

St. Joseph Parish



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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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

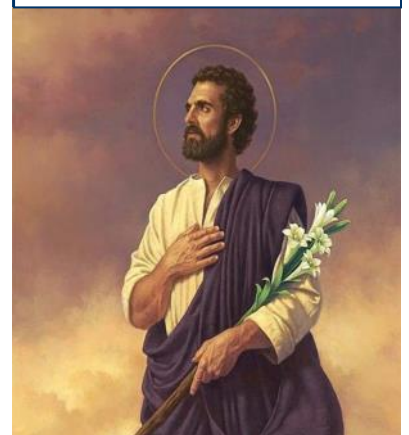
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Blessings upon you and your family as we enter the month of All Souls and All Saints. Be assured that your St. Joe's family is remembering and praying for all of your loved ones and friends who have gone home to the Lord!!

This past weekend 25 men from our parish participated in the "Welcome, Christ Renews His Parish Weekend Retreat." 25 Women attended the retreat back in September. These disciples of Christ have been transformed and you can read more about the Weekend Retreat and view the group pictures – just scroll further down in this bulletin.

Mark your calendars. Our parish commitment to your ongoing faith formation and growth in spirituality is a priority this year. On Dec. 5-6, Dr. Bill Creasy will lead us in an Advent Retreat. Scroll down for more information. We'll be talking more about this in the weeks to come.

Each year in November we honor those of our parish community who went home to the Lord. Their names are on a special placard in the Church and they are listed in the following column.

May these amazing parishioners and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in eternal light and peace. AMEN!

Msgr. Kevin

In loving memory of

Ada Arensdorf

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

You have turned aside from the way,
and have caused many to falter by your instruction.
(Mal 2:8)

Psalm:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace. (Ps 131)

Second Reading:

With such affection for you, we were determined to
share with you
not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as
well,
so dearly beloved had you become to us. (1Thes 2:8)

Gospel:

"Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they
tell you,
but do not follow their example.
For they preach but they do not practice." (Mt 23:3)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ turns the way of the world upside down:
the great become the small and the honored
ones become humble. Be small, and you will feel
his greatness. Be humble, and you will know the
honor of Heaven.

Observances for the week of November 5, 2023

- Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week
- Tuesday:** Election Day
- Thursday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Friday:** St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
- Next Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Henriette DeLille was a woman of faith, perseverance, and service who dedicated her life to the people of New Orleans. Her courage, compassion, and dedication to the oppressed was a shining example of what it means to live a life of service and love.

Prayer

O good and gracious God, You called Henriette Delille to give herself in service and in love to the slaves and the sick, to the orphan and the aged, to the forgotten and the despised.

Grant that inspired by her life, we might be renewed in heart and in mind. If it be Your will may she one day be raised to the honor of sainthood. By her prayers, may we live in harmony and peace, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.henriette-delille.com/beatification-prayer>)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 5, 2023

Sunday:

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday:

Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday:

Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday:

Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday:

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday:

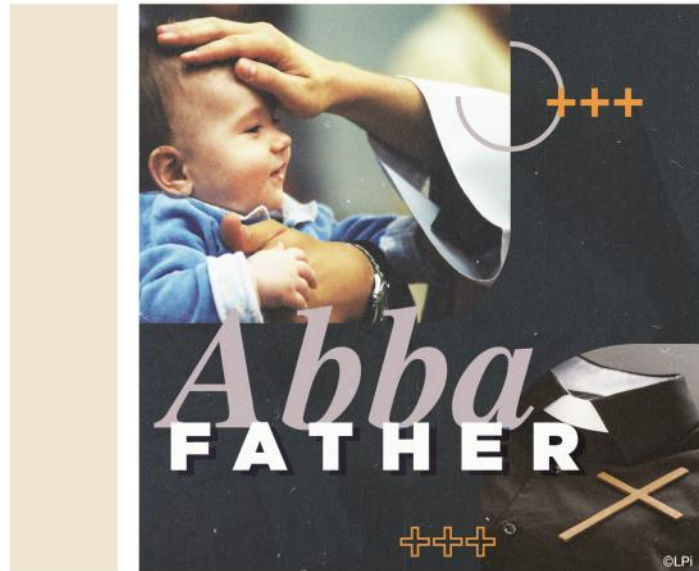
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



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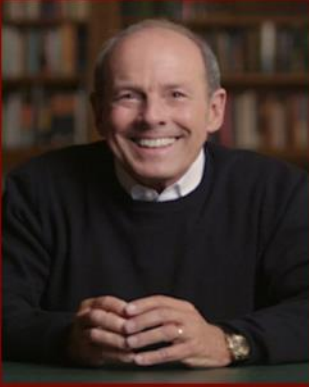
Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: “Why do we call priests ‘father’ if Jesus says, **‘Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven?’**” Thinking myself clever, I asked, “Do you think it’s okay to call someone your ‘teacher’ or ‘mister’ or ‘dad’?” She said, “Yes, I do.” I responded, “Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it’s obviously hyperbole that he’s using.” She thought for a moment and declared, “Then I will stop using those words, too!” And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn’t be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression “father” for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest’s fatherhood doesn’t begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title “father” indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God’s Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God’s awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I’m a priest, the more I’m comfortable with people not using the title “father” and just calling me “John.” After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title “father.” Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father’s love. It’s good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives. — *Father John Muir*



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A Special Thank you to Monsignor Kevin who has been incredibly supportive and made it possible to bring Welcome Christ Renews His Parish to St. Joseph Church.



