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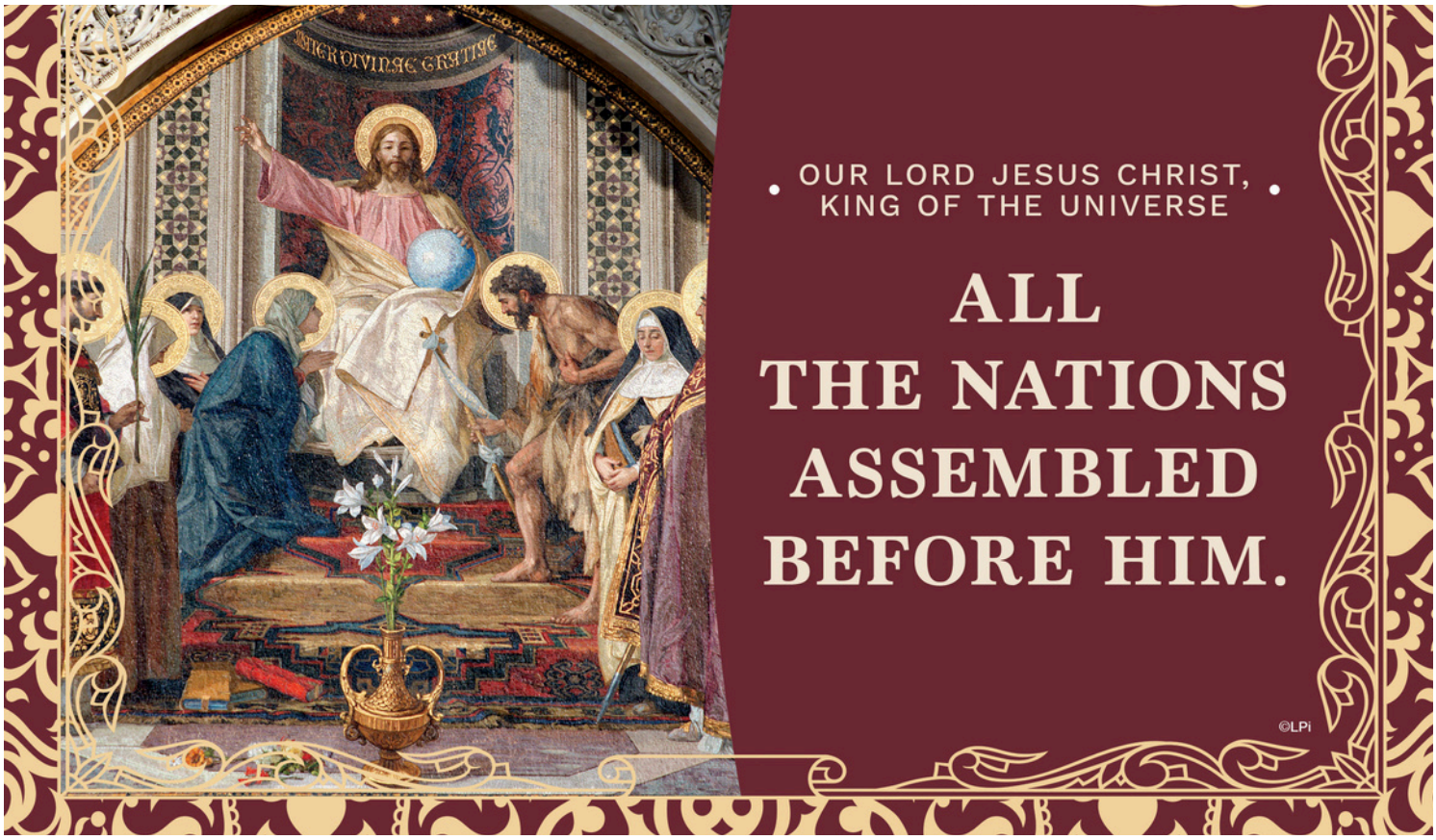

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday
8:00am, 5:00pm
Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

CONFESSION

Tuesday
7:00-8:00pm
Saturday
4:00-4:45pm

WEEKDAY

Monday
7:45am
Tuesday
7:45am
Wednesday
7:45am
Thursday
7:45am
Friday
7:45am

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

We're so glad you're here!

