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August 24, 2025

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

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Baptism

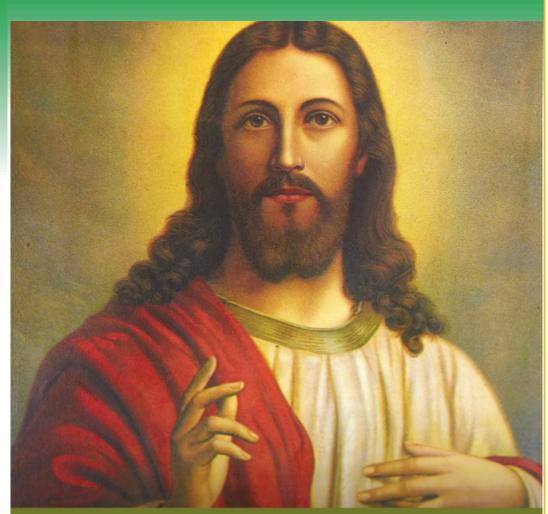
4th Saturday of the month call the Parish Office.

Wedding

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months ahead.

Funeral

Call to coordinate with a priest or



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

Church Address: 837 Tennent Avenue, Pinole, CA 94564, Parish Office: 2100 Pear Street, Pinole, CA Phone: (510) 741-4900; 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 E-mail: contact.sjcpinole@gmail.com Visit: https://www.sjcpinole.church/ St. Vincent de Paul Assistant 510-691-1813 Saint Joseph School 1961 Plum Street, Pinole, CA Phone: (510) 724-0242 Fax (510) 724-9886 Principal: Natalie Lenz-Acuña Email: nlenz-acuna@csdo.org Visit: www.stjosephpinole.com

Reflections



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week, during my State of the Parish address, I shared one of my hopes for our community: that we may one day be known as a parish stewardship. This vision is both a great challenge and a sacred calling — one that invites us to deepen our commitment to living out the Gospel in tangible ways.

For many years, the bishops of the United States have placed a strong emphasis on Christian stewardship, promoting it through seminars, publications, and annual conferences. Thanks to these efforts, many parishes across the country have experienced remarkable renewal and growth. Yet, for many of us, the word "stewardship" remains unfamiliar — even intimidating. As Fr. Dan Danielson humorously noted, "Catholics are more familiar with the word bingo!" Still, I return to this topic today because it is vital to our future. Unless we embrace a stewardship way of life, we will struggle to grow as a vibrant, engaged, and faith-filled community.

Our baptismal call invites — even compels — us to build a community of faith, one in which each person shares their time, talent, and treasure. This is why we must each ask ourselves a crucial question: Am I a good steward — a cheerful, responsible caretaker of all that God has entrusted to me?

This question is more than rhetorical. It has the power to transform both our individual spiritual lives and our parish community. Is there a true sense of responsibility within me? Am I living a life of gratitude, of thanksgiving? I've said it before: stewardship must be deeply personal and spiritual. It should not be something we do out of obligation, but rather a way of life — a natural expression of our love for God and neighbor.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us:

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

These are challenging words, reminding us that discipleship requires intention, sacrifice, and strength.

In 1993, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops released a powerful document titled Stewardship: A Disciple's Response. I'd like to share a key reflection from that document: Who is a Christian disciple?

One who responds to Christ's call, follows Jesus, and shapes his or her life in imitation of Christ.

Who is a Christian steward?

One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them generously in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

The Book of Genesis reminds us that God placed humanity in the garden "to cultivate and care for it" (Gen 2:15). That mission continues today. The world — and our parish — is a kind of garden entrusted to us for the glory of God and the good of all.

So let this be a beginning. A seed. A call to grow as disciples and as a community that lives in gratitude, in faith, and in generous response to the love of our faithful God.

Finally, in the spirit of stewardship, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who helped organize the beautiful celebration honoring the life and faith of Ricky Delos Reyes. It was a moving tribute, and so well deserved.

