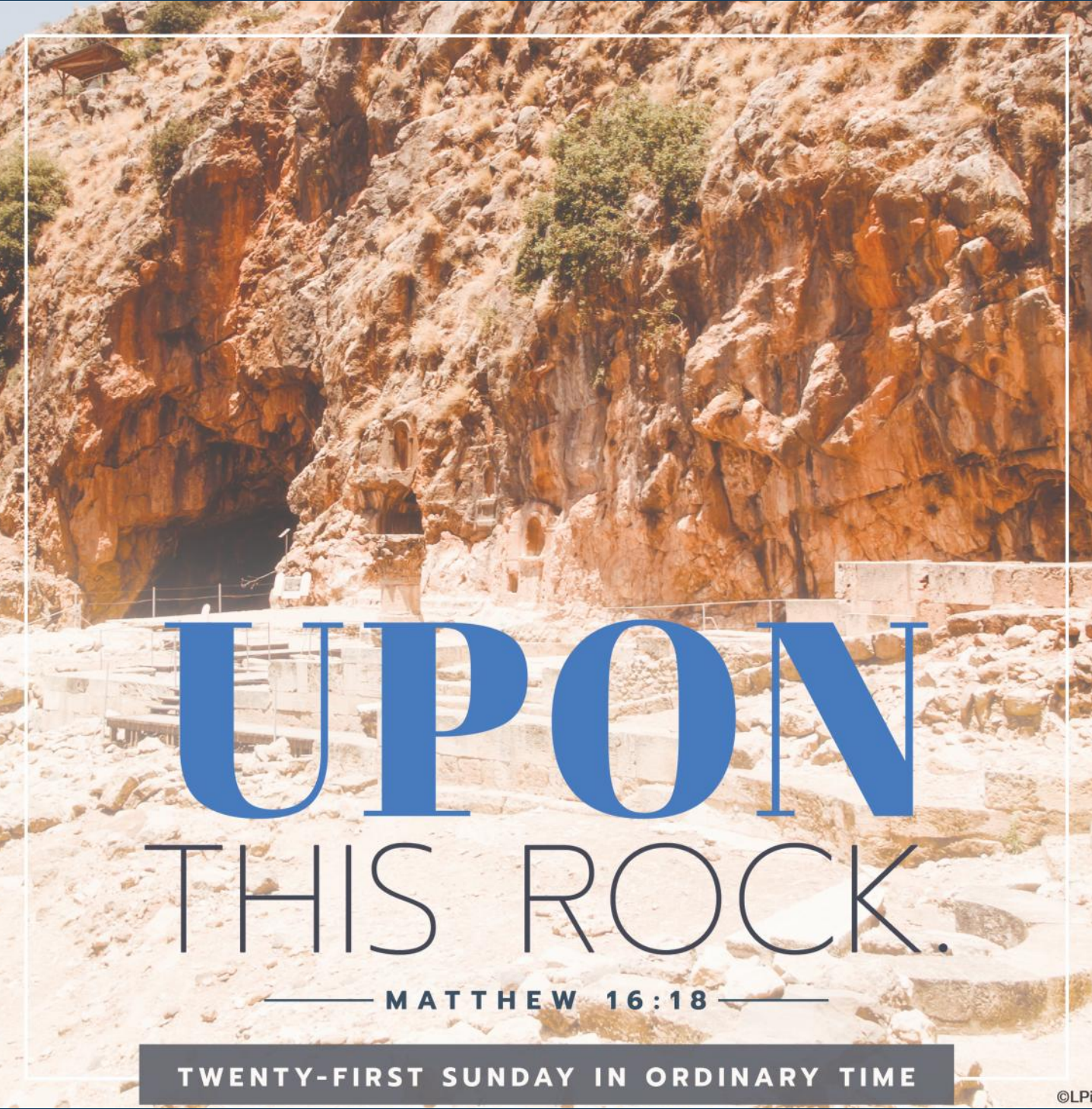


# St. Joseph Parish



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— MATTHEW 16:18 —

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. As we continue to journey with Matthew's Gospel, Jesus asks his friends what people are saying about him. Jesus did not need his ego brushed or be secure with a pat on the shoulder. When Jesus asked, "Who do people say that I am?" he was asking each of the disciples and he is asking who is He to us. This question then takes us into an element of mutual commitment. Our answer lies in understanding who we have become through Christ. Who do you say the Lord is in your life?