Whether you are joining us for the first time or are part of our parish family, we pray that you feel welcomed and encouraged as we pray together.

May you experience God's presence, find encouragement in His Word, and leave renewed in faith and hope.

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WELCOME!



MASS INTENTIONS

MON., NOV. 23: St. Clement I

7:45am Intentions of All Our Parishioners

TUES., NOV. 24: St. Andrew Dung-Lac

7:45am Florence & Denis Kutzman, req. by Robert Frangella

WED., NOV. 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria

7:45am Evelyn Walker, req. by Marilyn & Bo Jenkins

THURS., NOV. 26 -Thanksgiving

7:45am Lawrence, Dorothy, and Paul Avallone, req. by Frank & Dorothy Loeb

FRI., NOV. 27

7:45am Bridget Ruddy, req. by by Rory Ronin

SAT., NOV. 28

8:00am Lita Emralino, req. by Didi & Rudy Asistin

5:00pm Keith Font, req. by St. Joseph Treasury Ministry

SUN., NOV. 29: First Sunday of Advent

7:30am Richard "Dutch" Van Leewen, req. by Roger & Sue Green

9:00am Barbara Buczek, req. by Antoinette Test

11:00am Kay Yomazzo, req. by Pat & Bill Font

THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

For those in need of God's healing, strength, and comfort. Please scan the QR code to share a prayer intention or pray for those in need.



Prayer for Thanksgiving

Dear Lord,
We raise our thanks to You,
the giver of every good gift.
Thank You for the ways
You have blessed, guarded,
and guided us this past year and always.
Keep us in Your hands,
and close to Your heart.
Amen.
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SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Memory of Keith Font at the request of the St. Joseph Treasury Ministry

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE
WEEKEND OF NOV 14 - NOV 15

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Online Giving	$6,065.50
Weekly Total	$14,679.50
Annual Appeal	$35,697.00

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May God bless you now and always.



WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, Nov 22, 2026
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
The Supreme Court has ruled
If we were hauled into an earthly court on charges of "charitable negligence," all of us could present quite justifiable reasons why we are just too busy with work and family, or too strapped for cash at the moment, to help those in need. And we would not be convicted by a jury of our peers. But today's gospel reminds us that God calls us to a higher standard—but not a burdensome one. However simple our contribution may be, it will make a difference. Perhaps this thought can help motivate us: None of us can do everything, but all of us can do something—and that "something" is indeed much!
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46 (160). "'Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Monday, Nov 23, 2026
What's her secret?
Acts of charity can be found among atheists as well as Christians. We find the most magnanimous funds given to the poor in Africa with no mention of Christ or the Father. What charity therefore can be said to be distinctly Christian? In the Gospel of Luke Christ witnesses many important men placing treasures into the temple's fund but points out a poor widow giving only two cents as the key to his heart. Christ loved this image because it could only be possible if that woman had faith. Charity becomes an act of Christian almsgiving when it forces givers to trust in God for their own well-being. What would we do with our last two dollars?
Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4 (503). "[Jesus] saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins."

Tuesday, Nov 24, 2026
MEMORIAL OF ANDREW DUNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
Lay down your swords
The connection between religion and violence has always been scandalous and shocking. So when we hear stories of martyrs, it's important to remember why many of them died. Yes, they accepted death rather than give up their faith. But they also refused to match violence with violence. They remained faithful to Jesus—who told his disciples to put away their swords when they sought to defend him against those arresting him. The martyrs we commemorate on this day make up a group of 117 people killed between 1745 and 1862 during persecutions in Vietnam. Following in their footsteps involves both fidelity and the refusal to repay persecutors with persecution. It often begins with the simple step of saying: "I forgive you."
Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11 (504). "Use your sickle and reap the harvest."

