

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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April 05, 2026

REGULAR MASS TIMES

DAILY MASS: 9:00 am
FIRST FRIDAY: 7:30 pm
Mass Adoration until 10pm
SATURDAY: 9:00 am
(Vigil) 4:30 pm
(en español) 6:00 pm
SUNDAY: 8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm
(Youth) 5:00 pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

PRIESTS & DEACONS

PASTOR

Fr. Geoffrey Baraan

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Fr. Salvador Lopez-Ramirez
SdeJ.

RETIRED IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Francisco Figueroa-Esquer

DEACONS

Dn. Ben Agustin

OFFICE STAFF:

Aura Mendieta, Business
Manager

Teena Posas, Youth Ministry
Director

Christine Suarez, Faith
Formation & RCIA Director
Michael Chio, Music Director
Sr. Christine Le, Bookkeeper

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism

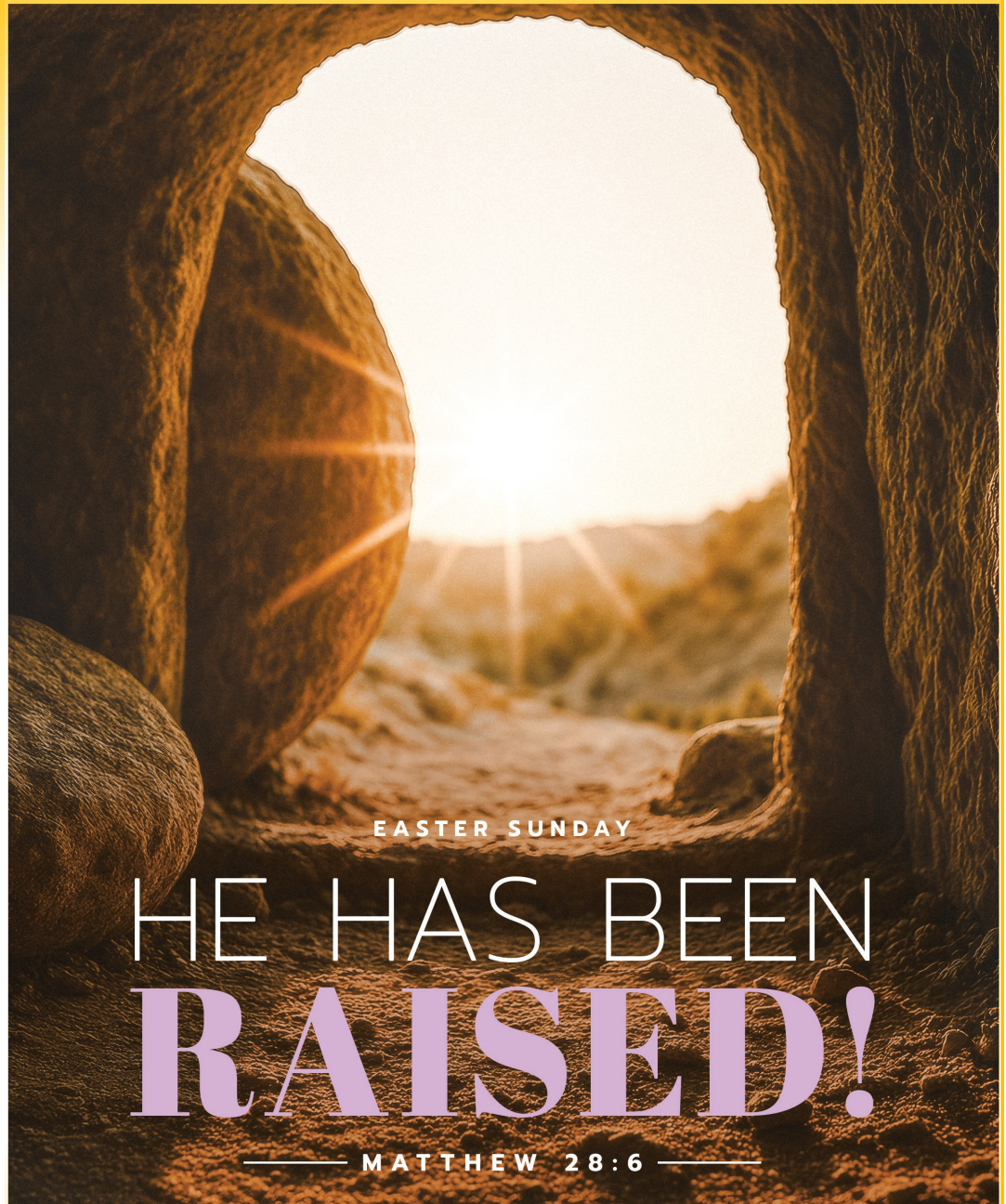
4th Saturday of the month call
the Parish Office.