Last weekend we concluded our First Men's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat at St. Joseph's. The Women's just a few weeks ago. The Men's and Women's retreats took place over two days and were lead from men and women of St. Joseph with Monsignor Kevin as our Spiritual Guide. Participants felt the power of the Holy Spirit and were renewed with the presence of Our Lord. It was an amazing experience for all participants as well as the

Lay Formation Team and the Support Team.

Both, Retreats were a huge success! We have already begun planning for the next retreats which will take place in the Spring.



It is our hope that the Parish will benefit from the love, joy, and excitement that this Renewal Retreat brings to our community. Together

continuing to grow in God's love and building a faith filled community of love and service to others.

The spring schedule and registration for our next Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat is available on the parish website. The Women's is Saturday, March 9th and Sunday, March 10th, 2024 and the Men's is Saturday, April 13th and Sunday, April 14th, 2024. To provide the best experience, space is limited.



In Christ's love and joy,
The Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat team.



Movement for a Better World



“If you want peace, work for justice.”

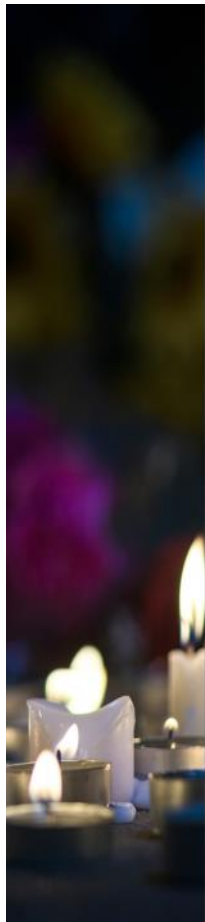
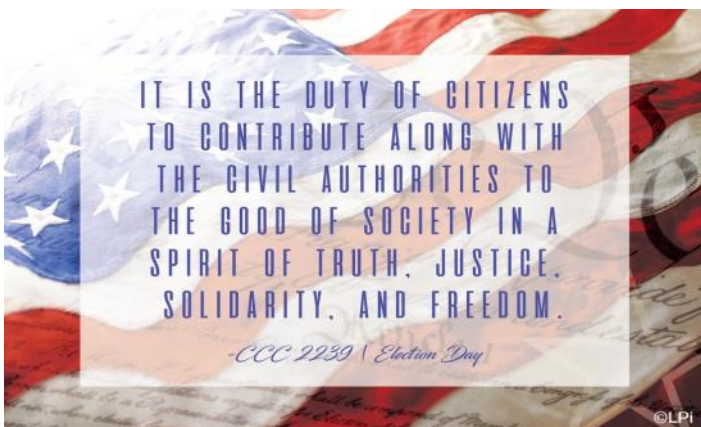
-Pope Paul VI

Blanket Drive: Thank you for the outstanding support of last weekend’s blanket drive! 175 blankets were collected, as well as additional commitments. \$376 in cash donations will be used to purchase additional blankets in support of our over 100 families for Thanksgiving.

Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: *DRIVERS NEEDED.* As a parish community, we will support 68 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.

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.

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



All Souls Memorial Service
Saturday November 4th

Join us in remembering our departed loved ones.

Please join us for a memorial service in honor of those who have gone before us. Let us come together to celebrate their lives and honor their memories.

Service will begin after the 5pm vigil mass, approximately 6pm



In Memoriam

Patricia Crawford

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph: November 8th at 10:00 am

Paula Pettit

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph: November 13th at 10:00 am

JoAnn Koester

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph: November 16th at 10:30 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~



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Keeping children safe in sports

Every adult has the responsibility to make sports a safe and enjoyable experience for children. Playing sports helps children work on sportsmanship, goal setting, personal responsibility, and emotional control. But sports also include some risks — the potential for physical injury, bullying, hazing, and even abuse. Because sports happen outside of “normal” school hours, there may be less safety checks than there are in school. Parents need to be vigilant in confirming that coaches and volunteers are vetted, and that their children are playing in safe environments. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Keeping Youth Safe in Sports” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



St. Joseph Grief Support



Offering support and care this holiday season.

We are offering two sessions to help you deal with grief. Both sessions are the same.

Grief support in person session plus video.
November 14th, Tuesday 9:30 am to 11:30 am
in the PLC building.

December 12th, Tuesday 9:30 am to 11:30 am
in the PLC building.

(These Sessions are Complimentary)



Seniors Group



The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on **Monday, November 13th** 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). The Alpha K and K classes will entertain us at the December meeting. We always look forward to that.

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.

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