Wednesday, Nov 25, 2026
Give praise
We sing the Gloria at Mass out of pure joy in God. The hymn begins with the words of the angels announcing Jesus' birth: "Glory to God in the highest." Other texts were added over time, including one from today's reading from Revelation, "For you alone are holy," to which we add "you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ." The beauty and exaltation of this hymn remind us that one of the four kinds of prayer is praise, sometimes obscured by prayers of petition and intercession, which flow so naturally. But praise for one's beloved is as old as love itself. While God welcomes our prayers of "gimme, gimme," are we not also so overwhelmed by God's goodness that we can say with the old spiritual, "How can I keep from singing?"
Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19 (505). "Who will not fear you, Lord, or glorify your name? For you alone are holy."

Thursday, Nov 26, 2026
Time for gratitude
"Imagine a country whose . . . people realize that all human beings belong together as one family and must act accordingly, a country guided by common sense. To the extent to which we show ourselves not hateful but grateful, this becomes reality." Benedictine monk Brother David Steindl-Rast wrote these words shortly after Sept. 11, 2001. The Pilgrims and Indians laid the foundation for such a country in 1621 when they shared in the feast they had gathered and prepared through cooperation and trust. Be cooperative and trusting as you gather for a Thanksgiving meal today. Most of all, practice the art of gratitude. Sincere thank-yous are a start.
Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19 (943-947). "'Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?'"

Friday, Nov 27, 2026
Etch God's word in your heart
To some folks it makes perfect sense to have the name of a loved one indelibly inked on their flesh, inscribed with a heart and arrow to demonstrate how deeply the relationship has permeated their lives. But most of us don't need to literally write words on our bodies. Words can become etched in hearts and minds quite naturally. That is why we are encouraged to read scripture daily and celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. We want to make lasting memories of the life-giving words from the Bible, including "God is love,""Your sins are forgiven," and "Blessed are the peacemakers." Immerse yourself in the wonders of God's everlasting word today.
Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Luke 21:29-33 (507). "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Saturday, Nov 28, 2026
Step back and what do you see?
"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from . . . the anxieties of daily life," Jesus warns us. Our first response might be, "How in the world do we do that?!" Traffic jams, grouchy co-workers, impossible deadlines, dirty dishes, and piles of laundry all often appear overwhelming when we look at them through the microscope of routine. Fortunately, Jesus gives us the answer: "Be vigilant and pray." With these simple words, he reminds us to step back occasionally so that the bigger picture can come into view. This in itself is a prayer. When we take in the larger perspective, we remember God—and what better prayer can there be than that?
Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36 (508). "Behold, I am coming soon."

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

EDJE ONLINE WORK DUE THIS WEEK

Grade 1	Ch. 10: The Savior is Born & Assessment
Grade 2	Ch. 10: Preparing for Our Savior & Assessment
Grade 3	Ch. 10: The Lord's Day & Assessment
Grade 4	Ch. 9: God Saves His People & Assessment
Grade 5	Ch. 9: The Forming of the People of God & Assessment
Grade 6	Ch. 9: Citizenship - Rights and Duties & Assessment





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CHURCH & DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS



ST. JOSEPH PARISH APPRECIATION BRUNCH THIS WEEKEND

Why? It's a way for us to celebrate and thank all of our wonderful parishioners and their families for all you do to support St. Joseph Church throughout the year.

When and where? Sunday, November 22, 12:00-2:00pm at the Candlewood Inn, 506 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield.

Who's invited? Our spiritual family. All St. Joseph parishioners and their immediate family/household members.

What else? There is no charge for the brunch. Reservations are not necessary; drop in any time between 12:00pm and 2:00pm.

THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

Scan the QR code to go to our online calendar of events.

SJC BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Coping with the loss of a loved one can weigh us down physically, emotionally and spiritually, but it is not a journey we need to walk alone.
St. Joseph's 8th Station Bereavement Ministry offers comfort and help during the grieving process.
This group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. The sessions are led by Mary Shaughnessy and Patricia Tharrington.



ST. JOSEPH Garden
MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM
St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

A PLACE FOR PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE

St. Joseph Church is developing plans for a Catholic Memorial Garden and Columbarium on parish grounds, near the church. This special space would provide our parish families with a dignified, sacred place for prayer, remembrance, and the inurnment of cremated remains.

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