Our local schools, including our own Saint Joseph elementary school opens their doors this week. We're blessed to have a record 348 students and welcome to all our Knights. Here is a prayer for you to pray over your son/daughter as they return to school this week:

*May you be blessed  
As you step forth  
On this wonderful new journey of  
Learning and discovery.  
May God open your mind to  
The treasure of your studies.  
May God open your heart  
to the gifts that your  
teachers and classmates offer.  
May God open your soul  
To the many blessings  
He has prepared for you  
This school year.  
May you be blessed  
On this day of new beginnings  
With wisdom, faith, hope and love.  
Amen.*

Summer Blessings and Peace,

Msgr. Kevin

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;  
when he opens, no one shall shut,  
when he shuts, no one shall open. (Is 22:22)

### Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

### Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

### Gospel:

"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 16:19)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

## Observances for the week of August 23, 2026

|                     |                                                |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>      | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time                   |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | St. Bartholomew, Apostle                       |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest         |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | St. Monica                                     |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | The Passion of St. John the Baptist            |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time                   |



## Virtues, Explained!

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means "strength," we associate it with the gift of fortitude. It conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

## Prayer for the Pope

Dear God,  
Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of August 23, 2026

### Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/  
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

### Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/  
Jn 1:45-51

### Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/  
Mt 23:23-26

### Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/  
Mt 23:27-32

### Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Mt 24:42-51

### Friday:

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/  
Mt 25:1-13

### Saturday:

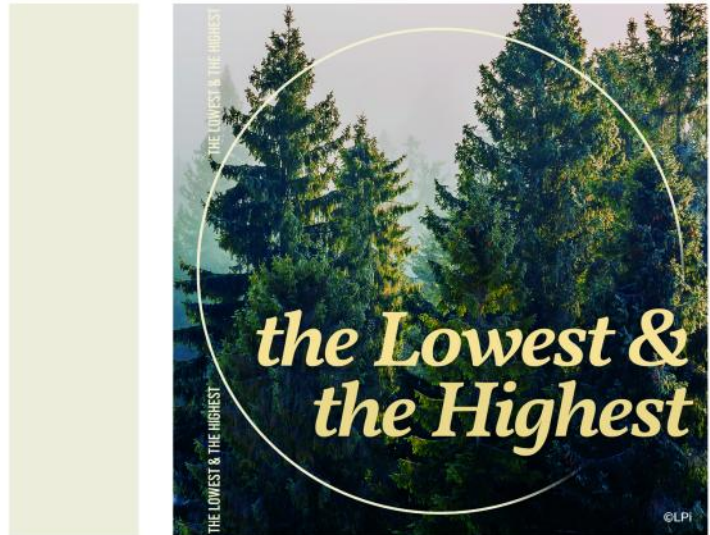
1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/  
Mk 6:17-29

### Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/  
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, **"Who do you say that I am?"** And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, **"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."**

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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all you who labor  
and are burdened,  
and I will give  
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— MATTHEW 11:28

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and integrity.



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# St. Joseph Faith Formation Registration Open!

- ✦ First Communion
  - ✦ Quest (3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - ✦ Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Please scan the QR code to  
Register

Orientation will be on  
Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>  
at 3:30pm in the St.  
Joseph Center!



Classes start on  
Sunday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>  
from  
10:00am to 11:15am



YOUTH EVENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

# YOUTH MINISTRY **VOLUNTEERING**

At St. Joseph Catholic Church, our youth ministry is growing, and we're looking for caring adults who want to make a difference in the lives of teens.

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KNOW SOMEONE WHO'S INTERESTED?

Come and See!