With prayers for our continued growth in Christ,

In His peace,

Fr. Geoffrey

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT FAITH FORMATION/PARISH EVENTS

FAITH FORMATION

Reminders to the parents of 2nd year Sacramental Preparation: We are open for registrations now, please register your children early to ensure a seat in class. We have limited classrooms this year. We are also appealing to the generosity of parents' time; if you want fulfill service hours, sign up to volunteer as catechist's aide & help your child's class. We are offering Faith formation for grades 1-6 and sacramental preparations program. We also offer Bilingual Classes for Sacramental preparations only. Bilingual classes are held every Wednesday from 4:45pm -6:00pm, English classes are held every Wednesday from 6:30pm -7:45pm. We accept cash, check & now, credit cards. Registration fee is \$100. Per child, \$160.00 for 2 kids \$160.00 and \$180.for 3 or more kids

We will begin the year with a Family Mass for all students, parents/guardians on Saturday, September 13, Saturday at 4:30PM. All catechists will be commissioned at the mass. Regular classes; will begin Wednesday September 17, with an Orientation for parents & students. Have a great summer! But don't forget to go to church on Sundays. "God does not take a vacation."

YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION

REGISTRATIONS & Start Dates for Grades 7 to 12:

** 2025-2026 Registrations may CLOSE when classes begin - For families with returning, continuing or new students rising to grades 7 to high school, our Registration Packets are available at the Parish Center during office hours, on the parish website under "Youth", and at https://campsite.bio/ymsjcpinole. For questions, contact Teena Posas, parish Youth Ministry Director, at 510-741-4900 ext. 1010 or by email at tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com.

** CLASS for 7th and 8th graders - This class is for 7th & 8th graders who have never had spiritual formation, who are continuing with their next grade for spiritual formation, or are returning for their first year for sacrament preparation. This class meets on Wednesdays and ends in May 2026. The MANDATORY first meeting for students and parents in THIS CLASS is September 24, in the church. The REQUIREMENT for families to go to second Sunday 5:00 PM Mass each month starts in October. Specific information is in our Registration Packets.

** YOUTH FIRST COMMUNION (2nd year, 7th grade and older) - This is the second year class for 7th to 12th graders who completed their first year in spiritual formation (2024-2025), who would like to prepare for first communion and will commit to attending class in the appropriate class for their grade. This additional class meets on Wednesdays and ends in May 2026. The MANDATORY first meeting for students and parents in THIS CLASS is September 24, in the church. The REQUIREMENT for families to go to second Sunday 5:00 PM Mass each month starts in October. Students who complete the requirements for the second year may receive First Communion in the spring of 2026. Specific information is available from the youth ministry director.

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

The St. Joseph Parish Confirmation Program is a two year preparation process. The earliest that a teenager can begin this process is 9th grade. His/her first year is called Youth Ministry. This class meets on Mondays and ends in May 2026. The MANDATORY first meeting for students and parents in THIS CLASS is September 15, at 6:30 PM in the church. The REQUIRE-MENT for families to go to second Sunday 5:00 PM Mass each month starts in October. Students who complete the requirements for the first year will be invited in May 2026 to enroll for the second year for the Confirmation class. Students who complete the requirements for the second year may receive Confirmation in the spring of 2027. Specific information is in our Registration Packets.

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

Registration appointments are now completed for our second year families whose children completed Youth Ministry. This class for teens in 10th to 12th grade meets on Sundays. The MANDATORY first meeting for students and parents in THIS CLASS is September 14, at 2:30 PM in the parish school gym, with 5:00 PM Mass to follow. Students who complete the requirements for the second year may receive Confirmation in the spring of 2026. Specific information is in the packets that families received in May 2025.

