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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

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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**

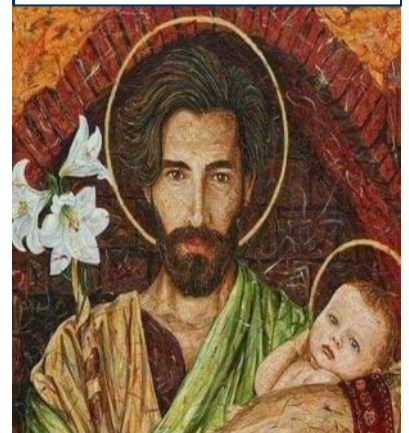
**3:45-4:30 p.m.**

**Inside Church**

## **Adoration**

**First Fridays**

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





## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time! This Sunday's Scriptures offer us a lesson in community. From the Book of Numbers to the Gospel of Mark, the Spirit of God is at work in our world descending upon all of us and at work in places that would surprise us. The Spirit of God is a prophetic Spirit stirring up in the lives of all people so that peace and justice might reign in all of creation!

Welcome to all the women participants in this weekend's, "Welcome, Christ Renews His Parish Weekend." This is the third women's retreat weekend here at St. Joseph's. As you read this, the women are on retreat! Please pray for them and for all of those who are serving the retreatants as the Team! Scroll down and meet the women who surrendered to the Lord and all of us this weekend. May the Lord Bless the sacrifice of these beautiful women and may the prophetic Holy Spirit empower them:

Renee Ashcraft  
Desiree Cirrincione  
Tina Gath  
Helen Haas  
Jessica Leon  
Sylvia McMillen  
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Blessings on your week,  
Msgr. Kevin



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Are you jealous for my sake?  
Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Nm 11:29)

### Psalms:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

### Second Reading:

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries.

Your wealth has rotted away. (Jas 5:1-2)

### Gospel:

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name  
who can at the same time speak ill of me.

For whoever is not against us is for us." (Mk 9:39-40)

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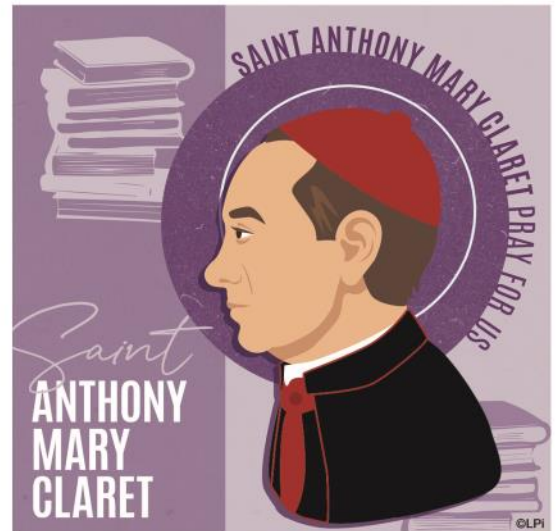
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off,"  
Jesus says. It's easy to gasp in horror at  
the thought of going through life deprived  
of a limb. But our horror should be even  
greater at the thought of going through  
life deprived of God's grace.

## Observances for the week of September 29, 2024

- Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Priesthood Sunday
- Monday:** St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,  
Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** The Holy Guardian Angels
- Friday:** St. Francis of Assisi
- Saturday:** Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin;  
Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Respect Life Sunday



## Saint of the week

Saint Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870), sometimes called the "spiritual father of Cuba," was a priest and popular preacher with a missionary heart. He founded the Claretians missionary order and the Religious Publishing House and reformed the Archdiocese in Cuba.

## Prayer of Service

Dear sweet Jesus,  
Every day you give us is a gift.  
We know endless gifts from  
your hands.  
Even our attempts to "give  
back" to you often become  
new doors of graces in our  
lives.  
Help us to serve you more fully,  
more deeply.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of September 29, 2024

### Sunday:

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/  
Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### Monday:

Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

### Tuesday:

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6,  
7-8/Lk 9:51-56

### Wednesday:

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/  
Mt 18:1-5, 10

### Thursday:

Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/  
Lk 10:1-12

### Friday:

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10,  
13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

### Saturday:

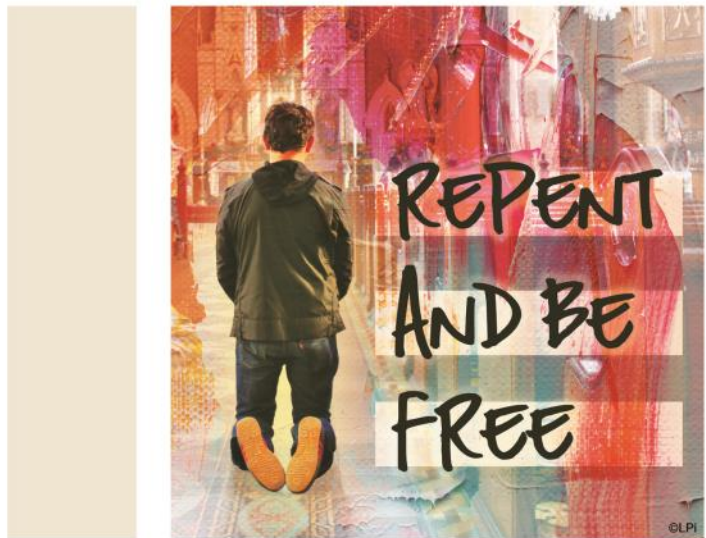
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,  
125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