**Sunday, August 23, 2026**

Location:

**St. Joseph Center - Meeting Room @11:00AM**

(Followed by 12:30PM Mass together)

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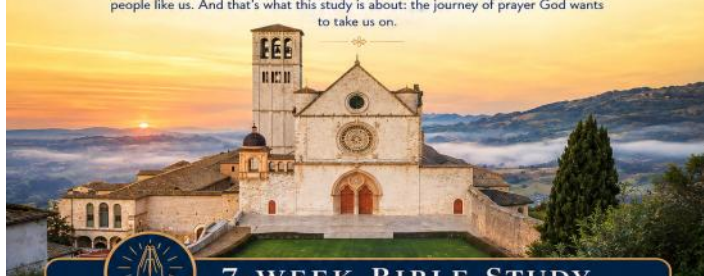
**WHEN YOU PRAY**

A CLEAR PATH TO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

You know prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.



**7-WEEK BIBLE STUDY**

JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY OF PRAYER!

**IN-PERSON WITH SR. EVA**

**Starts Wednesday, September 2nd**

**at 9:00am in the PLC**

Parish Life Center (PLC)

**ON ZOOM WITH MIKE & CHRIS**

**Starts Thursday, September 3rd**

**at 7:00pm on Zoom**

7 Weekly Sessions

**COST: \$25**

for Workbook

"Pray as you can, not as you can't."

— St. Francis de Sales

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Contact Mike or Sr. Eva at

mike@stjosephlb.org or sreva@stjosephlb.org

LET'S GROW CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH THE POWER OF PRAYER.

— AUGUST 28 —

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**Saint Augustine**

OF HIPPO

*"Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."*

— SAINT AUGUSTINE

Saint Augustine was once lost in sin, searching for truth and meaning. Through God's grace, he encountered Christ and was transformed.

He became a great bishop, theologian, and one of the Doctors of the Church.

*His story is a beautiful reminder that no one is ever too far from God's love and mercy.*

His life changed by grace. Yours can be too.

PRAYER TO SAINT AUGUSTINE

Holy Saint Augustine, you who turned away from sin and found your heart in God, pray for us.

Help us to seek the truth, love God with all our hearts, and rest in His everlasting mercy. Amen.

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO. PRAY FOR US!

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| + Pope Innocent II             | + Saint Rafqa                               |
| + Saint Dominic De Guzman, OP  | + Saint Philomena                           |
| + Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton    | + <b>Saint Charbel Makhlouf</b>             |
| + Saint Hyacinth of Poland, OP | + Saint Teresa of Ávila                     |
| + Saint John Henry Newman      | + Saint Thérèse of Lisieux                  |
| + Saint John of the Cross      | + Blessed Anna Maria Taigi                  |
| + Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque | + Blessed Maria Angela Truszkowska          |
| + Saint Michael's Stone        | + Blessed Mary Magdalene of the Incarnation |

**MASS AT 8:00 A.M.**  
followed by veneration

**OPEN VENERATION**  
8:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.



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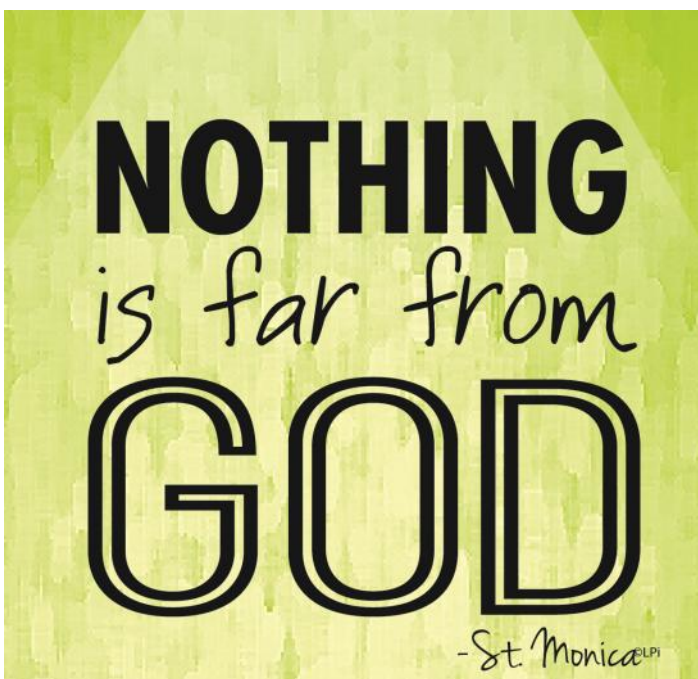
**“You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.” - 2 Cor 9:11.**