WEEKLY PRAYER

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

Second Reading: So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. (Heb 12:12-13)

Gospel: For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

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,

Andrew Fontejon, Darryl Jason Garcia, Jack

Moneymaker, Justine RB Sangui, Benjamin Serrano,

Army Branch, Darren Espeleta

Coast Guard- Meagan Toomey

Navy-Terrence Bauer, Austin Bressler, Leslie Lag Damen, 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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ron Acuna, Sally Aguilera, Virginia P. Alday, Jeannette Alm, Harper Ananyev, Dan Aquino, Joseph Avalos, Kristal Librato Baughn, Gil Bautista, William Black, Larry Burkhart, Diane Butson, Dennis Chattell, Pamela Chong, Laura Corona, Kevin Coughlin, Patria & Manolito Crizaldo, Erin Curry, Ludelia Datlag, Virgilio de la Vega, Marietta Domingo, Denise Elias, Elizabeth Espanola, Aurora Fronda, Flor Gonzalez, Alexandra Gorgoletis, Elam & Claire Goundar, Alicia

Guzman, Ceretta Morgan Hardin, Bill Harper, Michael Edward Rossi, Jeff M. Ibrahim, Joe Knoblauch, Tony Lagasca, Jack Lam, Ethan Benjamin Layne, Paulette Lemmon, Xavier Manga Lindan, Antonio Lopez, Joseph Magaoay, Imelda F. Magat, Nida Monzon, Jaime Ocampo, Ruby Ochoa, Severina Olivito, Claudette Peters, Jenna Peters, Maria Isabal Perez, Leticia F. Poblete, Mary Pratto, Patricia Rangel, Connie Ibara Ramirez, Deborah Reyna, Jim Richards, Flo Rodich, Lee Rondeau, Edwin Salgado, Lolita Santos, Romeo Santos, Leo Sendaydiego, Helene Staniszewski, Tim & Tom Taliaferro, Bernard F. & Abrahim S. Trinidad, Joseph S. Trinidad, Jeffrey Tayag, Yolanda Tayag, Mike Ward, Charles Whaley, Joy Wi, Peter Wongworavit

MASS INTENTION

Saturday, August 23, 2025

9:00am Nila L. Asuncion 🕈

Eduardo Piring 🕈

4:30pm Emma Flores **†** 6:00pm Nicolas Alvarez **†**

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:00am Lien Sanchez V 10:00am Dan Blanchette V 12:00pm Melquiades Bueno V 5:00pm Parishioners of St. Joseph

Monday, August 25, 2025

9:00am Duayna Pucci V

Servillano Mamitag, Jr.

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

9:00am Al & Marilyn Vela (56th Wed. Anniv)

Sixto & Carlina Santos V

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

9:00am Marc Jacob Vitangcol V

Juiliana Mesa V

Thursday, August 28, 2025

9:00am Agustina Bernal V

Judith MalbasV

Friday, August 29, 2025

9:00am Emmanuel Cleofas V

Edward Bragado, Sr. V

Saturday, August 30, 2025

9:00am Eligio F. Andallo

Charles Whaley (Health)

4:30pm Wyman Fong V 6:00pm Christian Lacsina

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8:00am Amado & Juana Fronda 🕏

10:00am Pierre Younis † 12:00pm Celerina Vela †

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Joseph

PARISH, DIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS/FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP



What is Happening at St. Joseph School



Sign up for CYO sports for the 25 -26 Fall Season when girls play Volleyball

and the boys play Basketball St. Joseph Catholic School students in Grades 3-8 are eligible to participate in the parish Catholic Youth

Organization (CYO) programs for boys and girls open to all students of St. Joseph School and Parish. The emphasis of the CYO program is on the development of sportsmanship and skills. Teams practice in the school gym and other local facilities and participate in league games throughout the Diocese.

This year we will once again host games on Friday nights and the weekends. We will be looking for a Chair of the Boosters club who can organized volunteers to sell snacks and collect admission fees to the home games. Check out the volunteer section for details. Registration is now open for our Fall Sports program Tuesday, September 2nd

Please Join Alumni and Friends at www.Facebook.com/groups/204136270336908 Check out our website for the latest happenings at the school at stjosephpinole.org and https:// www.facebook.com/StJosephSchoolPinole/

SUNDAY COLLECTION AUGUST 16 & 17

Sunday \$ 11,651

Religious Faith Formation \$1,062



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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

August 23-24, 2025

Jesus is the way, the truth and the



life. Let Jesus be the Lord and Savior of your life and marriage by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on August 22-24 in Sonora, Sept. 19-21 in San Juan Bautista, Nov. 14-16 in Danville. Go to https://wwme.org/ to apply for the Experience that works for you!

