SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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June 22, 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

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Aura Mendieta, Business Manager

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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 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17

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: www.sjcpinole.church St. Vincent de Paul Assistant 510-691-1813

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Reflections



My dear friends in Christ,

Today, we joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. This is a day of profound reverence, as we honor the **Real Presence** of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Body of Christ! Blood of Christ! These life-giving words echo in our hearts every time we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist. Long before His death, Jesus instituted this sacred meal during the Jewish Passover Feast. In Mark's account of the Last Supper, Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and declares, "This is my body." Afterward, He takes the cup of wine, gives thanks, and says, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." In this moment, Jesus establishes a new covenant, a divine intervention that commemorates God's powerful liberation of His people from slavery.

Every time we gather around the table of the Lord, we obey Christ's command to "Do this in remembrance of me." In doing so, the past becomes present, and His power and love are made manifest in our lives.

From the very beginning, Sunday has been set apart as the day of Christ's resurrection. On that first Easter Sunday morning, Jesus appeared to His disciples, and in that encounter, they realized that death was not the end of their experience of God through Jesus. Sunday became the day of great anticipation, when they would gather in prayer, share the Scriptures, and break the bread, awaiting His return in glory. As their understanding deepened, they came to recognize that it was in these communal acts—gathering together, listening to the Word, and breaking the bread—that they encountered the Risen Christ.

This continues to be true for us today. Sunday remains the day when Christians gather to experience the Risen Christ. Through our prayer, the reading of Scripture, and the sharing in the Eucharist, we come into the presence of God, and our lives are transformed. The Eucharistic celebration is where we are made whole, healed, and energized. It is where we are reminded of God's deep love for us and where we experience the communion of the Church, united in Christ.

It's important to recognize that the celebration of the Eucharist is not just about personal attendance. **The community needs you.** Your presence is not just for your own benefit, but for the whole Church. When a member is missing, something is lacking from the celebration. **It is not enough simply to "attend Mass"**—we are called to be fully engaged in the community, to participate actively, and to contribute to the richness of the worship experience. How we engage matters. Our participation should be with reverence and gratitude, for we are sharing in the very life of Christ.

Sadly, many Catholics take the Eucharist for granted. We often come to Mass late, leave early, or let our minds wander. We may chat with each other during Mass, or dress in ways we wouldn't for a special occasion. While in line for Communion, our thoughts may stray, and we miss the sacredness of the moment when Christ comes into our hearts. The Church reminds us that our participation should be "full and active." We should approach the altar with the same reverence we would if we were meeting Jesus face-to-face.

Every time we walk toward the altar, we should feel the excitement and awe of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. This feast reminds us of the power of that moment. Every day, we are invited to make room in our hearts for His Presence, so that whatever we face in life, we will be sustained by His love.

Like a book that remains closed until we open it, Christ remains external to us until we invite Him into our hearts. When we allow Him in, our lives are transformed. As St. Paul says, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

As we continue our journey of faith, let us remember that the Eucharist is the living bread that came down from heaven. It is the gift of Christ, who transforms us into His Body. In receiving the Eucharist, we are called to give and share the life and love of Jesus with the world.

The Eucharist is a gift of love, broken and blessed by Jesus for us. Let us treasure this great gift, and let our lives reflect the love and sacrifice it represents.

God bless you all! VIVA LA FIESTA DE CORPUS CHRISTI!