**Food from the Heart: THANK YOU!** We collected 11 shopping carts of family food and \$986! We purchased food as requested by Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

**Sept 17 7:00 PM - Committee Meeting:** As we begin our 41st year of channeling the generosity of our St. Joseph parish community to the poor and marginalized of Long Beach, help us inspire our upcoming activities.

**Sept 26-27 - Feed-a-Baby Food**

**Drive:** Collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities, New Life Beginnings and Transitions in Motherhood.



# Back to School Prayer

**For Students, Teachers & Parents**

*As we begin this new school year, we ask for Your guidance, strength & blessings.*

♥ **FOR STUDENTS** ♥

Dear Lord,  
Be with our students as they begin this new year. Bless them with open minds, curious hearts, and the courage to do their best. Help them make good choices, build kind friendships, and remember that they are loved and never alone. Give them confidence in their abilities and joy in the journey of learning. Amen.

♥ **FOR TEACHERS** ♥

Dear Lord,  
We thank You for our teachers. Give them wisdom, patience, and energy for each day ahead. Help them inspire, encourage, and guide their students with compassion and care. May they know how valued and appreciated they are. Amen.

♥ **FOR PARENTS** ♥

Dear Lord,  
Bless all parents and guardians as they prepare for this new school year. Give them strength, peace, and wisdom as they support and encourage their children. Help them be a source of love and stability, trusting that You are with their family every step of the way. Amen.

*May this school year be filled with faith, hope, learning & love.*

⇒ **God Bless!** ⇒

Let all you do be done in love.  
1 Corinthians 16:14

## Did You Know?

### .Back to school with a culture of safety

When it comes to schools and programs that serve children, it is critical to have a culture of safety that protects children from sexual abuse. Examine your child’s school or programs for evidence of this culture — look for values that emphasize child safety and decisions that put children at the center while allocating resources for safety. This can look like compliance with federal and state laws, professional ethics and standards, and a culture that encourages youth and families to get involved. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “High Stakes: A Culture of Safety for Every Child” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know). Information about the Archdiocese of Los Angeles’ efforts and protocols to protect children and vulnerable adults in our churches, schools and ministries is available at [lacatholics.org/protect/](http://lacatholics.org/protect/).

# St. Joseph Senior Group Meeting

Join us! **MONDAY, AUGUST 24**

in the **St. Joseph Center**

Activities from **10:00 am to 1:30 pm!**

Fun, Friends & Fellowship!  
**Bingo, Poker, Card Games, Mexican Train & More!**

**Don't Miss! Ice Cream Social!**  
 JOIN US FOR A SWEET AFTERNOON!  
 Let's scoop, socialize & enjoy a sweet time together!

**BRING ONE, TAKE ONE**  
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**TRIP INFO & SCHEDULES**  
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**Bring Your Brown Bag Lunch!**  
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We look forward to seeing all our members and new friends who would like to join us!

**Annual Dues: \$20**  
 Any questions? Contact Marilyn North (562) 519-0154

## BILATERAL DRAWING WITH INTENTION

HOSTED BY: LAURIE WALLACE

We are presenting a series of workshops throughout the year exploring the linkage between the mind and creativity to enhance our self-awareness. Each workshop is designed to stand alone but follow theme presented.

Third in the series, this workshop, first presented in 2025, "Bilateral Drawing" is an introduction to creating abstract art using both hands at the same time. Linking the left and right side of the brain, this exercise produces images that can then be altered, cut, and collaged into new and entirely surprising ways. The results of this drawing experiment offers one more way to get in touch with internal feelings and thoughts without judgement.

