

# St. Joseph Parish

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— LUKE 9:13 —

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## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ! Our Sunday Scriptures remind us that we are all called to share in the bread and wine that becomes the Body and Blood of Christ. One of the great gifts of our faith is knowing that the best place to meet the Lord is at the holy Altar table for it is Christ's table! Renew yourself in your love for the Eucharist and Christ's desire to feed you and to satisfy all your hungers and thirsts!

Please mark your calendars to join your Parish family as we celebrate the grand opening of our new St. Joseph Center in collaboration with celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Saint Joseph's Parish. The date is Saturday, August 23 and the festivities include participation in the regular Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM followed by dinner in the new Saint Joseph center at 6 o'clock and concluding with an outdoor Christian concert on the grass at 7:30 PM. In July, you will receive an invitation to RSVP so we can have a count in preparation for the festivities.

The civil unrest and plague of fear surrounding so many of our communities continued this past week. There is always a way out of fear, and that is by recognizing the awesome power of God who changes hearts! May the Lord hear our prayers for unity and peace!!

The long days of summer provide us and our families with various opportunities to enjoy some days of leisure, reconnect with family and friends and fix up things that are broken around the house or apartment. Sister Eva wanted to inform all of you about her summer plans, and she has written the following:

*Dear Friends: From July 11 to August 8, our Irish Sisters will be hosting our Congregational Chapter in Ireland. I am one of the delegates representing California and Sisters will be there from Zambia, Malawi, Nigeria, Ireland, and England. I ask for your prayers as we elect a new Congregational Leader and her new team. I pray that you all keep safe and well over the summertime. I look forward to returning in August relaxed and refreshed to my wonderful ministries here at Saint Joe's.*

*-Peace and Blessings, Sr. Eva.*

I'm grateful to Sr. Eva and the many ways she lifts us up to the Lord. Let's pray for Sr. Eva and her Congregation, the Religious Sisters of Charity as they discern the movement of the Spirit in their community life.

Enjoy these long days of summer light,  
Msgr. Kevin



## A Note From Our Pastor

May the words of Riley Hunsaker, our newest Catholic and recent participant in the OCIA process inspire all those who are considering to be inquirers:

“Although I came from a family who believed in God, I never had a direction of faith nor did I think I had any time to practice faith, so I never did. About 2 years ago I decided to start going to church. I was baptized in a Christian church but since I was new to faith I started going to both Christian and Catholic mass every Sunday. I got a recommendation from a parishioner over at St. Hedwig’s to come to St. Joseph’s because of how awesome Monsignor Kevin is, not a joke. After my first Sunday I knew this was the faith that was meant for me and the Parish I had to be at. I met with Fred and Susan and God made me PATIENTLY wait for the journey of becoming Catholic to begin and tested me numerous times to see if I really wanted it. This faith journey has been unlike anything I have ever experienced, the knowledge I have obtained about the faith and myself, I couldn’t put a price on it. It has brought comfort and clarity to my life knowing I can always count on Jesus Christ as well as my group to be there for me. It has taught me much needed patience. The journey has shown me a whole new perspective, being less worried about how things are going and trusting in God’s plan for me. It has definitely taught me how to let things go and pray for the person who cut me off on the freeway. Most importantly, this journey has taught me how to make important decisions through discernment and always turning toward my faith. On paper it seems like it took such a long time but honestly it flew by so fast, and I am going to miss meeting with the group every Sunday. I know I still have a lot to learn, and I am glad I now have a sense of direction to take that I didn’t have 2 years ago.”-

Riley Hunsaker



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
the creator of heaven and earth;  
and blessed be God Most High,  
who delivered your foes into your hand." (Gn 14:19-20)

### Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

### Second Reading:

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

### Gospel:

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God,  
and he healed those who needed to be cured. (Lk 9:11b)

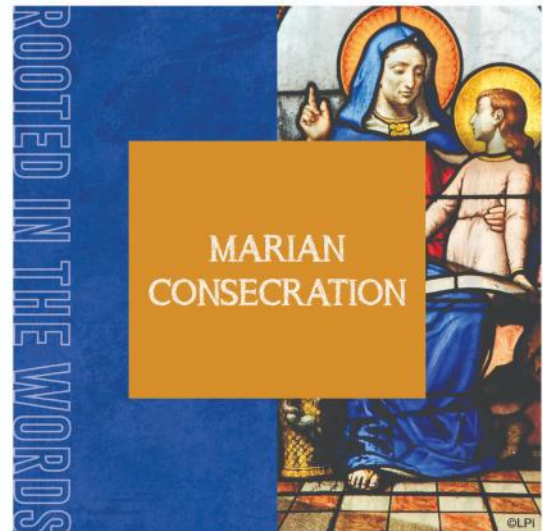
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Five loaves and two fish: a measly portion of food  
for such a large crowd of people. But we must  
remember that it doesn't matter what the size of  
our offering is. If we only lay it before Christ, he  
will take it and make it a mighty bounty.

