10:46). Still only on the sidelines, Bartimaeus cries out what becomes Christianity’s “Jesus Prayer”: “Jesus, son of David, have pity (most translations, mercy) on me” (Mark 10:47–48). Sightless, Bartimaeus is nonetheless fearless: “many rebuked him, telling him to be silent” (10:48). Sightless, Bartimaeus is already insightful: “son of David” acclaims Jesus Messiah. Seen in the context of baptism and discipleship, sightless Bartimaeus’s response resembles both journey to baptism as catechumen and pilgrimage from baptism as what Pope Francis calls “missionary disciples” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, Joy of the Gospel, 119–121).

RESPONDING LIKE BARTIMAEUS

Once healed, “illuminated” as in Baptism, Bartimaeus’ discipleship response to Jesus challenges us to examine our own. Again this week, Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is our merciful high priest. Though sinless, Jesus “is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring” (Hebrews 5:2) like all high priests. Hebrews invokes Melchizedek, whose meeting with Abraham signals the joining of God’s primeval cosmic covenant made with Noah and God’s scriptural covenant with Israel, leading to “the new and eternal covenant” sealed in Jesus’ Blood. Like Melchizedek, Jesus transcends history’s boundaries of race and nation to gather earth’s fragmented, even warring factions into the great harvest of a humanity renewed and redeemed. So our baptismal commitment and discipleship’s journey bid us become instruments of Christ’s unity and peace to all whom we encounter “on the way.”

Are we sitting still, isolated, safely on the sidelines? Or do we cry out, like Bartimaeus, for Jesus’ mercy, understanding that we are bound to extend to others, ceaselessly and unconditionally, the mercy that we ourselves need? As part of that mercy, then, are we cowed into safe, respectable silence by a world rejecting Christ’s countercultural teachings, or do we dare speak up and speak out on behalf of others?

TODAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah 31:7–9
 Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6
 Hebrews 5:1–6
 Mark 10:46–52

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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;
Sponsor Code: JosephLB.

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
at bstdad2@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
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Music Ministry



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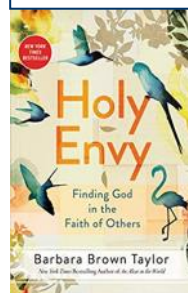
Are you called to share your gift of music with
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at St. Joseph's is looking for confident and
talented musicians and singers to support the
band at the 12:30pm Sunday Mass as well as to
Cantor at other Masses. If you are interested,
please reach out to the Parish Music Director,
Vivian Doughty, before or after Mass, or call
the Church and leave a message
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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



Safeguard The Children



Have a spooky and safe Halloween

With Halloween right around the corner, here are a few tips to keep your holiday safe and fun! Before they go trick-or-treating, talk with your children about safety and set the ground rules. Young children should always trick or treat with an adult. Join up with friends or family and stick to neighborhoods you know, with houses that are lit and ready for trick or treaters. Stay on sidewalks when possible, and if children have a hard time walking between houses, make a game of it — take big steps, or march from house to house. For more information, please visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/item/140-tips-for-a-treat-filled-halloween>.



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

Come-and-See what RCIA is all about !

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Synod
2021
2023

OCTOBER 31, 2021

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
10:00AM • IN-PERSON
& LIVE STREAMED

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, will celebrate the special liturgy at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels at 10:00am that will be livestreamed.

The theme of the synod is "For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission."

The consultative process at the diocese will begin in early 2022 and will explore 10 general themes: Companions on the Journey; Listening; Speaking Out; Celebration; Sharing Responsibility for Our Common Mission; Dialogue in Church and Society; Ecumenism; Authority and Participation; Discerning and Deciding; and Forming Ourselves in Synodality.

The insights gathered from local Catholics will be combined with those from other dioceses and will then be used to guide the discussion at the international level. The synod process will conclude with a General Assembly at the Vatican in October 2023.

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