

St. Joseph Parish



10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” - Mk 3:35

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus is teaching a crowd that is sitting around him. When He's told that His mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for him, Jesus replies "Here are my mother, my brothers and sisters. Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." With all the divisions in our world, pray for that unity that only God can provide and offer!!

Thanks for your generosity to the St. Joseph Hall/Gym campaign. Here is the current financial report:

Cash Donations -	\$72,541
Faith Direct Donations -	\$17,900
Pledges -	\$21,000

Total -	\$111,441
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Thanks for Blessing us with your donation/pledge!!

Congratulations to all our Saint Joe's graduates, and during the weekend Masses of June 22-23, we'll offer a special Graduation Blessing upon those graduating from eighth grade, high school and college. Invite your graduate to Mass this weekend.

Here are the construction photos of the week:



I'm praying for your family,
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers." (Gn 3:15)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.
(Ps 130)

Second Reading:

Since we have the same spirit of faith,
according to what is written, *I believed, therefore I spoke*,
we too believe and therefore we speak. (2 Cor 4:13)

Gospel:

And if Satan has risen up against himself
and is divided, he cannot stand;
that is the end of him. (Mk 3:26)

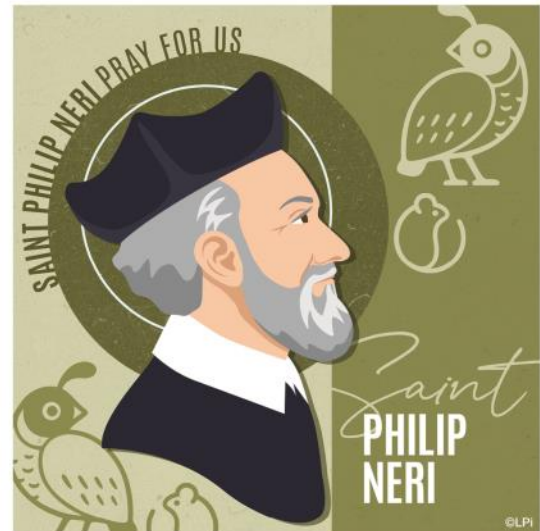
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's family is not a country club — you don't need the right pedigree or the proper connections to join. Christ claims everyone who does the will of God. Let us call upon the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts, that we may live in kinship with Christ.

Observances for the week of June 9, 2024

- Sunday:** 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Barnabas, Apostle
Thursday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday: Flag Day
Next Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day



Saint of the week

St. Philip Neri was an Italian priest who served both the rich and poor of Rome with a jovial spirit. He founded The Congregation of the Oratory, a secular order which includes priests and brothers and does not bind them under religious vows, but instead by a *bond of charity*.

Prayer of Identity

Dear God,
In the garden You asked, "Who told you that you were naked?"
Who told me all kinds of things about myself — lists of flaws and failures a mile high.
It wasn't You.
Plant Your truth inside of me.
Speak to me about how You see me.
Remind me that I am Yours,
chosen from eternity for You.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 9, 2024

Sunday:

Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
(7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

Monday:

1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday:

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday:

1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and
8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/
Mt 5:20-26

Friday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/
Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday:

1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8,
9-10/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday:

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see
2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: **“How can Satan cast out Satan?”** To enter into this question opens up the often-hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we’re honest, our response to some degree is: “How *else* can we cast him out? Satan is *precisely* how we cast out Satan!” But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here’s what I mean.

Satanas names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. “I’ll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy.” “She’s already trying to get ahead of me.” “That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs.” And so on. The accusation grows into a fear-inducing threat — things will break apart — no, they already are! Hurry! We inflict violence on the victim and — as if by magic — peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no community left at all. This is essentially humankind’s sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus’ cross and resurrection unmasks this broken system of “casting out Satan by Satan” and ushers in a new one he calls “the Kingdom of God.” He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love. The cross (and not Satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out Satan. This is why he describes himself as the **“stronger man who ties up the strong man to plunder his house.”** This week let’s notice the ways we **“cast out Satan by Satan,”** and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand.

— Father John Muir

CALLED TO BE A ... **FAITH FORMATION TEACHER?**

HAS GOD GIVEN YOU TALENTS?

ANSWER THE CALL! ARE YOU FEELING A TUG ON YOUR HEART TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH? JOIN OUR YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM AND BE PART OF SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL. WE'RE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR FULLY INITIATED CATHOLICS READY TO EMBRACE THIS REWARDING JOURNEY. NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY – JUST A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND A PASSION FOR GUIDING OUR YOUTH TOWARDS FAITH AND GROWTH.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND, AND FOR THOSE EAGER TO DIVE DEEPER, CATECHIST TRAINING AWAITS. TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE AN IMPACT THAT LASTS A LIFETIME. JOIN US TODAY AND BE THE CHANGE OUR YOUTH NEEDS!

ALL IT TAKES IS A COMMITMENT OF THREE HOURS EVERY TWO WEEKS!

CONTACT: LIZ MORENO - (562) 598-0519 EXT 230
YOUTH MINISTER/ CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR ST. JOSEPH PARISH FAMILY!

