

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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July 13, 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

## 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



## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.” - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

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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,**

I hope you are enjoying a peaceful and blessed summer!

Our parish is perhaps the largest Christian community in Western Contra Costa, and it stands as a shining light in the heart of downtown Pinole. As you drive down the freeway or along San Pablo Avenue, you cannot help but be welcomed by the beauty of our church. For 78 years, this parish community has been a beacon of hope, a place where God's love is alive and visible.

From its humble beginnings, our parish has grown into a vibrant community. Over the years, we have welcomed strangers, fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and visited the sick. Through the Ministry of St. Vincent de Paul, these acts of love continue to thrive. We have remained the visible Body of Christ, living out the gospel through service and compassion. In doing so, we bring the message of Christ to life in our hearts and in our community. Though summer often brings a time of rest and renewal, our work continues. We are here to ensure that the Word of God is proclaimed, bringing hope to a world that is often filled with uncertainty and darkness.

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the Good Samaritan, who, moved by compassion, helped a man beaten by robbers. The Good Samaritan has become a powerful symbol of Christ's call to be agents of hope, peace, and healing in the world.

Last week, we reflected on how Jesus sent out His disciples as "ambassadors" or "sales representatives" of His kingdom. Much like a company sends representatives to spread the word about their products, Jesus sends His disciples as agents of His message of salvation. They go out into the world, meeting people, sometimes facing hostility, but always carrying the message of hope and redemption.

Jesus gave His apostles clear instructions when He sent them out: travel light, focus on the mission, and do not be discouraged by those who may reject you. These instructions are just as relevant to us today. In our discipleship, what distractions keep us from focusing on Christ's mission? Are we easily discouraged when our efforts to share the Gospel are not well received?

Jesus' call to the apostles is also a call to each of us: to proclaim repentance, to serve others with Christ-like love, and to reach out to those who are hurting. Through simple acts of forgiveness, understanding, and compassion, we can make a profound difference in the lives of those around us.

Christ is still in need of more "sales reps" today. To be a Christian is to be an ambassador for Christ, to represent His love and grace wherever we are. We have been entrusted with the greatest message and the greatest "product" the world has ever known, and we are empowered by the most understanding and loving "Big Boss" imaginable!

As we go out into the world as His representatives, may we find joy in our hearts and be filled with the courage and determination to share the love of Christ with everyone we meet.

**Your Fellow Sales Rep,**

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

#### **CRAVING A DELICIOUS TREAT THAT SUPPORTS OUR MINISTRY? ENDING JULY**

**13!** Emmaus Peer Ministry is hosting a **\*\*popcorn fundraiser\*\*** that offers a variety of tasty items. All proceeds support the young people attending the peer ministry overnight retreat in July, off site in Marin County. Find the popcorn selections by visiting [SUPPORTMY-FUNDRAISER.ORG](https://supportmyfundraiser.org) and choose SHOP to browse around. Use our Seller ID 00497106 to place your order. If you'd rather see the colorful brochure, have questions, or would like to donate to this ministry, please contact Teena Posas, our Youth Ministry Director by phone at 510-741-4900 extension 1010 or by email at [tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com](mailto:tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com). This fundraiser ends on Sunday, July 13. Thank you for your support!

#### **REGISTRATION for Grades 7 to 12:**

**\*\* 2025-2026 Registrations for returning, continuing or new students** - For families with returning, continuing or new students rising to grades 7 to high school, the Registration Packets are now available at the Parish Center during office hours and in PDF format

online at <https://campsite.bio/ymsjcpinole>. Questions about grades 7 to 12, contact Teena Posas, our parish Youth Ministry Director at 510-741-4900 extension 1010 or by email at [tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com](mailto:tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com).

**\*\* CLASS for 7th and 8th graders** - Registration has opened. This class is for rising 7th & 8th graders who are continuing with their next grade for spiritual formation, their first year for sacrament preparation, or who have never had spiritual formation. This class begins in September 2025, meets on Wednesday evenings and ends in May 2026.

