

# St. Joseph Parish



## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and  
to God what belongs to God.” - Mt 22:21c

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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

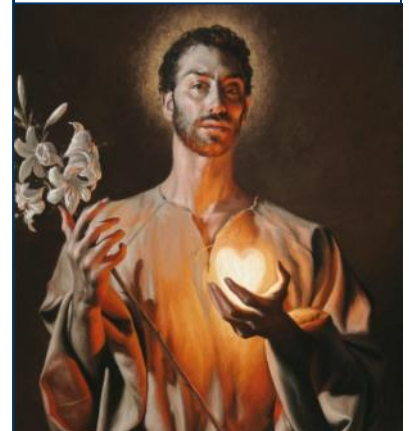
3:45-4:30 p.m.

**Inside Church**

## Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.







## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. In this Sunday's Gospel, we meet Jesus who says, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's." With all the danger and divisions in our world this week, especially in the Middle East, let's give ourselves to God in prayer and pray for peace. Remember, peace begins with you!

In Rome, the first session of the Synod on Synodality is entering its' final week of four weeks. The members have described it as a marathon as the 365 women, men and bishops from around the world, have gathered to address the issues of the church and the world, and to listen to one another. At the Opening of the Synod, Pope Francis said the following: "Let us continue to remember that the Synod is not a political gathering, but a convocation in the spirit; not a polarized parliament, but a place of grace and communion. The Holy Spirit often shatters our expectations to create something new that surpasses our predictions and negativities. Let us open ourselves to him and call upon him, the protagonist, the Holy Spirit and let us walk with him, in trust, and with joy." Continue to pray!!!

Next Sunday is our annual New Blanket Drive to support our Thanksgiving Families in need. We are also in need of 25 drivers to help distribute the Thanksgiving Boxes to our families. Scroll down for more information.

Let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem, Gaza and Israel,  
Msgr. Kevin



Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts.

— *Pope Francis* —

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

### Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

### Second Reading:

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

### Gospel:

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God is greater than this world, and his truth is stronger than all its ideologies. Remember that no matter how we vote, who we agree with or what our background is, we belong to Him alone.

## Observances for the week of October 22, 2023

**Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Mission Sunday

**Monday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest

**Tuesday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

**Saturday:** Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

**Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

Venerable Rafael Cordero y Molina dedicated his life to the free education of children in Puerto Rico. Born into a black family and, thus, barred from the local schools as a child, he established a school committed to inclusion and provided free education for any in need.

## Prayer

Our Lord and God, You instilled in your Servant, Rafael Cordero y Molina, a Puerto Rican layman, an ardent zeal for the integral education of children and a luminous charity toward the poor and helpless. Help me to also respond with the generosity of service to those in need in around me. I ask of You, if it is Your will, that You grant me (my intercession) so that Your servant Rafael is elevated to sainthood.

Amen.

*(Prayer Source: <https://elvisitantepr.com/rafael-cordero-ejemplo-de-humildad-y-servicio/> translation by LPi.)*

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# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

### Sunday:

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10  
(7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

### Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/  
Lk 12:13-21

### Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a,  
8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

### Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/  
Lk 12:39-48

### Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/  
Lk 12:49-53

### Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/  
Lk 12:54-59

### Saturday:

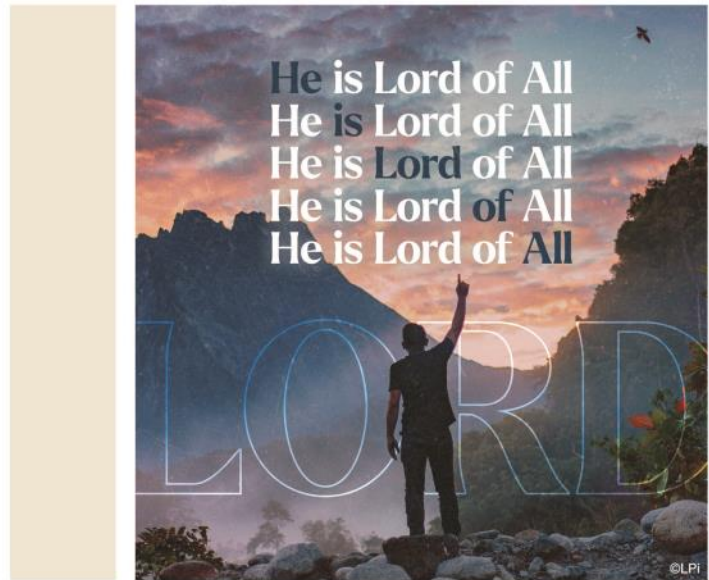
Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

### Next Sunday:

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/  
1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "**Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.**" This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — *and God owns Caesar*. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

— *Father John Muir*

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# Movement for a Better World



**“If you want peace, work for justice.”**

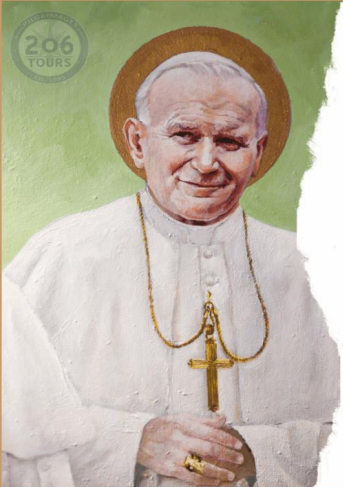
-Pope Paul VI

**Oct. 28-29:** New Blanket Drive: Collecting new blankets for our Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution.

**Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: *DRIVERS NEEDED.*** As a parish community, we will support 65 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:** 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).

