

St. Joseph Parish



STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:18-19

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. This weekend we celebrate the two pillars of our faith who worked tirelessly to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the known world in the first century. As we are invited to reflect on their mission, reflect on your own calling and vocation: how does your life give witness to your faith in Christ?

The final weeks of construction are upon us. All the new furnishings including tables, chairs and portable bleachers have arrived. The new Taraflex floor with the painted basketball and volleyball lines has been installed and is curing and the new drapes for the stage are ready to be hung!



Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel
and rescued me from the hand of Herod
and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting."
(Acts 12:11)

Psalm:

The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat
and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel:

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and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed
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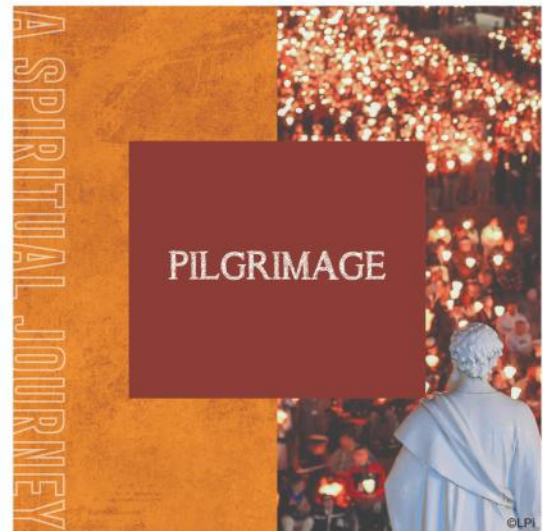
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Peter testified to a dangerous and unpopular truth — that Christ was the Messiah. That courage, that trust in God, is the cornerstone of all we believe. Like Peter, we must always bear witness to the truth.

Observances for the week of June 29, 2025

Sunday: Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles
Monday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Tuesday: St. Junípero Serra, Priest
Thursday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Friday: Independence Day (USA)
Saturday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;
St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

A pilgrimage is a journey to a place of spiritual significance undertaken by one who is seeking closeness to Heaven while still on Earth.

Prayer of Pastoral Care

O God,
Bless the souls You have entrusted to our care. As You hear every one of their prayers, help us to hear them, too. Answer their prayer intentions and personal needs through us and our ministry, as we all seek to do Your will.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 29, 2025

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

Monday:

Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday:

Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday:

Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Friday:

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday:

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday:

Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

— 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.**

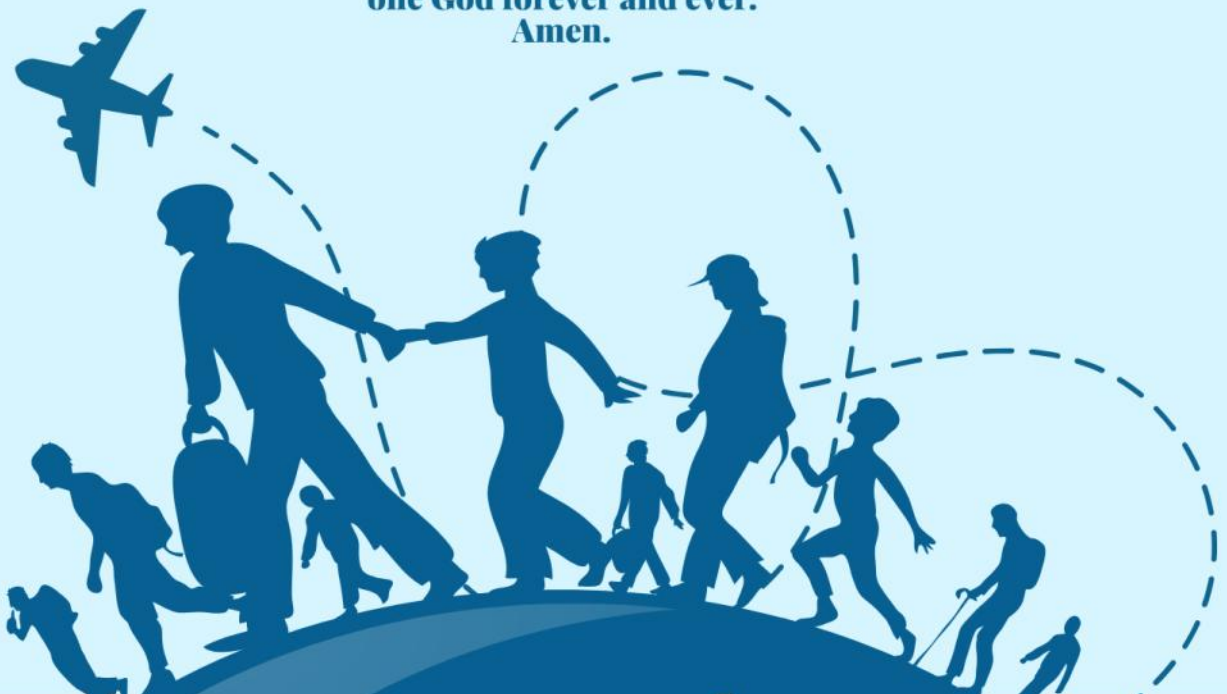
**Comfort those who are alone and afraid because their families
have been torn apart by violence and injustice.**

**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.**





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It's a volunteer position for one or two people (couples welcome) that only takes 1-2 hours per week. It's a great way to build community, communicate with the ministries of St. Joseph, and meet fellow parishioners with a smile and coffee & donuts.



If interested, please contact Deborah Rollinger at (562) 537-3457

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.

To honor this remarkable milestone, we invite each family to offer a gift of at least \$70 to our Annual Fund.

Your generosity supports the spiritual and academic formation of the next generation — the future disciples, saints, and parishioners who will carry on the mission of the Church.

**Celebrate 70 Years
with \$70 (or more!)**

Thank you
for being
part of our
mission.





You're Invited to the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat Weekend

Take a step closer to Christ. This powerful, Spirit-filled weekend retreat is an opportunity to encounter God's love in a deeper way, reflect on your faith, and grow in fellowship with other parishioners.

Whether you're seeking to strengthen your relationship with Jesus, reconnect with the sacraments, improve your prayer life, or simply take time away from the busyness of daily life, this retreat is for you. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ is calling you.

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 20th & 21st 2025

Men's Weekend

September 27th & 28th 2025

*For more information or to sign up for the retreat
please visit the parish website*

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

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“Let us love God, but let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows.”

-Pope Leo XIV

Homeless Kit Drive: MANY thanks to all who generously supported our homeless kit drive! June 21-22, kits and supplies for over **175 kits** were provided! \$292 was donated from which **25 additional kits** can be made. Several additional envelopes were taken last weekend to be returned this weekend. (We target 480 kits per year from two different drives.)

Next Opportunities! This concludes the **FOURTEEN** different Movement for a Better World initiatives the parish and School community has generously supported during another outstanding 2024-2025 program year. Our next activity will be a **Family Food Drive** In July. Stay tuned for details!! For many fulfilling ways to serve, big and small, call Tim Clark, (562) 431-4385.



Adoration



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 July, 4th**
at **8:00 am**.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

SESSIONS: BI-WEEKLY SUNDAYS

MOST HOLIDAY WEEKENDS OFF

TIME: 11:00AM - 12:00PM

BREAK: 12:00PM - 12:20PM

MASS AS A CLASS: 12:30PM - 1:30PM

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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
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CLASSES ARE HELD AT THE PLC BUILDING.

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.

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.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

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8:00-9:00 a.m.





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