**\*\* YOUTH FIRST COMMUNION (2nd year, 7th grade and older)** - Registration has opened. This is the second year class for rising 7th to 12th graders who just completed their first year in spiritual formation (2024-2025) and now would like to prepare for first communion. This class begins in September 2025, meets on Wednesday evenings and ends in May 2026. Students who complete the requirements for the second year may receive First Communion in the spring of 2026.

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

Registration has opened. The St. Joseph Parish Confirmation Program is a two year preparation process for teens in high school. The earliest that a teenager can begin the two year preparation process is 9th grade. This first year is called Youth Ministry. This class begins in September 2025, meets on Monday evenings and ends in May 2026. Students who complete the requirements for the first year are invited in May 2026 to enroll for the second year, the Confirmation class. Students who complete the requirements for the second year may receive Confirmation in the spring of 2027.

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

This is the second year class for teens rising to 10th to 12th grade who just completed their first year in Youth Ministry. The appointments for 2024-2025 Youth Ministry families to register for their second year will close this month, the end of July. Please prepare everything that needs to be turned in at your appointment. This class begins in September 2025 and meets on Sundays. Students who complete the requirements for the second year may receive Confirmation in the spring of 2026.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." (Dt 30:14)

**Psalms:** Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

**Second Reading:** Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1:15)

**Gospel:** You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. (Lk 10:25)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 13, 2025

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

### 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 Money-maker, 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, 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, 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, Patricia Rangel, 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, Mike Ward, Joy Wi, Peter Wongworavit

### MASS INTENTION

#### **Saturday, July 12, 2025**

9:00am Antonio Deborja †

James Gustillo †

4:30pm Maria Cesena †

6:00pm Carmen & Jose Cortes †

#### **Sunday, July 13, 2025**

8:00am Mila Evelyn Camagong (Birthday)

10:00am Jeffrey Javier (Healing)

12:00pm Mirandilla Family (Good Health)

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Joseph

#### **Monday, July 14, 2025**

9:00am Buena Escano

Enrico Castillo

#### **Tuesday, July 15, 2025**

9:00am Maria Nguyen Ban †

Remy Fontejon †

#### **Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

9:00am Teresa Hernandez Ocegüera †

Carmen Rosa Guevara (Birthday)

#### **Thursday, July 17, 2025**

9:00am Timothy Keefe †

Somyong Phounmathep †

#### **Friday, July 18, 2025**

9:00am Msgr. Fred Bitanga †

Sharlene Sanchez (Healing)

#### **Saturday, July 19, 2025**

9:00am Venjei L. Asuncion †

Josefa Anday & Cornelio Diocares, Sr.

4:30pm Parishioners of St. Joseph

6:00pm Modesta Blanco †

## PARISH, DIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS/FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP



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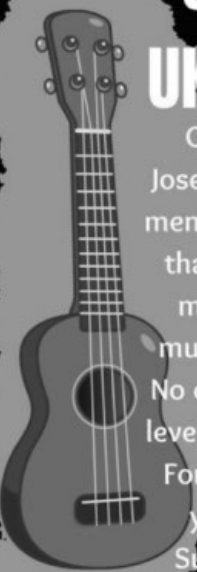
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## ST. JOSEPH UKULELE CLUB

Come play with the St. Joseph Ukulele Club. We are members of your community that meet a few times per month to learn and play music from several genres. No experience necessary. All levels and ages are welcome. For more information text your email to Rommel Suratos (707) 646-1418.



### SUNDAY COLLECTION

**JUNE 28 & 29**

Sunday \$ 11,418

St. Vincent De Paul \$ 3,398



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### ONLINE GIVING

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### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on June 6-8 in San Juan Bautista, July 11-13 in Danville or go to <https://wwme.org/apply/> to find the date and location that works for you! April 26-27, 2025 Christ said, "Receive the Holy Spirit". Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on June 6-8 in San Juan Bautista, July 11-13 in Danville or go to <https://wwme.org/apply/> to find the date and location 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](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).

