

# St. Joseph Parish



## 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.”- Mk 4:30-32b

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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**

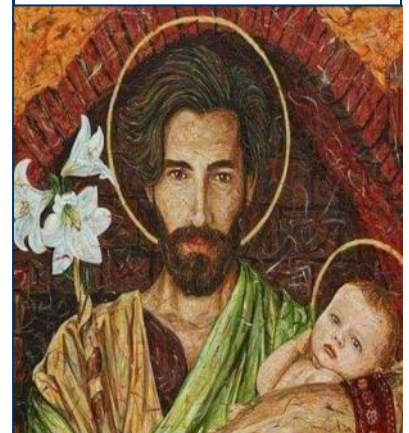
**3:45-4:30 p.m.**

**Inside Church**

## **Adoration**

**First Fridays**

**8:00-9:00 a.m.**





## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time! In our Gospel Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds and becomes the largest of all plants. The seed is like our faith and when we exercise our faith, we are given courage and fortitude to please and serve Christ our Lord. Meditate on the words of St. Paul who says to us, **“We walk by faith, not by sight.”**

Happy Father’s Day to all our Saint Joe’s Dad’s. This weekend at all Masses we’ll thank God for the gift of Fatherhood, with a special blessing upon all our fathers. May our fathers be given the strength to be the vessel of God’s love, and let’s pray for all our fathers, both living and deceased, and remember those who are hoping to become fathers!

Congratulations to all our Saint Joe’s graduates, and during next weekend’s Masses, 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 next weekend. Let’s pray that God will guide their feet as they move on to their next journey in life.

This Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> I will celebrate my 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. I love being a Priest of Jesus Christ and it’s a great joy to serve and love you in the name of the Lord. On Thursday, I will celebrate my 69<sup>th</sup> Birthday. I always give thanks to God for the gift of life and on that day, I will remember my parents, Beverly and Joseph who brought me into the world. May they make merry in the Kingdom of God. Please continue to pray for me, for prayer is the pillar of my ministry. I’m grateful!

This week’s construction photos of the week show the outside work that is being prepared for new water and electrical conduits.



I’m praying for your family,  
Msgr. Kevin

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

And all the trees of the field shall know  
that I, the LORD,  
bring low the high tree,  
lift high the lowly tree,  
wither up the green tree,  
and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

### Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

### Second Reading:

Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
whether we are at home or away. (2 Cor 5:9)

### Gospel:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground,  
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.  
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of  
plants." (Mk 4:31-32)

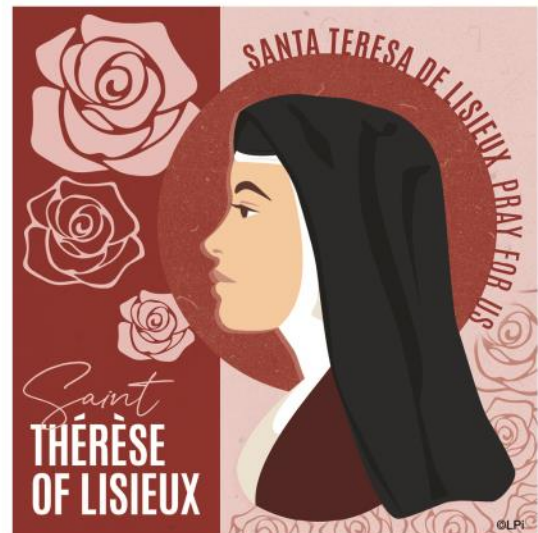
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Faith can start small, Jesus tells us — as small as the tiniest seed on earth. But it's up to us to surround that seed with good, nutritious soil, to nourish it with sunlight and water, and to tend to it lovingly so that it will grow.

## Observances for the week of June 16, 2024

- Sunday:** 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day  
**Wednesday:** St. Romuald, Abbot  
**Thursday:** World Refugee Day  
**Friday:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious  
**Saturday:** St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs  
**Next Sunday:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) was a French Carmelite sister whose autobiography has inspired Catholics across the world to deepen their relationship with God. She died at 24 from tuberculosis and is currently the youngest person to be named a Doctor of the Church.

