

# St Joseph Bradley Religious Education



**Happy summer, families!**

**May this season bring you joy and a chance to bask in its beauty.**

As we approach the 4th of July, a day filled with barbecues, fireworks, and parades, let's remember its deeper meaning.

For Catholics, this day is not just about celebrating our nation's birth; it's also about recognizing the importance of faith in our lives. The 4th of July represents freedom, a key part of our Catholic beliefs. Our faith tells us that true freedom comes from God and must be valued. While we celebrate our country's independence, let's also appreciate the spiritual freedom we gain from our faith. As Catholics, we should actively help our communities and promote justice and peace.

This holiday is a good time to pray for our nation, for peace, and for those who have sacrificed for our freedoms.

As we celebrate, let's carry our faith into the world and be sources of hope and love in our communities. The 4th of July is a time to reflect on our freedoms, celebrate our faith, and unite as a community in love for our country.

**THANK YOU!**

*Blessings. Sandra Jefferson*



## Coming in the next Newsletter

### AUGUST

16 CSI: Youth Ministry Back to School Gathering 'Game Night'  
6-8pm

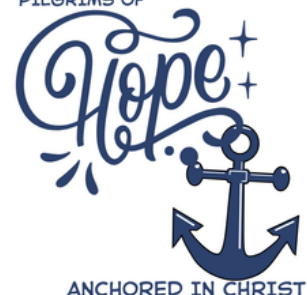
17 RE 2025-2026 Registration Sunday  
12 noon- 1:30 pm

**BURSTING IN HOPE**  
RE CALENDAR,  
NEW SCHEDULE FOR RE CLASSES,  
MORE ACTIVITIES FOR OUR YOUTH



## NEW RE THEME FOR 2025-2026

PILGRIMS OF



ANCHORED IN CHRIST

We are so grateful for the amazing catechists who walked alongside our children in faith last year.

Your time, love, and dedication made a lasting impact. To those returning, we are blessed to have you continue this journey with us. To those not returning, thank you for the seeds you've planted. May God continue to bless you in all you do!

Thank you to the parents and guardians who entrusted us with their children's faith journey this past year. For those returning—we're excited to continue this journey of faith with you and your child! For those not returning—thank you for being part of our program. We pray your family continues to grow in faith and love wherever God leads you next.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

— Romans 15:13



# REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026 IS OPEN!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR THE 2025-2026  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR!

**\$25 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION**  
**\$110 (ONE STUDENT)**  
**\$160 (TWO STUDENTS)**  
**\$200 (THREE OR MORE STUDENTS)**

**\*\*ADDITIONAL \$25 SACRAMENT FEE FOR ALL STUDENTS  
THAT WILL RECEIVE FIRST SACRAMENTS OR  
CONFIRMATION\*\***

**WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE BUT WE ARE  
ONLY ACCEPTING PAYMENTS MADE BY CASH OR CHECK  
AT THIS TIME.**

**BILINGUAL REGISTRATION FORM**

**[HTTPS://WWW.OSVHUB.COM/ST-JOSEPH-CHURCH-31/FORMS/RELIGIOUS-  
EDUCATION-2025-2](https://www.osvhub.com/st-joseph-church-31/forms/religious-education-2025-2)**



**Become a Catechist  
OR ASSIST IN SOME WAY WITH OUR  
PROGRAM**

Are you passionate about sharing your faith with others? We are looking for dedicated and enthusiastic catechist teachers or aide to join our team. If you have a love for God and a heart for serving the Church, we want to hear from you. Join us in our mission to educate and inspire the next generation of believers. Training and support provided. Contact Brenda Mclean for more information.  
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*Mark  
YOUR  
Calendar*  
**sacramental**  
*Gunday*  
**09/14/2025**

**Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025**



**OUR PARISH FESTIVAL!!**

**Watch for details and plan to join us!**

## July Family Challenges

Have a special prayer time to ask God's guidance for your country and its people

Do a craft to remember that the month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Create a Prayer Garden-Transform a corner of your backyard into a prayer garden. Set up a small altar, plant flowers, and place religious statues or icons. This sacred space can be used for a personal prayer, family devotions, or quiet moments of contemplation and reflection. In honor for Saint