In peace,

Fr. Geoffrey

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT FAITH FORMATION/PARISH EVENTS

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation registration is now open from grade 1-6, and 1st & 2nd year Sacramental preparation. You may obtain a form from the Parish center Office. We are open from Monday to Friday, 10:00am -4:00pm 2025-2026 school year will begin with a Family mass o Saturday, September 13, at 4:30pm in church. Students, parents/guardians are required to attend this mass. First Day of School is September 17 with an orientation in the church

Bilingual classes: Every Wednesday from 4:45pm-6:00pm (Sacramental program only) Copy of baptismal certificate must be submitted with the form.
English classes: Every Wednesday from 6:30pm – 7:45pm

YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION

REGISTRATION for Grades 7 to 12:

- ** 2025-2026 Registrations for returning, continuing or new students Parents, spiritual formation and learning should NOT stop after your children receive first communion (grades 2 to 8). This parish always has classes for students to return to every year for their specific school grade. For information about grades 7 to 12, contact Teena Posas, our parish Youth Ministry Director at 510-741-4900 extension 1010 or email her at tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com. For families with returning, continuing or new students rising to grades 7 to high school, our program registrations will open in July. Forms will be available from the Parish Center in July.
- ** EMMAUS Peer Ministry 2025 For former students, if you'd like to return and help as an Emmaus shadow on Mondays when classes begin, please let us know. You are always welcome back!
- ** CLASS for 7th and 8th graders Registration forms will be available in July from the parish office. The class for 7th & 8th graders is for students who are continuing with their next grade for spiritual formation, or who have never had spiritual formation. This class begins in September 2025, meets weekly on Wednesday evenings and ends in May 2026.
- ** YOUTH FIRST COMMUNION (2nd year, 7th grade and older) This is the second year class for children rising to 7th grade to 12th grade who just completed their first year in spiritual formation (2024-2025) and now would like to prepare for first commun-

ion. This class begins in September 2025, meets weekly 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 forms will be available in July from the parish office. 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 weekly 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 2024-2025 Youth Ministry families have begun their appointments to register for their second year. Please check your appointment date and prepare everything that needs to be turned in. This class begins in September 2025 and meets 2 or 3 times a month on Sundays. Students who complete the requirements for the second year may receive Confirmation in the spring of 2026.



RCIA:

RCIA is now OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation for ADULTS.

Registration is open now for those interested in completing their Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, first Communion and confirmation) This program is for adults only age 19-and above. Forms are also available at the Parish Center Office. The new group will be starting early August but you have to register now to be added on the list. For more information: please call Christine Suarez 510-741-4900 ext 1004, or email: cs.sjcpinole@gmail.com.

WEEKLY PRAYER

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." (Gn 14:19-20)

Psalm: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

Second Reading: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

Gospel: Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. (Lk 9:11b)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 22, 2025

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23 -26/Lk 9:11b-17

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22 -26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

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,

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. & Abrahim S. Trinidad, Joseph S. Trinidad, Jeffrey Tayag, Yolanda Tayag, Mike Ward, Joy Wi, Peter Wongworavit

MASS INTENTION

Saturday, June 21, 2025

9:00am Margaret Judkins 🕏

Christine Margaret Lim

4:30pm Kevin Shalz 🕈

6:00pm Mariluz Medrano Ponce 🕆

Sunday, June 22, 2025

8:00am Parishioners of St. Joseph
10:00am Conrado M. Vitangcol †
12:00pm Helena & Paul Ferreira
5:00pm Theresa & Jack Meehan
(70th Wedding Anniversary)

Monday, June 23, 2025

9:00am Alejandro Rodriguez (B-D)

Alan Dimayuga 🕈

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

9:00am Pablito Sandoc 🕆

Adoracion Almonte Sta. Maria 🕈

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

9:00am Erlinda Jimenez (B-D

Teresa & Josephine Sorian 🕈

Thursday, June 26, 2025

9:00am Paulo Capina (Birthday)

Thomasa Remorin 🕈

Friday, June 27, 2025

9:00am Norma Cabaya 🕏

St. Anthony (Thanksgiving)

Saturday, June 28, 2025

9:00am Lorenzo Cueto

Leticia F. Mendoza 🕈

4:30pm Emma Flores ♥ 6:00pm Modesta Blanco ♥

PARISH, DIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS/FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP



What is Happening at St. Joseph School

Purchase a brick to support St. Joseph School and help "build" community!