STARTING THIS SEPTEMBER, WE ARE THRILLED TO BRING BACK CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL DURING MASS FOR OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS AGED 5 TO 8 YEARS OLD! THIS SPECIAL TIME WILL ALLOW OUR CHILDREN TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD IN A WAY THAT'S ENGAGING, FUN, AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE EAGER TO SHARE THE JOY OF OUR FAITH WITH THE LITTLE ONES. IF YOU HAVE A HEART FOR TEACHING AND LOVE WORKING WITH CHILDREN, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR TEAM AND MAKE A LASTING IMPACT ON THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. LET'S COME TOGETHER TO INSPIRE AND NURTURE THE YOUNGEST MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT MARC LEON AT MARC@STJOSEPHLB.ORG

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND DEDICATION!

When:

**Sundays, 8:30 Mass
Starting September!**

ACTIVITIES:

- READING THE WORD OF GOD
- FUN MULTI-MEDIA
- MUSIC & DANCE
- ARTS & CRAFTS

TO JOIN US!

**Please contact Marc Leon
to join our Team!**
marc@stjosephlb.org





Hi everyone,

*Thank you for all the wonderful
prayerful support while I was in Zambia.*

*Our OCIA (the Initiation of Adults into
the Catholic Faith) will be commencing
soon. So please be an evangelizer by
inviting anyone you think might be
interested in hearing about our church
and our faith. They could be neighbors
or colleagues at work. Just pray and
open the conversation: "Have you ever
thought of...?" I will be hosting a session
in the Parish Life Center. Come and see
9:30am - 11:00am on June 9th.*

*Peace and Blessings,
Sr. Eva*



Are you or someone you know in need of marriage help?

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A Special Opportunity for our Parish Women and Men

Do you sense that something's missing in your life? Do you feel that if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe even a better person?

Come to the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend! It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other people in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday to have fun, you will find what you are looking for – and more.

The Women's weekend is full and registration is closed, however registration is open for the Men's weekend which is **October 19-20, 2024**.

To learn more and to sign up, visit <https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-christ-renews/> or scan the QR code.



Did You Know?

SWIMWEAR COLOR: DO's AND DON'Ts

DO:

Choose bright, neon, high-contrast colors



DON'T:

Choose colors that blend or reflect surrounding shades



What color swimsuit is best for water safety?

Drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children. If you plan to take your children to the pool or beach this summer, you want to pick out a safe swimsuit. Studies have shown that light colored, or white swimwear is very hard to see underwater, making the wearer seem to disappear. The light colors are even more undetectable with water agitation. Stick to bright, bold colors and neon patterns to be able to spot your children when they are playing and swimming. For more information, read the TODAY article "Why swim instructors are warning parents against certain swimsuit colors" at <https://www.today.com/parents/color-test-kids-swimsuits-show-best-colors-are-neon-t219805>.

In Memoriam

Charles Roehrig

Funeral Mass at St Joseph
Monday, June 10th at 10:00 am

Theresa Landers

Funeral Mass at St Joseph
Tuesday, June 11th at 10:00 am

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
~Amen~

Seniors Group



PLEASE NOTE:

Due to extenuating circumstances, the St. Joseph Senior Group breakfast at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant on Monday, June 10, has been cancelled. You will receive a phone call regarding this. So, our next get together will be at the El Dorado Restaurant on Monday, July 8 at 9:30. Join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there. And for future reference, we will be meeting there the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time, until the hall is finished.

FAMILY ALTAR SERVERS WANTED



We are looking for additional families that would like to be altar servers at all Masses! Catholic Liturgy is meant to be the Work of the People. Families who attend Mass together are encouraged to serve together in this ministry of service. All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families who apply will receive appropriate training in the ministry and will meet with Monsignor Kevin prior to serving. Then they will be added to an Altar Server schedule. We hope that you will join in this special ministry!

Please email the Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, Monica Wissuchek, at stjfamilyaltarservers@gmail.com to register for the next training in early February. Monica will work with each family to help meet their individual needs, and to train and schedule them for liturgies throughout the year.



Movement for a Better World



"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you that will be happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." Albert Schweitzer

June 22-23: Homeless Kit Drive. Provide daily necessities and hope to people experiencing homelessness.

Opportunities! Can you deliver food to Catholic Charities once per month for people experiencing homelessness? Coordinate our Christmas Present Drive? For many fulfilling ways to serve, big and small, call Tim Clark, 562-431-4385.



St. Joseph Grief Support



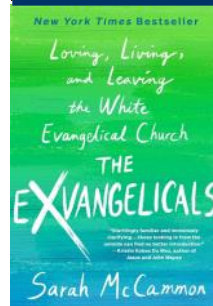
Bereavement classes will resume after a short recess for the summer.

We will continue for another 13-week session on July 30th.

Please feel free to call May Pace at (562) 833-6370 for any questions.



Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is **Wednesday, August 21st at 7pm** on Zoom

The Exvangelicals by Sarah McCammon

"Sarah McCammon, a National Political Correspondent for NPR, offers readers an intimate window into the world of American evangelicalism. Filled with humor, insight, and hard-earned wisdom, The Exvangelicals is a gift to all who find themselves on a spiritual journey." —Kristin Kobes Du Mez, New York Times bestselling author of Jesus and John Wayne"

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