## Observances for the week of June 22, 2025

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Tuesday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles



## Devotions, *Explained!*

Marian consecration is the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother and is rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27).

## Prayer for the True Presence

Jesus,  
What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of June 22, 2025

### Sunday:

Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/  
1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

### Monday:

Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/  
Mt 7:1-5

### Tuesday:

*Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab  
and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

*Day:* Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/  
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

### Wednesday:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt  
7:15-20

### Thursday:

Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/  
Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

### Friday:

Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/  
Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

### Saturday:

Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53,  
54-55/Mt 8:5-17

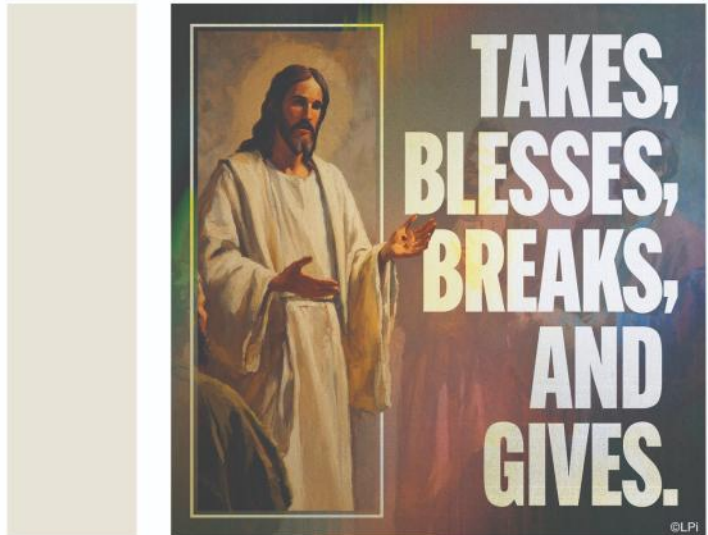
### Next Sunday:

*Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/  
Jn 21:15-19

*Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, "The Eucharist is not a noun. It's a verb." In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn't simply Jesus' bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let's consider each one.

**He takes:** Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God's hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

**He blesses:** Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

**He breaks:** Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

**He gives:** Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— Father John Muir



# Hope

## Prayer for Migrant Families

**Good and gracious God, we thank you for the gift of families.**

**We are grateful for all of the joy and love that they bring into our lives,  
and we ask that you provide special protection for all families,  
particularly those who face hardships as they move in search of a better life.**

**Show mercy to those who travel in danger, and lead them  
to a place of safety and peace.**

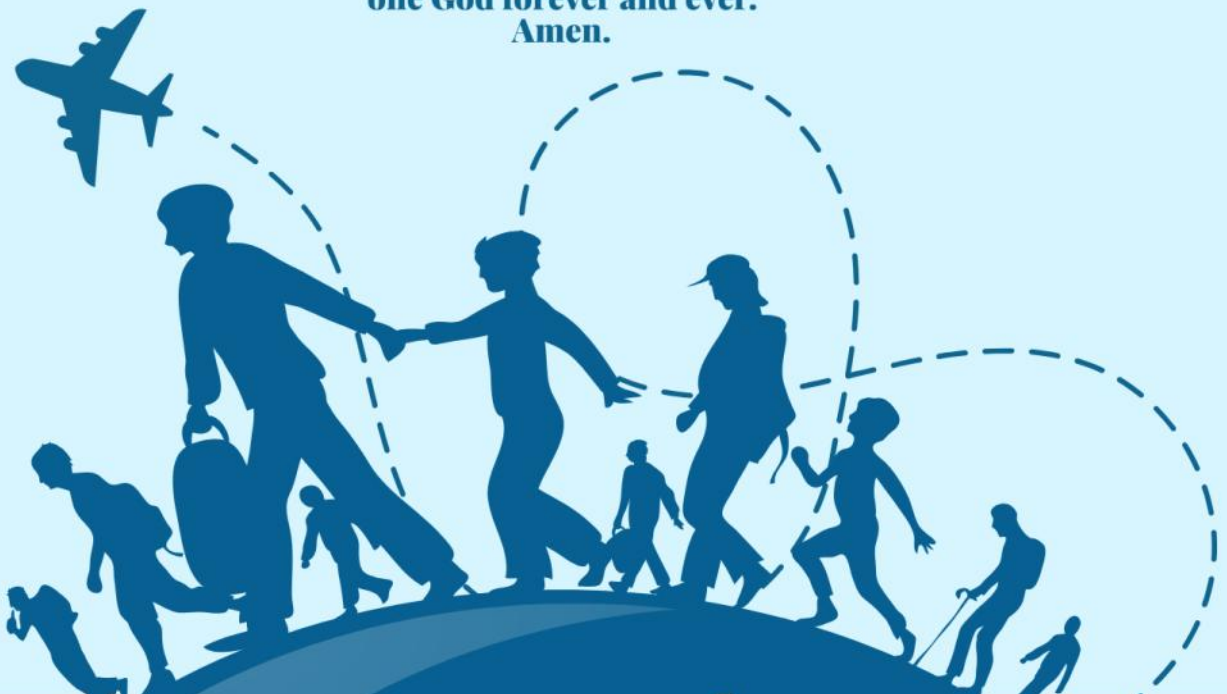
**Comfort those who are alone and afraid because their families  
have been torn apart by violence and injustice.**

