

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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January 11, 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**

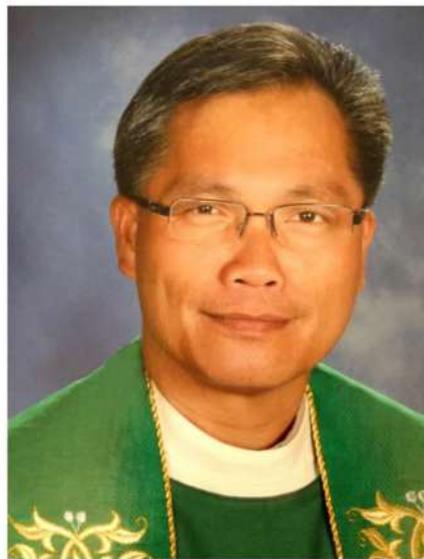
Call to coordinate with a priest or



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved  
Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

*Fr. Geoffrey Fontelera Baraan*



**HAPPY 66TH BIRTHDAY FR. GEOFFREY!**

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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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## Reflections



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As we conclude the Christmas season today, I pray that your celebrations were filled with joy, gratitude, love, and peace. May the spirit of the season continue to illuminate your hearts throughout the year.

Today marks the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord—a pivotal moment in our salvation story. In His boundless mercy and love, God reveals Himself in human form, as the Word made Flesh. Through the gift of His Son, Jesus, the Father claims us as His beloved children, and the Holy Spirit descends upon us.

The baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River is a significant milestone in the history of salvation. It marks the end of the ministry of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the coming Messiah. As John the Baptist humbly declared, “I must decrease so that He may increase,” this moment ushers in the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry.

In this act of baptism, the heavens open, and God’s voice proclaims, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” It is a clear sign of God’s favor upon Jesus, the only begotten Son, who is “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,” as we profess in the Nicene Creed.

As Jesus emerges from the water, the Holy Spirit descends upon Him in the form of a dove—an unmistakable sign that He is the anointed Messiah. This moment not only affirms Jesus’ divine mission but also empowers Him with the strength of the Holy Spirit to fulfill His saving work.

Through this event, Jesus dedicates Himself completely to the Father’s will. It is the beginning of His ministry, which will unfold through preaching, teaching, healing, and, ultimately, His death and resurrection—the culmination of the Father’s redemptive plan for humanity.

For John the Baptist, the baptism of Jesus was the fulfillment of a lifetime of waiting and preparation. He had longed for the arrival of the promised Messiah, as foretold by the prophets, and now, he stood witness to this profound moment. To see, to hear, and to baptize the very One who would bring salvation to the world must have been an overwhelming blessing for him.

This sacred event invites us to reflect on our own baptism and its ongoing significance in our lives. To be baptized is to be born anew—born of water and the Spirit. It is the beginning of a new life, one that shares in the intimate love of the Holy Trinity. In baptism, we are cleansed from sin and made new, washed in the precious blood of the Lamb. To live the grace of our baptism means that we must live out the faith, hope, and love that reside within us, as a visible witness to the world.

I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who generously gave gifts to me, Fr. Salvador, and Fr. Francisco during the Christmas season. Your kindness, prayers, and support are deeply appreciated. We know we are imperfect, and we recognize our many shortcomings. As we enter the New Year, I ask for your forgiveness and understanding.

Please also remember me in your prayers as I celebrate my 66th birthday today, January 11. With humility and gratitude, I continue, as your pastor, to dedicate myself to building with you the kingdom of God here at St. Joseph Church. Together, let us live out the mission of Christ in our lives and community.

May God bless you abundantly in the year ahead.

Your Servant 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](mailto:tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com).

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

- Everyone attends the Sunday 5 PM Mass on January 11 and goes to the assigned area after the music ends to check in for attendance. REMINDER: Parents and students need to follow our MANDATORY traffic rules to keep everyone safe!

\* This group returns to their classroom on Wed. January 14. Class is from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Students must BRING their book bag of supplies. Questions, contact Ms. Diona or Mr. Marwin.

#### **\*\* YOUTH FIRST COMMUNION (2nd yr, 7th and up)**

- Everyone attends the Sunday 5 PM Mass on January 11 and goes to the assigned area after the music ends to check in for attendance. REMINDER: Parents and students need to follow our MANDATORY traffic rules to keep everyone safe!

\* This group returns to their classroom on Wed. January 14. Class is from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Students must BRING their book bag of supplies. Questions, contact Ms. Cecilia.