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

There will be an introduction and short meditation presented. There are no mistakes in the final result.

- No previous art experience is required.
- All materials will be provided, and participants are also encouraged to bring their own art materials if they wish.

Laurie Wallace is co-facilitator of a women's prayer group, a graphic designer, ceramicist and has taught art to children and elderly.



REGISTER ONLINE

SATURDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 2026**  
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
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# GRIEF SHARE

## Starts AUGUST 4!

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We're here for you.  
 We're in this together.

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Our next 13-week session begins **TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**



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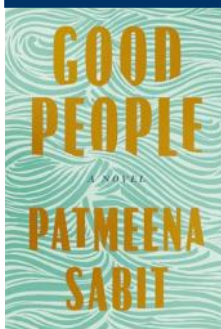
Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
 August 4 thru November 3  
 St. Joseph - PLC (6180 E. Willow)  
 Contact: May Pace @ 562 833 6370 or  
 maypace@gmail.com

We look forward to walking alongside you on your grief journey.  
 griefshare.org

## Book Club

Our next Book Club meeting is Wednesday, November 18th at 7pm on Zoom

**Good People by Patmeena Sabit.**



In the debut novel by Afghan American author, Good People is a literary mystery told through a kaleidoscope of perspectives, exploring family, cultural tension, and the American immigrant experience.

All are welcome. For more info, email [agoodlife@msn.com](mailto:agoodlife@msn.com)



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## GENERAL AUDIENCE

*St Peter's Basilica*  
*Wednesday, 19 August 2026*  
[**Multimedia**]

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**Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. III. Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium. 7. Sacred Music**

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

The sixth chapter of the Second Vatican Council's Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium (SC) is dedicated to sacred music. The document states that: "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song united to the words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy" (SC, 112). It specifies that "sacred music is to be considered the more holy in proportion as it is more closely connected with the liturgical action, whether it adds delight to prayer, fosters unity of minds, or confers greater solemnity upon the sacred rites. But the Church approves of all forms of true art having the needed qualities, and admits them into divine worship" (*ibid.*).

Here we find the core of [the Council](#)'s teaching, which confirms and deepens the ministerial function of music in the liturgy, already highlighted by [Saint Pius X](#) in the *Motu Proprio Inter Sollicitudines* (22 November 1903). Indeed, music is part of the liturgical action and is not merely a decorative part of the celebration. To sing and play music during the liturgy is to pray, attuning one's heart to that of our sisters and brothers and to God, through active participation in the mystery being celebrated. In particular, music expresses the affective dimension of prayer, as Saint Augustine says: "*Cantare amantis est*", that is, "singing belongs to those who love" (*Sermon* 336, 1). This is very important, because it helps us open our hearts to God's action in grace and allow ourselves to be moulded by it.

Singing also fosters *communion*. It contributes to the unity of hearts, overcoming differences between people and bringing everyone together in praise of God through the symphony of voices. Thus, it becomes an epiphany of the Church, a tangible manifestation of the communion that belongs to her very nature.

The profound theological value of sacred hymns as an integral part of liturgical action carries certain requirements. The first is that, at every level, it must respond to what is most appropriate for the liturgical moment, beyond fashions or composers' particular sensitivities. Its form, especially in its melodic aspect, must be at once noble and simple, of high musical quality and easily performable, particularly when it is intended to be sung by the whole assembly (cf. [SC](#), 121).

For the same reason, [the Council](#) also recommends that the texts be suitable, profound and at the same time readily understandable, inspired mainly by Sacred Scripture, liturgical books and the spiritual Tradition of the Church. Attention must be paid to this, so that the dynamic expressed in the ancient principle *lex orandi, lex credendi*, that is, the law of prayer is also the law of faith, may remain alive and continue to grow.

