

St. Joseph Parish

A LANDOWNER
PLANTED A
VINEYARD.

— MATTHEW 21:33 —



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

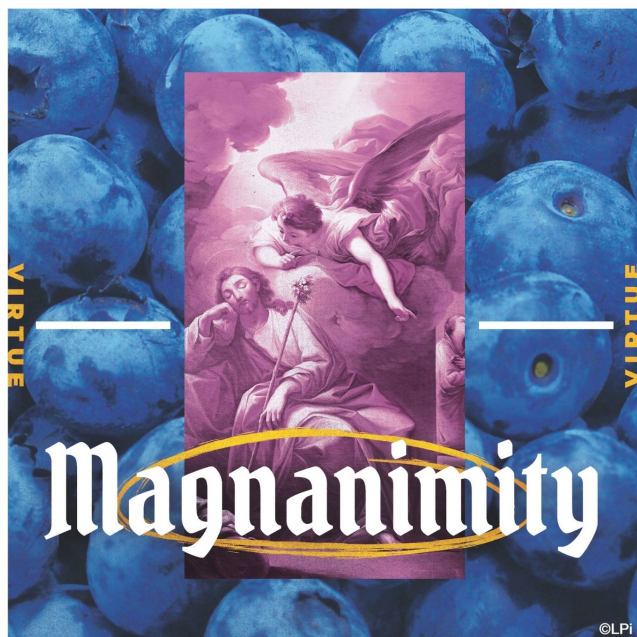
I'm away attending the Annual Meeting of the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulcher being held in San Diego. Over 600 of us are meeting to strategize on how we can continue to support the Christians in the Holy Land. We will be fervently praying for peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East. For the peace of Jerusalem, we pray!

Fall Blessings,

Msgr. Kevin



Weekly Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

Magnanimity, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, describes “the stretching forth of the mind to great things.” (Sum. II-II, 129, Art. 1) This virtue protects souls from the temptation to do honorable things for intentions that fall short of honorability.

Magnanimity shares much with the virtue of humility, but unlike humility, it specifically seeks what is great — but never the distinction of being called great. A magnanimous person’s focus is solely on accomplishing as much good as possible, as effectively as possible.

When Joseph learned that Mary, his betrothed, was with child through the Holy Spirit, he had a chance to distinguish himself as a virtuous man. In calling for Mary’s punishment, he could have condemned immorality loudly and publicly, while distancing himself from what appeared to be sin.

Instead, he did the opposite. He did what he knew to be right. He exhibited magnanimity, and the world was never the same.

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I had not done?

Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,
did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
(Is 5:7a)

Second Reading

Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel

“What will the owner of the vineyard do to those
tenants when he comes?”

They answered him,

“He will put those wretched men to a wretched
death

and lease his vineyard to other tenants.”

(Mt 21:41)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Some build their lives on a foundation of
wealth, some on a foundation of power.
What do we choose for our cornerstone?
What supports the weight of our souls? For
the Christian life, there is only one foundation
strong enough to hold. Choose wisely.

Worship & Observances

Blessing for Life

What wonder You have gifted us,
Lord, in the blessing of life! May Your
name be praised with every
movement, every heartbeat, every
breath. Protect life in every stage,
race, age, ability, creed, and
capacity. Pour Your mercy upon us
this day, helping us to live deeply
and love well.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of October 4, 2026

