

St. Joseph Parish

OCTOBER 31, 2021

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You shall love the Lord your God

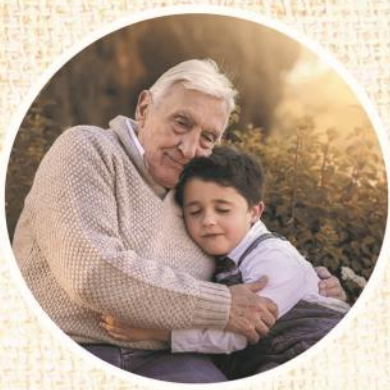
with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

~ Mark 12:30



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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 celebrate the last weekend of October and enter November – a couple of special notices. Monday, November 1 is the Solemnity of all Saints. Since this traditional Holy Day falls on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day of obligation and according to regional custom, the Holy Day is abrogated. Our regular Monday 8:00 AM Mass will celebrate All Saints for those who would like to attend.

Tuesday, November 2 is the Solemnity of All Souls. We will celebrate our regular 8:00 AM weekly children's school Mass. In the evening we will have a special Mass at 7:00 PM in commemoration of all the parishioners whose funeral was held in St. Joseph's during this past year. Their names will be mentioned and a candle will be lit in their honor. If you've had a relative or friend who passed away this past year or if you know of someone who died from COVID-19 you'll be invited to mention their name and light a candle.

Please see the names of our Parishioners who went home to the Lord this past year under *In Loving Memory*. Please pray for them and their families.

GOOD NEWS – I'm please to announce that we will commence the Sunday 12:30 Mass on Sunday, November 21. We look forward to the contemporary music /singing choir returning to lead us in worship and praise of the Lord!

Next weekend don't forget to reset your clock on Saturday night to Standard time by moving your clock back one hour!!

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace and light!

All Saints and Souls Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin



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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time October 31, 2021

You shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.

— Deuteronomy 6:5



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WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30

THE CORE OF GOD'S COVENANT

In today's First Reading, from Deuteronomy, we hear the great summary of the very core of God's covenant with Israel, its title taken from its opening word, the *Shema* ("Hear!"). The *Shema* is at once a doctrinal summary of Israel's faith and the personal/corporate prayer of Israel's sons and daughters. To this day, devout Jews inscribe the *Shema* on parchment and enclose it in the *mezuzah* that adorns the doorways of so many Jewish homes. The residents kiss the *mezuzah*, and thus the Word of God, upon entering their homes and when going forth from them into a world that often acknowledges neither God nor the covenant. Recited several times daily, Deuteronomy's "formula" comes alive as a vivid reminder to devout Jews that their personal relationship with God is both source and safeguard of their public identity as members of God's chosen people.

EDITING THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Today's Gospel shows Jesus as fully part of Israel's covenant tradition: he responds to the scribe's question by proclaiming Deuteronomy's *Shema* which both of them would have revered and recited since childhood: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). But note the "editorial changes" both Jesus and the scribe make to the *Shema*. To Deuteronomy's heart, the Biblical seat of the will and affections, and soul, the deepest part of the human person, and strength, encompassing both physical ability and material treasure, Jesus adds "with all your mind," a phrase the scribe changes to "with all your understanding" (Mark 12:30, 33). Perhaps Mark, the author of today's Gospel, wanted to consecrate to the kingdom's service the philosophical reflection and intellectual exploration so valued by the Greco-Roman world—and our world—in which the Gospel would be preached.

KNOWING AND DOING

Jesus makes a further change to Israel's *Shema*: to the Deuteronomy text Jesus adds Leviticus 19:18: "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." For Jesus, these commandments cannot be separated. The scribe, delighted at Jesus' answer, goes on to indicate that he has grasped one of the central tenets of Jesus' kingdom: ritual worship and practical charity toward one's neighbor are twin expressions of love for God. This insight places the scribe "not far from the kingdom of God," says Jesus (Mark 12:34). But is "not far" close enough? For the scribe, as for the rich would-be disciple from a few Sundays ago, as for each of us, it is one thing to know what we ought to do and quite another actually to do it. So, then: what about us? How do we live out, in daily practice, the covenant whose words we know so well, but whose deeds we so often find a challenge?

