

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together. The hand on the left is wearing a white sleeve, and the hand on the right is wearing a gold-colored sleeve. The background is a soft, warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is one of unity and connection.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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HAS JOINED
TOGETHER.

— MARK 10:9 —

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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

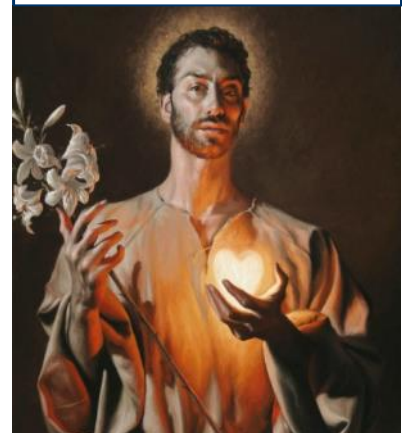
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Peace and Greetings to all of you on this 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time. It's with sadness that I inform you that Vivian Doughty's husband Dave passed away last Sunday evening. Vivian and Dave were married for 41 years and they have two adult sons, Matt and Tommy. As we pray for this family, let us remember that the eternal promises of the Lord are fulfilled. May the embrace of the Lord, the Blessed Mother and our Patron St. Joseph comfort Vivian's family as they mourn the loss of a husband and father and may the Choir of Angels lead Dave into Paradise. Funeral plans are pending, and I will keep you informed.

Next weekend I will gather with almost 600 Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem for our annual meeting. This year we are assembling in Salt Lake City, Utah. Our mission is to support the Christians in the Holy Land and this year we hear their cries more than ever. There is a dire need for us to pray for peace in the Middle East and especially in the Holy Land, in the land where our Lord Jesus Christ lived, died and rose from the dead. Welcome to Fr. Paolo who will help meet your spiritual needs next Sunday!

Our annual financial report for the fiscal year 2023-2024 was recently accepted by the Archdiocese. Scroll down past this column to see the financial report presented to you, the wonderful parishioners of St. Joseph. I'm grateful to Eden Ines our Parish Bookkeeper and your Parish Finance Council for being good stewards of our parish resources. I'm even more grateful to all of you for your stewardship and support of your parish family!

October is Respect Life Month and I encourage you to pray the Rosary and seek help from above for all the issues our world is facing.

Fall Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin

Parish Finance

2023-24 St. Joseph Parish Financial Report

Income

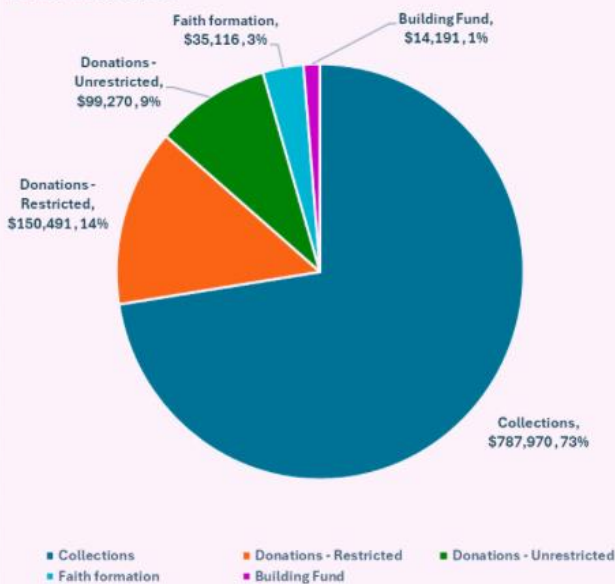
Collections	\$	787,970	72.5%
Donations - Restricted	\$	150,491	13.8%
Donations - Unrestricted	\$	99,270	9.1%
Faith Formation	\$	35,116	3.2%
Building Fund	\$	14,191	1.3%
Total	\$	1,087,038	100.0%

Expenses

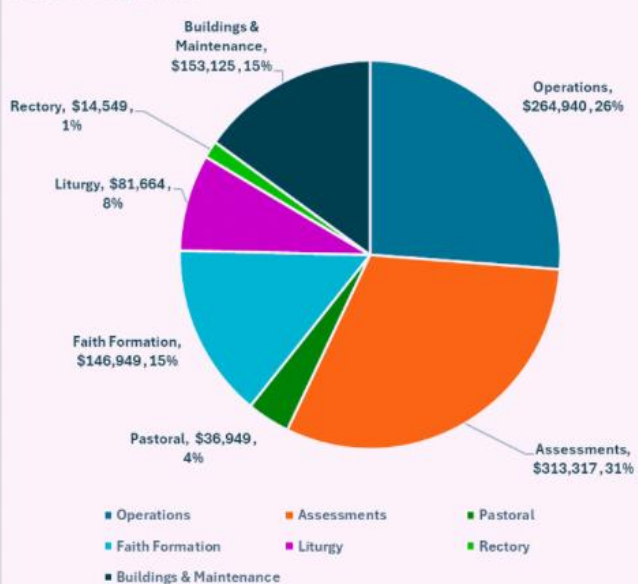
Operations	\$	264,940	26.2%
Assessments	\$	313,317	31.0%
Pastoral	\$	36,949	3.7%
Faith Formation	\$	146,949	14.5%
Liturgy	\$	81,664	8.1%
Rector's Office	\$	14,549	1.4%
Buildings & Maintenance	\$	153,125	15.1%
Total	\$	1,011,494	100.0%