## Prayer for God's Increase

Dear God,

Work here! Bring growth and increase to the work we are doing in Your name. Bless us as we follow where You invite, and work where You direct.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of June 16, 2024

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/  
Mt 5:38-42

### Tuesday:

1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/  
Mt 5:43-48

### Wednesday:

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday:

Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

### Friday:

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/  
Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

### Saturday:

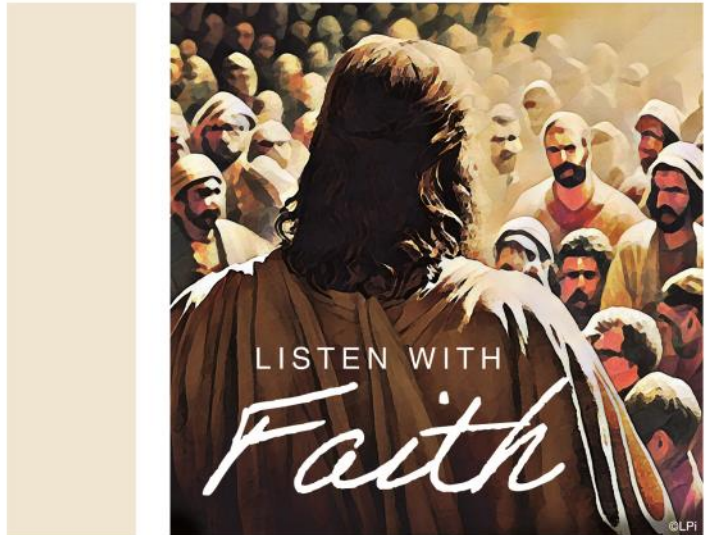
2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32,  
33-34/Mt 6:24-34

### Next Sunday:

Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29,  
30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, **“he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything.”** Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— Father John Muir

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

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## 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.



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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!**

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# 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](mailto:MARC@STJOSEPHLB.ORG)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND DEDICATION!

## When:

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

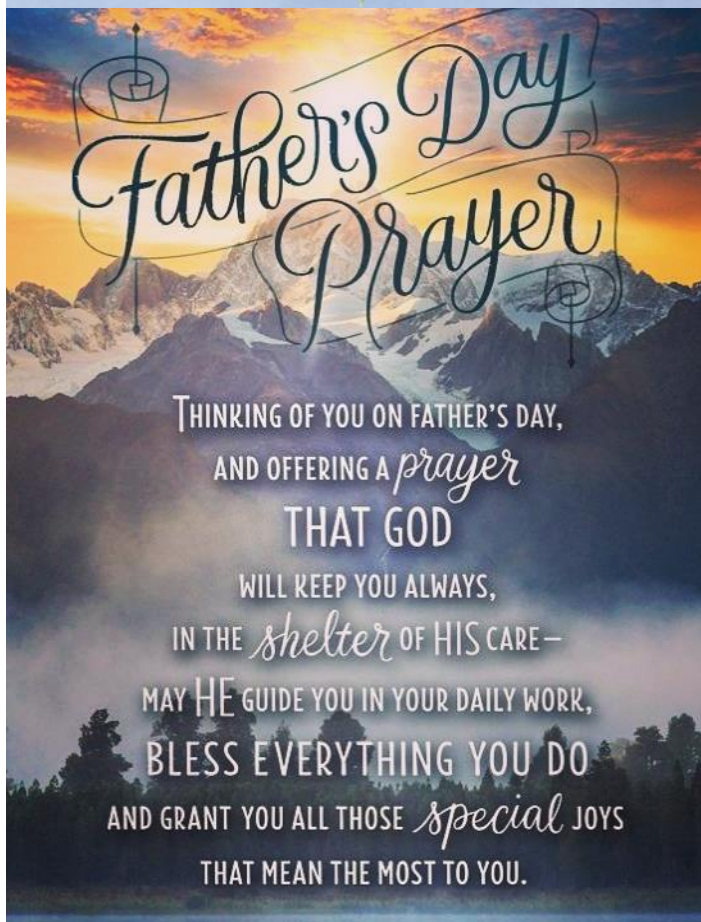
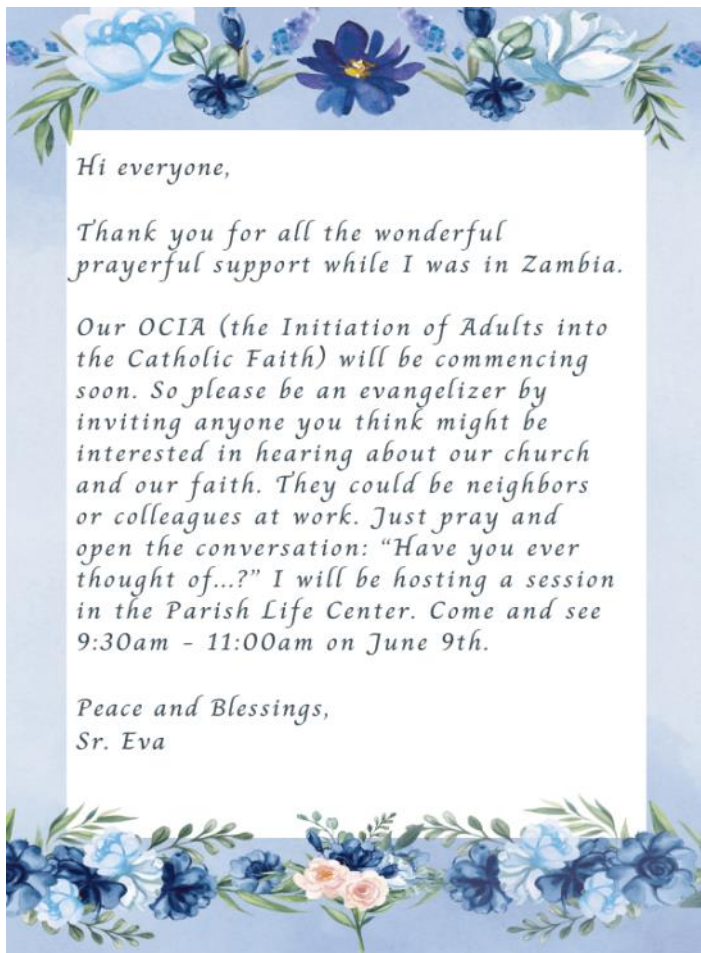
## ACTIVITIES:

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

**TO JOIN US!**

**Please contact Marc Leon  
to join our Team!**  
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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?



## Protecting Our Children

### What most abuse cases have in common

Child sexual abuse happens under varied circumstances, and to victims of all ages. But many cases have two things in common: vulnerability and opportunity. Vulnerability can come in the form of physical weakness in comparison to an abuser, or a power imbalance in a relationship. Abusers often target vulnerable victims through grooming, making them accustomed to increasingly inappropriate behaviors. From there, abusers will take available opportunities — sleepovers, babysitting, chaotic events like parties or festivals — to make their move. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Learning from True Stories of Victims/Survivors” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

## In Memoriam

**Karen Ouly**

Memorial Service at All Souls Mortuary Chapel  
Monday, June 17th at 5:00 pm

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



**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.



**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](mailto: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

**LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE.**

"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.



6:00pm Friday, July 26 to  
1:30pm Sunday, July 28, 2024

### The Gift of Enough

Rev. Terry Hershey



Join Terry Hershey as he invites us to remember, accept, and appreciate the gift of "enough". There is power in the word, enough – when just our presence in the moment can be a gift to ourselves and others. Then we can recognize and celebrate the sacrament of the present moment, knowing that the ordinary can be the hiding place for the holy. We carry the capacity to honor the present into every encounter and relationship, meaning that we honor the dignity that is reflected by God's goodness and grace. Every encounter, every relationship, is a place to include, invite mercy, encourage, receive, heal, reconcile, repair, say thank you, pray, celebrate, refuel, and restore. We all need a time and a place that allows us—gives us permission—to pause and embrace the gift of enough, befriend our own heart, and be at home in our own skin. Terry invites us to gather and reflect on the "enough" in our own lives, let our own light brighten the world a bit & make a difference.



Terry is a renowned author, humorist, engaging inspirational speaker, master storyteller and ordained minister. He divides his time between designing sanctuary gardens and sharing his written or spoken words to help others rest, renew, and live wholehearted. He returns here for what has become a welcome and well-attended annual visit. Terry's recent books include *The Gift of Enough – A Journal for the Present Moment*, *This is the Life*, and *Stand Still – Finding Balance When the World Turns Upside Down*. Most days, you can find Terry out in his garden in Port Ludlow on the Puget Sound, because he believes there is something fundamentally spiritual about dirt under your fingernails.

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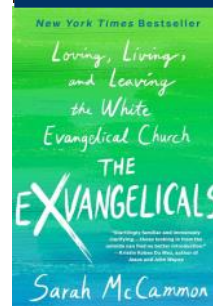
Bereavement classes will resume after a short recess for the summer.

**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

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