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 31:7-9
Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28b-34

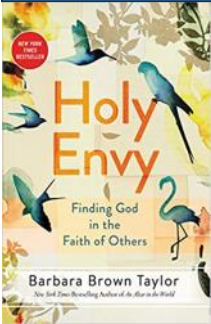
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Book Club



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
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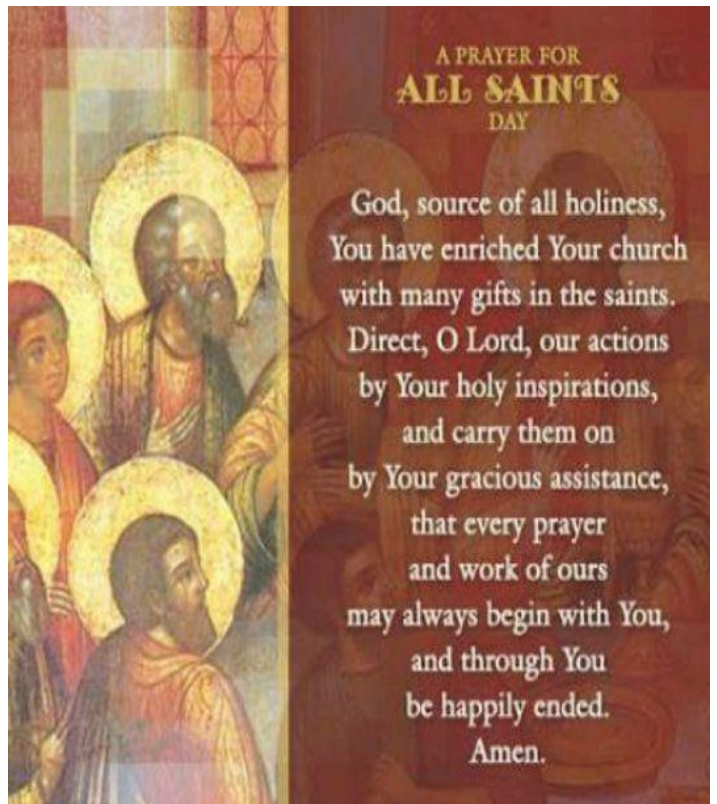


Music Ministry



Do you play an instrument or sing?

Are you called to share your gift of music with the St. Joseph Community? The Music Ministry 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 (562) 594-4657





Safeguard The Children



The importance of maintaining emotional boundaries

As safe adults we have a responsibility to set healthy emotional boundaries with the children in our care, most importantly because we are helping to guide a child’s development. In no way does this mean that adult-child relationships must be cold or uncaring. By maintaining healthy emotional boundaries, we as adults act as role models for other adults and for children themselves. For example, there is a big difference between being friendly and being friends with a child. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Emotional Boundaries” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Movement For A Better World

“The things we pray for Lord, give us the grace to labor for.” St. Thomas More

Weekend – New Blanket Drive: Collecting new blankets for our Thanksgiving Food Distribution to 68 supported families 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 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 !

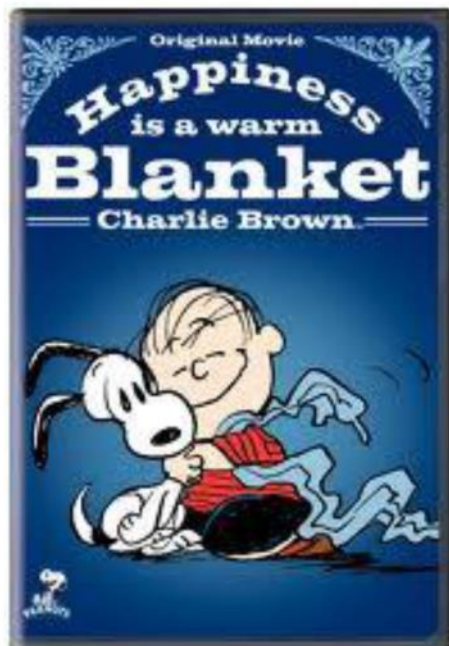
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