NET SURPLUS \$ 75,545

2023-24 Income



2023-24 Expenses



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

That is why a man leaves his father and mother
and clings to his wife,
and the two of them become one flesh. (Gn 2:24)

Psalm:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated
all have one origin. (Heb 9:11)

Gospel:

"Therefore what God has joined together,
no human being must separate." (Mk 10:9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

To follow Jesus, we must cast off all illusions of importance and wisdom. We must embrace our own smallness, rejoice in our own weakness. In doing that, we become like true children, and discover the saving strength of our God.

Observances for the week of October 6, 2024

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Wednesday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest

Friday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 -1917) dreamed of being a missionary. She first served Italian immigrant populations, from New York to Chicago, and across the U.S. She is the first United States citizen to be canonized and is the Universal Patron of Immigrants.

Prayer for Marriage

God, pour Your blessings upon those You have called to marriage. Strengthen the bonds of their unions. May Your love be revealed in the ways they cherish and support each other, in good times and bad, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 6, 2024

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

Monday:

Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday:

Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:

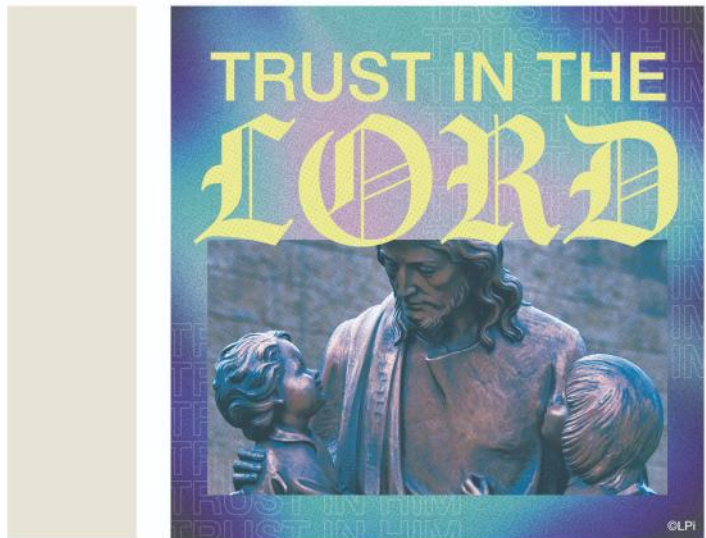
Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday:

Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/
Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, "Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?" I replied, "Actually, Jesus' teaching is what's difficult." He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

We opened the Bible and together read today's gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, **"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her..."** My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn't know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, **"Let the children come to me."** The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren't yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church's demanding teaching on marriage, it's best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Welcome Team

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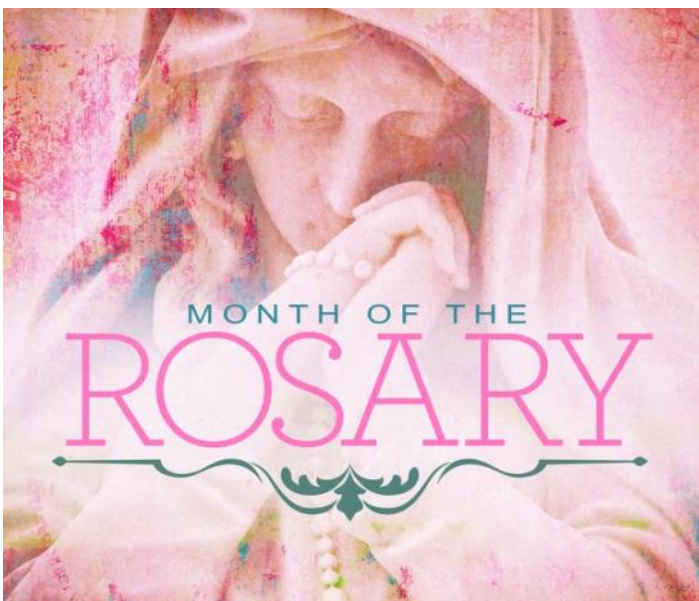
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July 31st. Register at www.griefshare.org/groups/241498. Contact Liz Ferletic-Frith at
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Seniors Group

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.



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.

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