Wedding

Call the Parish Office at least 6
months ahead.

Funeral

Call to coordinate with the staff.



EASTER SUNDAY

HE HAS BEEN
RAISED!

— MATTHEW 28:6 —

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Fax (510) 724-9185 Monday-Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturdays: 2nd, 3rd, & 4th of each month: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
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My dear friends in Christ,

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

This Easter Sunday, we stand, we rejoice, we clap our hands—not out of habit, but because something truly new has broken into our world. Today we celebrate the masterpiece of God: Christ is risen!

With hearts full of gratitude, we raise our hymn of praise for what God has done for us in Christ. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us, the empty tomb is no illusion: *“If the body had been stolen, the thieves would not have removed the linen.”* What the disciples encountered was not confusion, but the beginning of faith.

The Gospel of John tells us that early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found the stone rolled away. At first, she struggled to understand and ran to tell Peter and the other disciple, saying, *“They have taken the Lord from the tomb.”* But when they came and saw the burial cloths lying there, they saw—and they believed.

And so do we.

For if Christ had not been raised, our suffering would be without meaning, our faith empty, our love without purpose, and even death would have the final word. But Christ *is* risen—and because of this, everything has changed. His resurrection fills our lives with an unfailing hope and reveals God’s enduring promise of love.

As Karl Rahner so beautifully expressed it, *“We pass over from the bondage of fear to the freedom of Christ; from uncertainty to the promise of God’s kingdom; from death to the fullness of life in God.”*

Yes, there are those who still doubt. And perhaps in a world wounded by violence, division, and war—especially in places like the Middle East, where so many of our brothers and sisters suffer—faith can feel difficult. We see pain, loss, and uncertainty, and we ask: where is God? Easter answers that question—not with abstract ideas, but with a living presence.

We believe not only because others have witnessed, but because we ourselves encounter the Risen Christ: in acts of compassion, in forgiveness, in courage, and in the quiet strength of those who continue to hope amid suffering. The light of Christ shines even in the darkest places, and no tomb, no conflict, no hatred can extinguish it.

HE IS RISEN!

He has conquered death. He has opened the gates of heaven. And through our baptism, we share in His victory—a victory not of power, but of love, not of domination, but of peace. So today we rejoice—but we must also ask: what about tomorrow?

We hold on to Easter joy by living it. By choosing love over hatred, peace over violence, and hope over despair. By becoming, in our own lives, witnesses to the Resurrection.

Christ is alive. He is with us. And He calls us to be signs of His presence in a world that longs for healing.

May this Easter take deep root in our hearts. May it strengthen us to be instruments of peace, especially for those suffering in lands torn by conflict. And may the Risen Christ empower us to walk always in goodness, compassion, and love.

Together with Fr. Salvador, Fr. Francisco, Deacon Ben, our Pastoral Staff and Office Volunteers, the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, and the Facilities Committee, I extend to you all a joyful and blessed Easter.

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

In Christ, Fr. Geoffrey

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT FAITH FORMATION/PARISH EVENTS



CONFIRMATION

THIS WEEK for Grades 7 to 12

For attendance or questions, contact your child's teachers as soon as possible. For specific questions, contact Teena Posas - Youth Ministry Director at 510-741-4900 ext. 1010 or by email tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com.

**** MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (7th & 8th gr)**

- Questions, contact Ms. Diona or Mr. Marwin. Parents and students must be seated in the church at 4:45 PM on Sunday April 12 for the 5:00 PM Mass. Check in for attendance after Mass has ended. No class on April 8. Our next classes are on Wednesdays April 15 and 22. Students must BRING their book bag of supplies to class. Parents and students must continue to follow our traffic guidelines.

**** YOUTH FIRST COMMUNION (2nd yr, 7th**

and up) - Questions or to check dates, contact Ms. Cecilia. Parents and students are required to go to the Sunday April 12, 5:00 PM Mass. Check in for attendance after Mass has ended. No class on April 8. We return as a full class group on Wednesdays April 15 and 22. Students must BRING their book bag of supplies to class.

**** EMMAUS PEER MINISTRY:** Applications for 2026-2027 Emmaus Peer Ministry are available, and are due by April 27. Please visit <https://campsite.bio/ymsjcpinole> to access the Google form application. Questions, please contact Teena Posas.

**** YOUTH MINISTRY (1st yr, 9th to 12th gr) -**

Questions, contact the Youth Ministry Director. Parents and students must be seated in the church at 4:45 PM on Sunday April 12 for the 5:00 PM Mass. Check in for attendance after Mass has ended. No class on April 6. We return to the GYM on Monday, April 13 from 6:30 to 8:10 PM. This class will help us prepare for the youth ministry retreat weekend, April 18-19.