Please call Tim Clark to learn about many opportunities to serve, (562) 431-4385 and be attentive to Skip-a-Meal donations during the



*“What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love Him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless.”*

—  
SAINT JOHN PAUL II



World Mission Sunday 2023

October 22nd



Hearts on fire, feet on the move.  
Luke 24:13-35

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BE THE SPARK THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES. GIVE NOW.

WWW.MISSIONSLA.ORG

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis’s call to keep our **“Hearts on Fire, feet on the move.”** On this Day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and missionaries, sharing the Good News. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith directly aids priests, religious, and lay leaders in the Pope’s missions, allowing them to minister to a n uplift communiities in dire need. Let’s light up the world with our prayers and generosity. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution!

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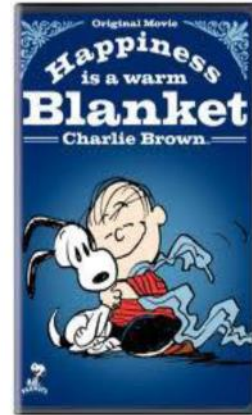




Please pray for our Men's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat as final preparations are made for next weekend's retreat, October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. May the retreat planning go smoothly and be blessed with energy, wisdom, grace, and joyful spirits. May all the men attending the retreat feel the power of the Holy Spirit and experience renewal through Christ and feel a stronger connection with one another and with St. Joseph's Parish.



## NEW BLANKET DRIVE



October 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

Collecting new blankets for local families in need

### Mary & Joseph RETREAT CENTER *Weekend Healing Retreat*

6:00 pm Friday, November 17 to  
1:30 pm Sunday, November 19, 2023

#### Call To Be Made Whole

*Empowerment of the Holy Spirit*

**Fr. Pat Crowley, SSCC**



This retreat will center on renewal in the Holy Spirit with special times provided for healing pray: "O Holy Spirit, renew your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost." (St. John XX111). "The rediscovery of the power of the Spirit, then, is a fundamental part of Church renewal. It has to be at the basis of everything else and it will, of necessity, affect everything else... worship and liturgy, community, daily life together, service, evangelism." *Steve Clark, Where Are We Headed?* This retreat is an opportunity to experience time for quiet reflection and prayer, personal ministry, and daily celebration of the eucharist. The sacrament of reconciliation will also be available for those wishing to avail themselves of the sacrament. There will be a general healing service on Saturday evening in the Chapel. Fr. Pat is a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts in the Western Region of the United States Province. He has been actively involved in the Healing & Retreat Ministries for over forty years. He resides at the Community House in Hemet, CA.

Cost: per person/shared \$250; single \$350; commuter \$160  
To register call José at (310) 377-4867 ext 250 or email him at [jsalas@maryjoseph.org](mailto:jsalas@maryjoseph.org) or register online at [www.maryjoseph.org](http://www.maryjoseph.org). Please see website for Cancellation Policy.

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"Every child who is born, from the beginning of time to the end, is born from the loving thought of our Heavenly Father, who holds us in his gaze, looking upon each of us as one of his own, a beloved son, a beloved daughter."  
-Archbishop José H. Gomez







## Safeguard The Children

### Pornography addiction affects young people's mental health

Protecting children from pornography is getting harder and harder in today's increasingly sexualized and digital world. When young people become addicted to pornography, it changes their brain chemistry and hinders their ability to grow in healthy, normal ways. Viewing pornography can also blur boundaries for a young person, leaving him or her more vulnerable to sexual abuse. In fact, abusers often use pornography to desensitize their victims. For more information on the dangers of pornography and addiction, read the VIRTUS® article "Pornography Addiction and Neurobiology" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).



## St. Joseph Grief Support

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**Tuesdays at 9:30am**

**Bereavement classes will end October 31.**

Two special holiday presentations upcoming for Thanksgiving and Christmas

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Call May 562-833-6370

classes are held in the PLC building.



## Seniors Group

The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on **Monday, October 23rd** in the hall. The activities will begin at 11:00 am and will include Bingo, many kinds of card games, Mexican train, and lots of socializing. Bring your brown bag lunch, and coffee, tea, water, snacks and dessert will be provided. We look forward to seeing all our members and any new friends who would like to join us.

We are planning our **Christmas meeting** for **Monday, December 11th**, and will be taking paid reservations for lunch (\$10). We are also collecting hand knit blankets for babies and other baby and small children items of new clothing or toys. These will be distributed to the Movement for a Better World families that the Parish supports during the Holidays. Thank you for your generosity!



### Sacred Heart Novitiate

#### Work Day

Come help the Sacred Heart Sisters

**Saturday, November 4 (8:00am to 2:00pm)**  
*(Breakfast & Lunch provided)*

Bring your friends and join us in a day of cleaning, gardening, planting, spreading mulch, fellowship and more!  
Teens are welcome to come for service hours.

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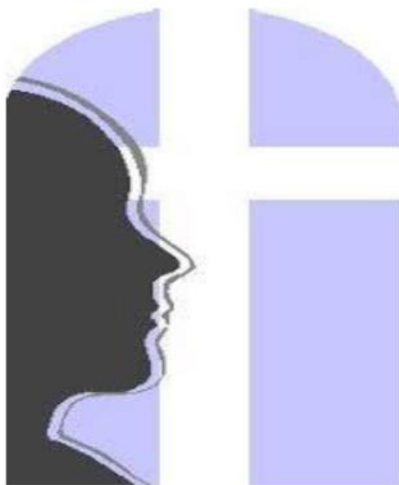
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