Thomas the Apostle, the patron of saints of architects.(July 2nd)

Prepare your favorite apple recipe on or around July 15th, since apples are symbols of Saint Swithun

Feast of the Lady of Mount Carmel July 16th make a brown wool scapular in honor of the day

Feast day of Saint Bridget of Sweden-Eat Lingonberries or Swedish Fish candies. As well as pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows

Go fishing(or play a round of card game Go Fish!) in honor of Saint James the Apostle, who was a fisherman. (July 25th)

Plan a visit ( or a video chat, if distance is an issue) with grandparents to celebrate the feast day of Saints and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus.  
(July 26th )

Saint Martha used hospitality as a way to serve Jesus and others. Prepare a meal or treat for someone special. ( July 29th)



# July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Christ

July is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of our Lord. The feast celebrating the Precious Blood was introduced by Pope Pius IX in 1849, but devotion to it goes back to the early days of Christianity. The early Church Fathers taught that the Church was born from Christ's pierced side, and that the sacraments came from His Blood. The Precious Blood we honor is what our Savior shed on Calvary and what He took back at His glorious Resurrection. It is the Blood that flows through the body of the risen and glorified Christ, who is now at the right hand of God the Father in heaven. This Blood becomes present on our altars during the Consecration. It is the Blood that has given us grace, cleanses our souls, and starts our journey to eternal life.



## A Time of Regeneration

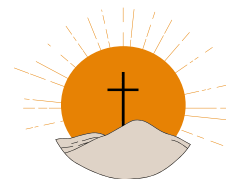
The blood of Christ is part of His Sacred Humanity, thanks to Mary, whose parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne, we remember this month (July 26). Christ's blood shed on the Cross brought us salvation, cleansed the martyrs, and created the Church as it flowed from His wounded side. The Precious Blood of Christ now flows through His Mystical Body and continues His saving work. It preserves, purifies, repairs, and nourishes the members of the Church.

July brings longer, warmer days, which give us a chance to refresh ourselves, both inside and out. As we relax our schedules and feel less pressure, many people travel. Whether we travel or not, we can share the message of Christ with others through our actions, words, and even our clothing. Let us be modest in all we do, like St. Maria Goretti, the young martyr for purity (July 6), and let our lives reflect Christ to everyone we meet.

The summer Mass and Liturgy of the Hours readings remind us that our life on earth is a journey toward being united with Christ, who is the Beginning and the End of this journey. Each Sunday, with its Easter renewal, is a milestone, connecting where we have been to where we are going. May the Precious Blood of Jesus support us as we make our way to our true home, alongside Mary and the angels.



**Prayer: Lord of all nations, You are the true King of all Kings and the Lord of all Lords. I choose You as my King and my God. As You come to govern my life, please use me to help establish peace and justice within our society, respecting the rights and dignity of all people, and enacting Your holy will in everything we do. May Your Kingdom come and Your will be done, now and until the end of time. Jesus, I trust in You.**



The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of July 2025  
For formation in discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

# *Saint Feast Days for July*



**ST. JUNIPERO SERRA (JULY 1),  
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE (JULY 3),  
ST. ANTHONY MARY AND ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL (JULY 5),  
ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG (JULY 9),  
ST. BENEDICT (JULY 11),  
ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA (USA – JULY 14),  
ST. BONAVENTURE (JULY 15),  
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL (JULY 16),  
ST. CAMILLUS (JULY 18),  
ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI (JULY 21),  
ST. MARY MAGDALENE (JULY 22),  
ST. BRIDGET (JULY 23),  
ST. SHARBEL (JULY 24),  
ST. JAMES (JULY 25),  
STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE (JULY 26),  
STS. MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS (JULY 29),  
ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS (JULY 30)  
BL. SOLANUS CASEY (JULY 30) AND  
ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA (JULY 31).**

**THE FEAST DAYS OF ST. MARIA GORETTI, (JULY 6), ST. HENRY (JULY 13), AND ST. APOLLINARIS (JULY 20) ARE SUPERSEDED BY THE SUNDAY LITURGY.**



God's peace & blessings,  
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