### Next Sunday:

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/  
Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

— Father John Muir

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## A Special Opportunity for our Parish Men

Openings are still  
available for  
Men's Welcome Christ  
Renews His Parish Retreat  
next Month

Connect with other men that have the desire to grow in their faith. Experience Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat weekend. It is an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. This is important! Take the time and sign up for the Men's weekend.

**Men's weekend is  
October 19-20, 2024.**

Visit the parish website to sign up or find out more information.

<https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-christ-renews/>

Welcome Christ Renews His Parish



Please pray for our Women's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat that is happening this weekend.

May everything go smoothly and may everyone involved be blessed with energy, wisdom, grace, and joyful spirits. May the women attending the retreat feel the power of the Holy Spirit and experience renewal through Christ and feel a stronger connection with one another and with St. Joseph Parish.

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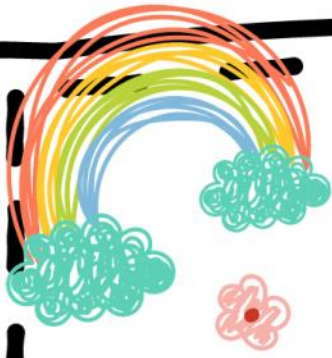
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**"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God."**

**-2 Cor 9:11.**

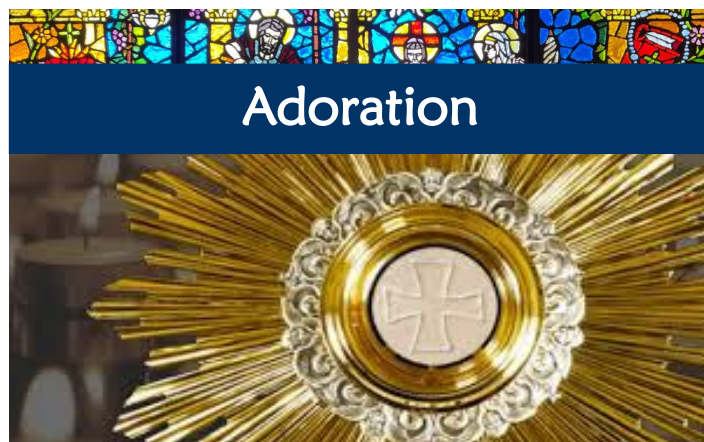
**Feed-a-Baby Food Drive:** *Thank you* for the amazing support of last weekend's baby product drive! Combined with the School's Drive, we collected over **20 shopping carts** of food and other baby products. **\$1,843 in cash donations** were used to purchase additional baby products requested by Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings.

**Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: DRIVERS NEEDED.** As a parish community, we will support 70 families for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Can you help us deliver? So meaningful to kids! Please contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or [jmsalinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:jmsalinaz@yahoo.com).

**Family Adoptions:** Would you like to adopt a family to support Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Questions? Call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss [cr.bauss@verizon.net](mailto:cr.bauss@verizon.net).


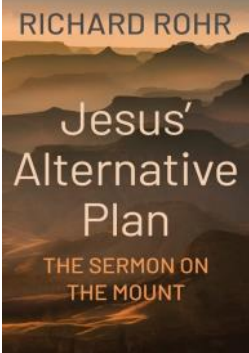
**Oct. 26-27: New Blanket Drive:** Collecting new blankets for our Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution.

For many opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark, (562) 431-4385 *and be attentive to Skip-a-Meal donations during the holiday season!*



Come and spend an hour with our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Experience what Catholic author Matthew Kelly calls "The Classroom of Silence," and respond to Jesus' call: "Could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40).

Deacon Tom & Pat Halliwell will lead Eucharistic Adoration this **Friday October 4th** at **8:00 am**.

 <h2 style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Book Club</h2>	
	<p>Our next Book Club meeting is</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 20th</b> at 7pm on Zoom</p> <p><b>Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount</b> by Richard Rohr O.F.M. (September 6, 2022 updated edition)</p>

"Acclaimed spiritual leader and Franciscan priest Richard Rohr explores the implications of Christ's best-known teachings in the Sermon on the Mount, offering a fresh perspective on what it means for Christian life today." Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount: Rohr O.F.M., Richard: 9781632534163: Amazon.com: Books

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## Seniors Group

Our next get together will be at the El Dorado Restaurant on Monday, October 14th 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.





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