**** CONFIRMATION (2nd yr, 10th to 12th gr) -**

Questions, contact your teachers. We return to the GYM for class on Sunday, April 12 at 2:30 pm. Parents and students must be seated in the church at 4:45 PM on April 12 for the 5:00 PM Mass. Check in for

attendance after Mass has ended. Everyone must BRING their book bag of supplies to class.



GRIEF SUPPORT:

An Evening with Wanda & Jonathan It is on Tuesday evening from 7pm to 8pm. It is a peer ministry and drop in session. That means that we are group of people sharing our experience of grief along with each other. Being a drop in session means you can come when you can if you are not able to make it one week that's okay. You can come the next week or when you can. Here is the link there is no password necessary. If you would like to reach out to Wanda: wandatziemba@gmail.com or Jonathan: Jonathan.lisowski@gmail.com
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://ccsf-edu.zoom.us/j/85965778722>



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE

ENCOUNTER

Happy Easter! He has risen! Let us welcome Jesus even more into our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 10-12, 2026 in Zephyr Point NV, May 1-3, 2026 in San Juan Bautista CA or July 10-12, 2026 in Danville CA. Go to wwme.org to find the Experience that is just right for you!



REMEMBRANCE CANDLE

November is the traditional month of remembrance of our loved ones who have gone before us. Candles can be renewed for the next yearly period (November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2026) by visiting the Parish Center and submitting your dedication.

ST. JOSEPH VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers must have a current Safe Environment Certificate on file in the office. If you have not done Virtus before or need to renew go to VirtusOnline.org to fulfill this requirement. If you need to confirm the renewal of your Virtus certification or please email Aura at am.sjcpinole@gmail.com.

WEEKLY PRAYER

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel: Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (Jn 10:1)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

APRIL 05, 2026

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or
Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,
11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn
20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk
24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk
24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-
27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,
19-21/Mk 16:9-15

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS & FAMILIES

Air Force- Gino Dela Rosa, Niko Dela Rosa, Jenna Keomany, Maxine Lucas, Alan Serrano, Chris Trias, Julian Trias

Army- Angel Caliz, Shawn Bets Chart, Ricky Fata, Andrew Fontejon, Darryl Jason Garcia, Jack Money maker, Jorge Rodriguez, Justine RB Sangui, Benjamin Serrano, Darren Espeleta

Coast Guard- Meagan Toomey

Navy- Terrence Bauer, Austin Bressler, Leslie Lag Damen, Christopher Dolan, Carlo Evangelista, Dean Trias, Jasmin Trias

National Guard- Rebecca Sabatini,

Marines- Carlos Aguilera, Richard Antonucci, Joseph Belman, Julian Chan, Carlo Spampinato, Pedro Mazar Egos, Jacob Rudis, Dariell Diaz

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ron Acuna, Virginia P. Alday, Jeannette Alm, Harper Ananyev, Dan Aquino, Joseph Avalos, Kristal Librato Baughn, Gil Bautista, William Black, Larry Burkhart,



Diane Butson, David Cardwell, Dennis Chattell, Pamela Chong, Laura Corona, Kevin Coughlin, Patria & Manolito Crizaldo, Zenaida Cuizon, Erin Curry, Ludelia Datlag, Virgilio de la Vega, Marietta Domingo, Denise Elias, Elizabeth Espanola, Aurora Fronda, Mary Ellen Gillis, Flor Gonzalez, Alexandra Gorgoletis, Elam & Claire Goundar, Alicia Guzman, Ceretta Morgan Hardin, Bill Harper, Nancy Holiday, Lauren Kizer, Jeff M. Ibrahim, Joe Knoblauch, Tony Lagasca, Jack Lam, Jerin Lazaro, Paulette Lemmon, Xavier Manga Lindan, Antonio Lopez, Rich & Marcela Kral, Joseph Magaoay, Imelda F. Magat, Flor Malicsi, Nida Monzon, Jaime Ocampo, Ruby Ochoa, Severina Olivito, Carlos Paredes, Claudette Peters, Jenna Peters, Maria Isabel Perez, Leticia F. Poblete, Patricia Rangel, Connie Ibara Ramirez, Deborah Reyna, Jim Richards, Flo Rodich, Leopoldo Rodriguez, Lee Rondeau, Michael Edward Rossi, Edwin Salgado, Lolita Santos, Romeo Santos, Leo Sendaydiego, Helene Staniszewski, Tim & Tom Taliaferro, Boris Tobar, Bernard F. & Abraham S. Trinidad, Joseph S. Trinidad, Jeffrey Tayag, Yolanda Tayag, Joy Wi, Peter Wongworavit, Lawrence Young