Sunday

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/
Mt 21:33-43

Monday

Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY



Observances for the Week of October 4, 2026

Sunday

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday

Monday

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Tuesday

St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Wednesday

Our Lady of the Rosary

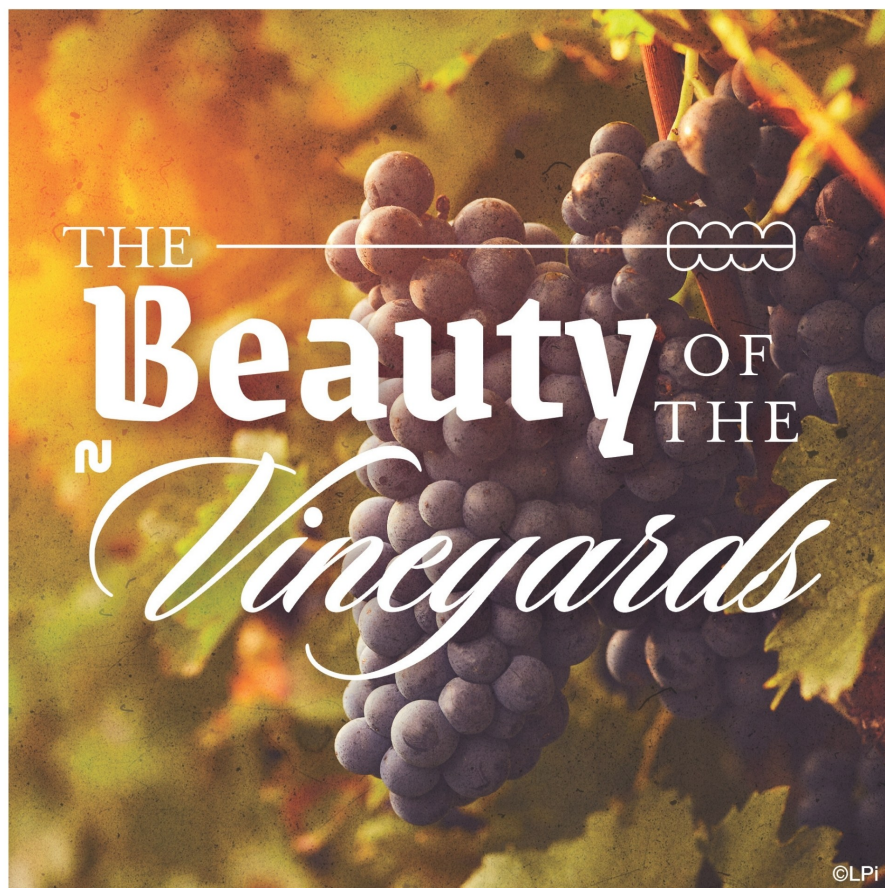
Friday

St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest

Next Sunday

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Meditation



Encourage
Deeper
Understanding
of Scripture

Matthew
21:33–43

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner **"leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33)**. The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not

violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John R. Muir

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026 | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✦ A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR PARISH MEN ✦

*Reconnect.
Recharge.
Refocus.*

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

WELCOME CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

OCTOBER 24-25, 2026

St. Joseph Catholic Church in the PLC

This retreat is **LIFE-CHANGING** opportunity to:

- ✓ Grow in your faith
- ✓ Connect with other men in the parish
- ✓ Experience renewal through Christ

➔ **SIGN UP TODAY AT:**

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

“Come to Me,
all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will give
you rest.”

— MATTHEW 11:28



BROTHERS IN CHRIST. LEADERS IN FAITH. DISCIPLES FOR LIFE.



🌀 PRAY FOR OUR WOMEN THIS WEEKEND 🌀



Please pray for our **Women's Retreat Team**
as they make final preparations for next weekend's retreat.
May the retreat planning go smoothly and the team be blessed
with energy, wisdom, grace, and joyful spirits as they prepare.



Please also pray for all of the women attending
next weekend's retreat. May they each experience renewal
through Christ and feel a stronger connection with one another
and with St. Joseph Parish.



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“The things we pray for Lord, give us the grace to labor for.” -St. Thomas More

Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: *Amazing* response to our Feed-a-Baby food drive! With the School’s steadfast support, EIGHTEEN SHOPPING CARTS of food and baby hygiene products were donated and over \$2,100 to purchase more! These will benefit families served by Catholic Charities, New Life Beginnings and Transitions in Motherhood.

Oct. 31-Nov 1 - Blanket Drive: Collecting new blankets for our Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution to over 100 families.

Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: Can you help us deliver? Contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or jmsalinaz@yahoo.com.

Family Adoptions: Would you like to adopt a family to support Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss rhbauss@gmail.com



KNOW SOMEONE WHO'S INTERESTED?
Walk - in! Come and See!

Location:
St. Joseph Center - Meeting Room @11:00AM
(Followed by 12:30PM Mass together)

Date:	Time:	Meeting Room:
Sep 13, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)
Sep 27, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)
Oct 4, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)
Oct 18, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)
Nov 8, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)
Nov 22, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)
Dec 6, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)

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It is important for parents to know that, with only a few exceptions, it is legal for strangers to take pictures or videos of minors in a public space. Public space here is defined as an open indoor or outdoor area that is physically accessible to all such as public parks, sidewalks, beaches and streets. Parents are not required to give consent or sign a release before these images are posted online. In a public space, it is reasonable to question the person taking photos or videos and to ask them to stop and ask them to delete the photos or video. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “When People Take Photos and Videos of Minors without Permission” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

St. Joseph Senior Group Meeting

The next meeting will be on
Monday, October 26
 at 10:00 AM
 in the St. Joseph Center!

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

Bingo, Poker, Card Games, Mexican Train & More!

Bring One, Take One Table of Books & Puzzles!

50/50 Raffle Tickets Available!

Trip Info & Schedules Available!

Bring Your Brown Bag Lunch! Coffee, Tea, Water & Goodies Provided!

We look forward to seeing **all our members** and **new friends** who would like to join us!

Any questions?
 Contact Marilyn North (562) 519-0154

TO HAVE TO HOLD TO HONOR

Natural Family Planning



Discover Natural Family Planning!

Interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning (NFP) but not sure where to start? The Couple to Couple League offers an online course to help couples **learn NFP from the comfort of their own home.**

Whether you are newly married, engaged, or simply curious, the three part class series is a great way to understand fertility awareness and how it aligns with the beauty of God's plan for marriage and family life. A new class series starts October 15th. To learn more visit www.ccli.org or contact Deacon Greg and Beth Gath at bethgath@gmail.com or **562-377-5877**.

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CURRENT 13-WEEK SESSION
 August 4 – November 3

You are welcome to join at any point during the session.

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
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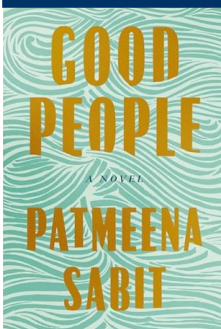
All are welcome!

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

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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.