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 CONTENT

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2025

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Wednesday: St. Monica

Thursday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church

Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 24 DE AGOSTO DE 2025

Domingo: 21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Lunes: San Luis; San José Calasanz, sacerdote

Miércoles: Santa Mónica

Jueves: San Agustín, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Viernes: La pasión de San Juan Bautista

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt...but will not be strong enough." So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if we ask for help.

<u>VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA</u>

"Esfuércense por entrar por la puerta estrecha", nos dice Jesús. "Muchos lo intentarán... pero no serán lo suficientemente fuertes". Así que nunca seamos tan tontos como para confiar en nuestras propias fuerzas. Estrecho no significa intransitable, no si pedimos ayuda.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Basilica Versus Cathedral

Question:

What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

Answer:

Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.

¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLI-CA EXPLICADA

Basílica versus Catedral

Pregunta:

¿Cuál es la diferencia entre una basílica y una catedral? **Respuesta:**

Las basílicas son iglesias que se llaman así debido a su antigüedad, dignidad, importancia histórica o significado como centros de culto. Una catedral es la iglesia principal



de una diócesis, que contiene la silla del obispo, o "cátedra" en latín. La silla es el símbolo de la autoridad del obispo para enseñar.



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MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM 1961 PLUM ST. PINOLE. CA 94564







OKTOBERFEST DONATION REQUESTS

DRINKS:

- 30 CASE(S) OF BOTTLED WATER (35 PER CASE)
- 30 CASE(S) OF SODA EACH: COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE
- 25 RED WINE BOTTLE(S)
- 25 WHITE WINE BOTTLE(S)

SUPPLIES:

- 20 CASES TO GO COMPOSTABLE CONTAINERS (3-PART COMPARTMENT) (100 PER SET)
- 50 SETS (9X13) ALUMINUM HALF TRAYS (25 PER SET)
- 50 SETS (21X13) ALUMINUM FULL TRAYS (20 PER SET)
- 10 SETS CHAFING FUEL (1 DOZEN PER SET)
- 50 SETS UTENSILS (FORK, SPOON, KNIFE COMBO-100)
- 10 PACKS NAPKINS
- 10 BUNDLES 5 PACK LYSOL DISINFECTING WIPES
- 3 SETS BLUE FACE MASKS (100 PER SET)
- 5 SETS EACH-FOOD GLOVES M, L, and XL (100 PKG EACH)
- 50 EACH PURELL HAND SANITIZER (BULK)
- 10 BOX -ALUMINUM FOIL (BULK), 5 BOX PLASTIC WRAP
- 10 PACKS OF 8 PAPER TOWELS (BULK)
- 100 EACH TABLECLOTHS DISPOSABLE -WHITE (BULK)
- 3 BAGS JASMINE RICE (25 LBS)

*DROP OFF BEFORE MASS - IN THE LOBBY OR DURING THE WEEK AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: LINA SONICO 510-283-8976

CURSILLO WEEKEND

Looking to deepen your faith?

Have you experienced a Cursillo weekend? It's a great way to accomplish that goal.



Liturgies



Talk



Music



Sacrament



Food



Fellowshin

Men's Weekend - Thursday evening, Sept. 11 through Sunday afternoon, Sept. 14 Women's Weekend - Thursday evening, Sept. 18 through Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21 Weekends will be held at St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton.

Sat, Sept. 27, 4th Day Gathering for all 2-4PM, Corpus Christi, Piedmont

For more info, contact anyone you know who has already made a Cursillo weekend, or Nita Volker at nitavolker@hotmail.com or 925-984-7980. Pre-registration is required.



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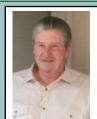
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