## WEEKLY CONTENT

### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 13, 2025**

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

### **LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 13 DE JULIO DE 2025**

Domingo: 15º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: Santa Catalina Tekakwitha, virgen

Martes: San Buenaventura, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Miércoles: Nuestra Señora del Carmen

Jueves:

Viernes: San Camilo de Lellis, sacerdote

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

Everyone is our neighbor — those we love and those we can't stand, the people we agree with and the people whose opinions we hate. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must not only see ourselves in every person we meet — we must see him, too.

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

Todos son nuestro prójimo: aquellos a quienes amamos y aquellos a quienes no soportamos, las personas con las que estamos de acuerdo y las personas cuyas opiniones odiamos. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos dice que no solo debemos vernos a nosotros mismos en cada persona que conocemos, sino que también debemos verlo a él.

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

#### **What Is Mammon?**

#### **Question:**

When Jesus says, "*You cannot serve both God and mammon,*" what does he mean? What is mammon?

#### **Answer:**

When you hear Scripture proclaimed each Sunday, remember it wasn't originally written in English. Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek — these ancient tongues were the original language of our Old and New Testaments. Most of the time, all of the words are translated into our native language. Sometimes, a word or two is left in the original language. Such is the case in this Scripture passage. Mammon is an ancient Aramaic word referring to money, wealth, or profit. Earthly wealth isn't bad in

itself, nor does it automatically exclude us from being a disciple of Jesus. But what dominates our life? To serve money — that is, to seek accumulation of wealth for its own sake and to structure our lives around it — is morally problematic. What good is our wealth if it isn't at the service of others? What good is our wealth if its pursuit leads us to selfishness, obsession, greed, envy, and comparison? There are many things that can be opposed to our service of God — power, prestige, popularity. Ultimately, something in our lives will be our master. But there is only one God worth serving.



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

#### **¿Qué es Mamón?**

#### **Pregunta:**

Cuando Jesús dice: "*Ustedes no pueden servir al mismo tiempo a Dios y a mamón*" ¿qué quiere decir? ¿Qué es mamón?

#### **Respuesta:**

Cuando escuches la Escritura ser proclamada cada domingo, recuerda que no fue escrita originalmente en español. Hebreo, arameo, griego: estas lenguas antiguas fueron el idioma original de nuestro Antiguo y Nuevo Testamento. La mayoría de las veces, todas las palabras se traducen a nuestro idioma nativo. A veces, se dejan una o dos palabras en el idioma original. Tal es el caso de este pasaje de la Escritura.

Mamón es una antigua palabra aramea que se refiere al dinero, la riqueza o la ganancia. La riqueza terrenal no es mala en sí misma, ni nos excluye automáticamente de ser discípulos de Jesús. Pero ¿qué es lo que domina nuestra vida? Servir al dinero, es decir, buscar la acumulación de riqueza por sí misma y estructurar nuestras vidas en torno a ella, es moralmente problemático. ¿De qué sirve nuestra riqueza si no está al servicio de los demás? ¿De qué sirve nuestra riqueza si su búsqueda nos lleva al egoísmo, la obsesión, la codicia, la envidia y la comparación? Hay muchas cosas que pueden oponerse a nuestro servicio a Dios: el poder, el prestigio, la popularidad. En última instancia, algo en nuestras vidas será nuestro amo. Pero solo hay un Dios al que vale la pena servir.

# DEANERY

## Jubilee Year of Hope Mass

Sat | Aug 2 | 10:00am



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presiding with the priests  
and deacons of the deanery!

## CURSILLO WEEKEND

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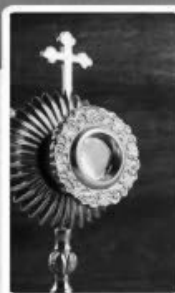
*Liturgies*



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*Music*



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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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nitavolker@hotmail.com) or 925-984-7980. Pre-registration is required.



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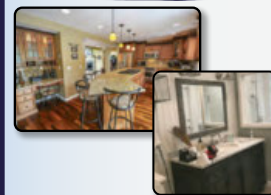


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