Sacrosanctum Concilium devotes considerable attention to the theme of the active participation of the faithful (cf. n. 114). This "must be understood [...] on the basis of a greater awareness of the mystery being celebrated and its relationship to daily life" (Pope Benedict XVI, Apostolic Exhortation Sacramentum caritatis, 52), in a "spirit of constant conversion which must mark the lives of all the faithful" (*ibid.*, 55). As for the practical way in which this can be achieved through sacred music's specific role, the Constitution offers a clear answer: "the people should be encouraged to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons, and songs", and "reverent silence" should be fostered (SC, 30). It urges each person, minister or member of the faithful, to perform "all of, but only, those parts which pertain to his office by the nature of the rite and the principles of liturgy" (SC, 28), in a harmonious balance between different ministries, various interventions and moments of silence.

The Council attributes great value to Gregorian chant, without excluding other genres of sacred music from the celebration. Particular attention is also given to the organ (cf. SC, 120), while the use of other instruments is permitted "on condition that the instruments are suitable, or can be made suitable, for sacred use, accord with the dignity of the temple, and truly contribute to the edification of the faithful" (SC, 120).

A theme close to the Council's reform is that of *inculturation*, including in the field of sacred music. In particular, with regard to the musical traditions of different cultures, the Council emphasizes the importance of taking them into consideration seriously, as they form part of people's religious and social life. Thus, on one hand, an "attitude toward religion" should be promoted in everyone (SC, 119). On the other, "every effort should be made to see that they become competent in promoting the traditional music of these peoples, both in schools and in sacred services" (*ibid.*).

A particular role in the liturgical context is given to the *schola cantorum*. The Council recommends the promotion of this pastoral instrument, to ensure the "proper performance of the parts which belong to it, according to the different kinds of music sung, and to encourage the active participation of the faithful in the singing" (Sacred Congregation of Rites, Instruction *Musicam Sacram*, 19).

Hence, composers of sacred music are called to know and preserve the musical heritage of the Church, allowing it to inspire new compositions at the service of the liturgy, while respecting contemporary sensibilities and the different cultural traditions, so as to "purify worship from ugliness of style, from distasteful forms of expression, from uninspired musical texts which are not worthy of the great act that is being celebrated", to guarantee dignity and excellence to liturgical compositions" (Saint John Paul II, *Chirograph on Sacred Music*, 22 November 2003, 3).

For all these reasons, the Council Fathers recommended promoting the formation and practice of sacred music "in seminaries, in the novitiates and houses of study of religious of both sexes, and also in other Catholic institutions and schools" (*SC*, 115), and ensuring that musicians and singers receive sound liturgical formation (cf. *ibid.*).

Dear brothers and sisters, the Fathers of the Church held liturgical singing in great esteem as a symbol of ecclesial communion. We can therefore conclude with Saint Ignatius of Antioch's beautiful words: "Let each of you unite to become a choir, so that, harmonious in love and taking up the song of God in unison, you may with one voice sing to the Father through Jesus Christ, so that he may hear you and recognize, from the good works you perform, that you are members of his Son" (cf. *Letter to the Ephesians*, 4, 2).

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### **Special greetings:**

I extend a warm welcome to all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, especially those from Malta. Upon you and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you all!

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### **Summary of the Holy Father's words:**

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the [Second Vatican Council's](#) Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, [Sacrosanctum Concilium](#), today we consider the importance of sacred music. Indeed, singing and playing a musical instrument are acts of prayer. Music thus fosters our unity in praising God and opens our hearts to be fashioned by his grace. Far from being merely decorative, therefore, sacred music is a treasure of profound value. It should always be dignified, draw inspiration from Sacred Scripture and reflect the grandeur of the mystery celebrated. Sacred music is also to reflect local cultures, expressing the authentic traditions of peoples, while promoting the universal Church's musical heritage. [The Council](#) also emphasized the need for solid liturgical formation and education in sacred music. Dear brothers and sisters, in the liturgy, may we join together in love, and – in the words of Saint Ignatius of Antioch – “with one voice sing to the Father through Jesus Christ.”

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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.**

## Adoration

### **First Fridays**

**8:00-9:00 a.m.**

### **Third Tuesdays**

**7:00-8:00 p.m.**