MASS INTENTION

Saturday, April 4, 2026

7:30PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

Sunday, April 5, 2026

6:00AM Adolfo Hernandez †

8:00AM Darcy Gildersleeve - Healing

10:00AM Exequiel & Concepcion Balunsat †

12:00PM Margaret Bennett †

Monday, April 6, 2026

9:00AM Amanda Korbas †

Albert Repola Sr. †

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

9:00 AM Ramon Subida †

Jean Uhlenbrock †

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

9:00AM Violeta Tiongson †

Albert Repola Sr. †

Thursday, April 9, 2026

9:00AM Reynaldo de La Cruz-Healing

Albert Repola Sr. †

Friday, April 10, 2026

9:00AM Bishop Peter Soun Nguyen †

Nenita Andallo - Thanksgiving

Saturday, April 11, 2026

9:00AM Rosemary Caraleno †

Rosa Leiva †

4:30PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

6:00PM Modesta Blando †

PARISH, DIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS/FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP



St. Joseph School
Learning through Faith, Service, and Community

What is Happening at St. Joseph School

Applications for the 2026-2027 School year at St. Joseph School is now open for Preschool, Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten through 8th grades. **Encouraging enrollment in Preschool, Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten through grades 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th.** Tell your friends and family about the wonderful school that teaches learning with heart, mind and spirit.



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SUNDAY COLLECTION

MARCH 28 & 29

DUE TO EARLY BULLETIN

SUBMISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION WILL BE POSTED NEXT WEEK.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUMMARY (JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2026)

Total Income: **\$160,410**

Total Expenses: **\$187,925**

Net Loss: (\$27,514)

The parish is currently operating at a deficit for the first two months of 2026, primarily due to higher administrative and program-related costs, including approximately **\$34,000 for liability insurance** and **\$4,000 for priest pension**.

We are grateful for your continued generosity and support of St. Joseph Parish. Your contributions help sustain our ministries and serve our community. Thank you for your ongoing stewardship.



RICE BOWL COLLECTION – PALM SUNDAY

Happy Easter!

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

EASTER BLESSING

Dear Lord,

Where there has been death, bring new life! Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always.

Amen.

BENDICIÓN DE PASCUA

Querido Señor,

¡Donde ha habido muerte, trae nueva vida! Renueva y redime la tristeza en nuestras historias con Tu bondad y gracia. Bendice nuestros corazones y hogares esta Pascua y siempre. Amén.

WEEKLY CONTENT

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2026

Sunday: Easter Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 29 DE MARZO 2026

Domingo: Domingo de Pascua
Lunes: Lunes de la octava de Pascua
Martes: Martes de la octava de Pascua
Miércoles: Miércoles de la octava de Pascua
Jueves: Jueves de la octava de Pascua
Viernes: Viernes de la octava de Pascua
Sábado: Sábado de la octava de Pascua

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why?

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Al principio, los discípulos no entendieron lo que ocurrió en la tumba. A menudo, no podemos comprender el propósito del plan de Dios. Solo vemos una piedra en el lugar equivocado. Cuando nos detenemos y miramos más profundo, lo vemos: Dios ha movido la piedra. Así que debemos preguntarnos: ¿por qué?

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Easter

Question:

Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer:

You've probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or

"counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.



After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Pascua

Pregunta:

¿Por qué la temporada de Pascua es tan larga? ¿Y deberíamos hacer algo especial por ello?

Respuesta:

Probablemente hayas notado que el sacerdote continúa usando vestimentas blancas en la liturgia dominical. Si bien celebramos la resurrección de Cristo hace varias semanas, la temporada de Pascua se extiende cincuenta días, poco más de siete semanas, desde el Domingo de Pascua hasta Pentecostés. Durante la mayor parte de ese tiempo, unas seis semanas, Jesús todavía está con los discípulos, enseñándoles y animándolos. La temporada de Pascua no es solo una celebración de cuando Jesús está con nosotros. En la Última Cena, Jesús prometió enviar un "abogado" o "consejero" cuando se fuera. En la Ascensión, dirige a los discípulos a esperar "el poder de lo alto", la venida del Espíritu Santo. La Ascensión completa el misterio pascual, comenzando con el sufrimiento y la muerte de Jesús y continuando en la resurrección. Pero el Espíritu Santo marca el comienzo de una nueva era para la Iglesia.

Después de pasar semanas en oración, ayuno y servicio durante la Cuaresma, puede parecer extraño que no tengamos prácticas similares para la Pascua. ¡Eso no significa que no puedas abrazar la temporada! Comprométete a tomar momentos de pequeñas alegrías a lo largo de las semanas, como actos aleatorios de bondad hacia los demás. Considera leer los Hechos de los Apóstoles para aprender más sobre la Iglesia primitiva o elegir un devotional de Pascua para orar. ¡Ciertamente, aun esta resucitado!

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