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

Everyone attends the Sunday 5 PM Mass on January 11 and goes to the assigned area after the music ends to check in for attendance.

\* We return to class on Monday January 12. Class is from 6:30 to 8:10 PM. Questions, contact the Youth Ministry Director.

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

Blessings and prayers for our candidates who have been on retreat January 9 to 11. Thank you to families for joining us at Mission Springs for the Sunday afternoon retreat Mass.

\* We return to class on Sunday January 25, 2:30 to 4:30 pm and the 5:00 PM Mass with your families. Questions, contact your teachers. REMINDER: Pre-approval for the required TWO Works of Mercy projects per candidate is ongoing; visit <https://>

[campsite.bio/ymsjcpinole](https://campsite.bio/ymsjcpinole). These projects must be finished by March 1, 2026.



### 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](mailto:wandatziemba@gmail.com) or Jonathan: [Jonathan.lisowski@gmail.com](mailto:Jonathan.lisowski@gmail.com)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://ccsf-edu.zoom.us/j/85965778722>



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.” Rejoice in your marriage. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on March 4-6, 2026 in Danville, April 10-12, 2026 in Zephyr Point NV or May 1-3, 2026 in San Juan Bautista. Go to [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) to find the Experience that is just right for you!

“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” This Advent make the decision to grow in your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on March 4-6, 2026 in Danville, April 10-12, 2026 in Zephyr Point NV or May 1-3, 2026 in San Juan Bautista. Go to [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.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.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations. (Is 42:6)

**Psalms:** The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Ps 29)

**Second Reading:** "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

**Gospel:** And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Mt 3:17)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17



### 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, 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, Mary Ellen Gillis, 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, Jerin Lazaro, Ethan Benjamin Layne, Paulette Lemmon, Xavier Manga Lindan, Antonio Lopez, Joseph Magaoay, Imelda F. Magat, Flor Malicsi, Nida Monzon, Jaime Ocampo, Ruby Ochoa, Severina Olivito, Claudette Peters, Jenna Peters, Maria Isabal Perez, Leticia F. Poblete, 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. & Abraham S. Trinidad, Joseph S. Trinidad, Jeffrey Tayag, Yolanda Tayag, Joy Wi, Peter Wongworavit

### MASS INTENTION

#### **Saturday, January 10, 2026**

9:00AM Carmen and Augusto Morera †

4:30PM Erlinda Estrerat

6:00PM Ana Revuelta †

#### **Sunday, January 11, 2026**

8:00AM Daray John Dela Cruz (Birthday)

10:00AM Segundo Cuyno †

12:00PM Eduardo Santos †

5:00PM Samuel Arroyo †

#### **Monday, January 12, 2026**

9:00AM Mary Pratto †

9:00AM Nemecia Fontejer

#### **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

9:00AM Mary Burkard †

Karen & Ruth Cartwright †

#### **Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

9:00AM Mary BurkardV

Maria de Jesus Rivera Nava †

#### **Thursday, January 15, 2025**

9:00AM Mary BurkardV

Karen & Ruth Cartwright †

#### **Friday, January 16, 2026**

9:00AM Mary PrattoV

Peter Burkard (Birthday)

#### **Saturday, January 17, 2026**

9:00AM Felipe & Vicia Policarpio †

Marynella Burkard †

4:30PM Eddie S. Reyes †

6:00PM Modesta Blanco †

#### **Sunday, January 18, 2026**

8:00AM Parishioners of St. Joseph

10:00AM Leo Mascarenhas †

12:00PM Lourdes Guevarra †

# PARISH, DIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS/FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP



## St. Joseph School What is Happening at St. Joseph School

Learning through Faith, Service, and Community

Happy New Year from St. Joseph School Faculty and Staff at St. Joseph School

Happy Birthday Fr. Geoffrey from your St. Joseph School community. We love you and appreciate your support and partnership.

**APPLY NOW** for the **2025-2026 School Year**  
[stjosephpinole.org/admissions](http://stjosephpinole.org/admissions)

Attend our **Open House**  
 Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025 at 11:00am to 1:30pm

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**COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL**

Applications for the 2026-2027 School year at St. Joseph School is now open for Preschool, Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten through 8th grades. Tell your friends and family about the wonderful school that teaches the heart, mind and spirit.



Registration Open for St. Joseph Parish CYO Sports – Girls Basketball (3-8th grades) and Track and Field (Kindergarten – 8th grades for both boys and girls) Sign up your children by February 7th.