**As we reflect upon the difficult journey that the Holy Family  
faced as refugees in Egypt, help us to remember the  
suffering of all migrant families.**

**Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, and St. Joseph the Worker,  
her spouse, we pray that all migrants may be reunited  
with their loved ones and find the meaningful work they seek.**

**Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality  
for all who come in search of refuge.**

**Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.  
Amen.**





# ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY

## *70 Years Strong!*

This year, we give thanks for 70 years of God's blessings on our parish and school community. For seven decades, our parish has been a sacred place where children are baptized, families grow in faith, and students are formed in mind, heart, and soul. We also joyfully celebrate Monsignor Kevin's 70th birthday, honoring his faithful service to our community.

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for being  
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mission.





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*Come experience the beauty of Catholic community, prayer, the sacraments, and renewal.*

*You are welcome. You are wanted. You belong.*

*Fall Registration is OPEN*

*Women's Weekend is Full / Waitlist Open*

*September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2025*

*Men's Weekend*

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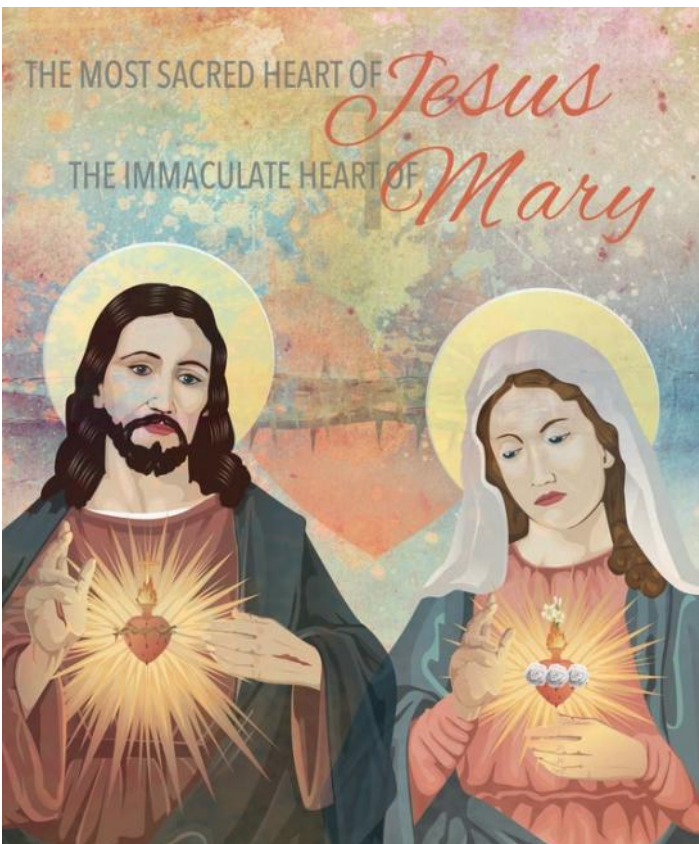
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## Senior Group



Our next get together will be at the  
El Dorado Restaurant on  
Monday, July 14th at 9:30 am.

Please 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. For future reference, we meet there on the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time. Looking forward to seeing you!

## St. Joseph Grief Support



Grief support 13 week sessions from  
June 3rd — August 26th

Meetings are held on  
Tuesdays 9:30 -11:30 a.m. each week  
You can start on any week.

For more information Contact May Pace,  
Bereavement Minister, [maypace@gmail.com](mailto:maypace@gmail.com)  
Or 562/833-6370

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## Women's Retreat

September 12th  
Women's Silent Retreat

Ladies of the parish! Please join your sisters in Christ for a refreshing and peaceful weekend with the Carmelite sisters at Sacred Heart Retreat House. Our parish weekend is September 12-14, 2025.

Registration is open now. To register go to [sacredheartretreathouse.com/retreats](http://sacredheartretreathouse.com/retreats).

If you have any questions or need help registering please contact Marie Newton by phone at 562-209-1298.

This is a wonderful time of spiritual renewal. Don't delay as the weekend fills up quickly.

## In Memoriam



**Cletus Bodensteiner**

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church  
Saturday, July 5th at 10:00 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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## 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.

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