When you sponsor a brick, you can personalize it with words and images reflecting your experience at St. Joseph, including sports and other activities. You can also personalize a brick in honor or in memory of a loved one who has (or had) a St. Joseph connection.

The bricks will be placed in the Middle School Quad, to be viewed for years to come. All bricks will be made of clay; the same size (4" x 8"), color, and font; and verbiage will be approved by the administration before the engraving is ordered. There is not an additional cost to add images. You can choose images from a selection during your purchase. Bricks cost \$150

If you would like to obtain a 4" x 4" replica keepsake tile, there is an additional \$10 cost. St. Joseph staff will alert you when your brick has been installed/or and your keepsake has been delivered.



St. Joseph School is ENROLLING for the 2025-2026 school year in grades 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Our application is online on the left hand side of our website's Admission's page at www.stjosephpinole.org or click on https://www.stjosephpinole.org/ admissions. We would love to welcome your child(ren) and your family to our community. If you have any questions, please phone the office at 510-724-0242.



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/

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JUNE 07 & 08



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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 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 JUNE 22, 2025

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Tuesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 22 DE JUNIO DE 2025

Domingo: El Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo Martes: La Natividad de San Juan Bautista Viernes: El Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

Sábado: La Inmaculada Corazón de la Santísima Virgen María; San Irenaeus, obispo, mártir y doctor de la Iglesia

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Five loaves and two fish: a measly portion of food for such a large crowd of people. But we must remember that it doesn't matter what the size of our offering is. If we only lay it before Christ, he will take it and make it a mighty bounty.

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

Cinco panes y dos peces: una mísera porción de comida para una multitud tan grande de personas. Pero debemos recordar que no importa cuál sea el tamaño de nuestra oferta. Si tan solo lo ponemos delante de Cristo, él lo tomará y lo convertirá en una gran recompensa.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Sign Before the Gospel Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do. There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In stand-

ing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt be-



fore the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

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

Persignarse antes de la proclamación del Evangelio Pregunta:

He participado en Misa por años y siempre me he preguntado: ¿Por qué hacemos tres señales de la cruz antes de la proclamación del Evangelio?

Respuesta:

Muchas personas ciertamente van a Misa o tienen otras devociones, haciendo y diciendo cosas por la costumbre o reverencia, pero sin comprender verdaderamente los motivos por los cuales hacemos algunas de estas cosas. Sin embargo, todo tiene un significado o propósito que nos ayuda a dar mejor culto a Dios, proclamar nuestras creencias o centrar la atención de las personas en algo que tiene una mayor importancia o significado. Un repaso del significado de varios gestos y prácticas nos pueden ayudar a tener una valoración más profunda de lo que hacemos.

Hay una oración breve que acompaña las tres cruces que hacemos antes de la proclamación del Evangelio: "Que las palabras del Santo Evangelio estén en mi mente, en mis labios y en mi corazón". Al ponernos en pie para escuchar el Evangelio, reconocemos que Jesús está presente y que las palabras del Evangelio se dirigen a nosotros. Todos los gestos y posturas especiales que adoptamos antes del Evangelio se hacen para ayudarnos a prepararnos para escuchar la Palabra y para ponerla en práctica. El incienso, el Aleluya, el diácono o sacerdote, y el diálogo especial y anuncios que anteceden la proclamación, nos ayudan a enfocar nuestra atención en la Buena Nueva que vamos a escuchar. Las tres señales de la cruz muestran nuestro deseo y buena intención de escuchar y vivir el Evangelio.



FINANCIAL WORKSHOP: BUILDING A LEGACY FOR YOUR FAMILY

Join us for a special St Joseph Church, Pinole workshop on structuring personal and family legacy wealth

Hosted by Kenneth F. Cordier and fellow associates. This session will provide practical guidance to help you plan for your financial future.

- Dates: 4th Saturdays in June, July & August
 Time: 11:00 AM 12:30 PM
- Location: 837 Tennent Avenue, Pinole, CA 94564



For questions, contact Kenneth Cordier (510) 691-0616

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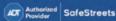


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