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 REGISTER NOW ONLINE: FEBRUARY 7, 2025

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## SUNDAY COLLECTION

### DECEMBER 20 & 21

SUNDAY \$ 14,424

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS \$ 1,044

CHRISTMAS \$ 17,179

### DECEMBER 27 & 28

SUNDAY \$ 17,470

DECORATION OFFERING \$ 3,931



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## WEEKLY CONTENT

### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2026**

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Tuesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Saturday: St. Anthony, Abbot  
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 11 DE ENERO 2026**

Domingo: El Bautismo del Señor  
Martes: San Hilario, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia  
Sábado: San Antonio, abad  
Domingo siguiente: 2º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

John could not believe that Jesus would seek baptism from him, a lowly mortal man. But our God is a humble God. He does not fear our weakness. He extends his hand, saying, "It is fitting." So take his hand. Begin the work he has set out for you.

### **VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**

Juan no podía creer que Jesús buscaría el bautismo de él, un humilde hombre mortal. Pero nuestro Dios es un Dios humilde. Él no teme nuestra debilidad. Extiende su mano, diciendo: "Es apropiado". Así que toma su mano. Comienza la obra que él ha establecido para ti.

### **WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

#### **Temptation**

#### **Question:**

At times, temptation seems so powerful that it is almost impossible to resist. How can I be stronger in my resolve to avoid sin and temptation?

#### **Answer:**

The saints have written that every human person desires the good. In a sense, we don't desire sin itself. Temptation is powerful because there is at least some bit of good in it. Even in the blackest of sin, there is something good that becomes twisted. We can look for good in sin when we feel it is lacking in our own life. When we lack true relational intimacy, it can be easy to turn to lust. When we lack confidence in God in our own lives, it can be easy to judge others or to grasp for control over situations. When we lack peace in the present moment, it can be easy to compete with others or to treat others poorly in our quest for success.

Overcoming temptation isn't just about repressing our sinful desires. If that's all we do, they'll just burst out someplace else! If there is a recurring temptation in your life, prayerfully consider *why* this is so appealing to you. Submit this to God and bring it to a wise person. And in the meantime, continue to resist temptation to sin. If we fail to choose God in small choices, we're several steps down the road towards failing in larger ones. Pray for the grace to persevere!



### **¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA**

#### **Tentación**

#### **Pregunta:**

A veces, la tentación parece tan poderosa que es casi imposible resistirse. ¿Cómo puedo ser más firme en mi determinación de evitar el pecado y la tentación?

#### **Respuesta:**

Los santos han escrito que toda persona humana desea el bien. En cierto sentido, no deseamos el pecado en sí mismo. La tentación es poderosa porque al menos hay algo de bien en ella. Incluso en el más negro de los pecados, hay algo bueno que se tuerce. Podemos buscar el bien en el pecado cuando sentimos que falta en nuestra propia vida. Cuando carecemos de una verdadera intimidad relacional, puede ser fácil recurrir a la lujuria. Cuando carecemos de confianza en Dios en nuestras propias vidas, puede ser fácil juzgar a los demás o aferrarnos al control de las situaciones. Cuando carecemos de paz en el momento presente, puede ser fácil competir con los demás o tratar mal a los demás en nuestra búsqueda del éxito.

Vencer la tentación no se trata solo de reprimir nuestros deseos pecaminosos. Si eso es todo lo que hacemos, ¡simplemente estallarán en otro lugar! Si hay una tentación recurrente en tu vida, considera en oración *por qué* esto es tan atractivo para ti. Somételo a Dios y tráelo a una persona sabia. Y mientras tanto, continúa resistiendo la tentación de pecar. Si fallamos en elegir a Dios en decisiones pequeñas, estamos varios pasos en el camino hacia el fracaso en las más grandes. ¡Reza por la gracia de perseverar!

## **ST. PATRICK'S RODEO GIFT SHOP**

Just a reminder that St. Patrick's Rodeo has a Gift Shop managed by the Altar Society and is open after all Masses on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. We have a supply of Jubilee items including keychains, magnets and some jewelry. We will also have personalized angel ornaments for sale. Please stop by and see our other religious items. ALL proceeds go toward providing needed items for the church.

## **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](http://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](mailto:am.sjcpinole@gmail.com).



## **LIFE MATTERS!**

The Knights of Columbus would like to express their deepest gratitude for your overwhelming generosity and support in exceeding their charity drive goal by receiving over \$6,700 in donations!! A portable ultrasound machine will be delivered on behalf of parishioners of St Joseph's Church in Pinole. It will reach a remote area of the Philippines where it is desperately needed to save the lives of expecting mothers and their babies! A heartfelt "THANK YOU!! to all who contributed!

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