

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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May 10, 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.



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.” - Jn 14:16-17a

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My dear friends in Christ,
Happy Mother's Day!

Today we honor all mothers, those who are with us and those who have gone before us. Mothers hold a special place close to the heart of God, and we give thanks for their love, sacrifice, and witness. To all our mothers: thank you.

As we celebrate this joyful day, a question lingers in many hearts: *Is there hope for our world?*

In the midst of spring, we experienced rain on May 4 and 5—quite unusual for this time of year. As you know, I welcome the rain with joy rather than complain. It reminds me that even unexpected moments can bring life and renewal.

Yet, as the days grow warmer and we look forward to the beauty of summer, we cannot ignore the troubling realities around us. War, rising costs of living, violence, division, and suffering continue to affect countless lives. Many are left asking: *Why?* Why do selfishness, arrogance, hatred, and anger persist? What fuels these forces, and what can we, as followers of Christ, do? We are not mere bystanders. We are called to act. Each of us carries the responsibility to proclaim peace in a world longing for it. We all desire a world marked by harmony, love, and freedom—but for many, this remains a distant hope.

I, too, wrestle with difficult questions: Why is there so much inhumanity? Why do people wound one another so deeply? Why does darkness seem so widespread? And yet, even in these questions, one truth remains firm: **there is hope.** There is always hope—and that hope is found in love.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” And His commandment is simple and profound: *Love one another.* After His resurrection, He asked Peter, “Do you love me?” and then entrusted him with a mission: “Feed my sheep.” In this moment, Jesus commissions not only Peter but all of us—to continue His work by spreading love and peace. So, I ask again: Are we not weary of violence, division, and ignorance? Is there hope? Yes—because love transforms. Love is the key.

We also give thanks for our Holy Father and his recent journey to Africa. On May 8, we marked one year since his election to the See of Peter. At the beginning of his papacy, he greeted the world with the words, “Peace be with you.” In those words, we hear the heart of his mission: to build peace through dialogue, compassion, and love.

Love transforms. I believe God has called him for this purpose—and the same calling extends to each of us. As Christians, we are called not only to speak of love, but to live it—daily, concretely, faithfully. *Amor con amor se paga*—love is repaid with love. Love heals. It is love—not hatred or violence—that has the power to change the world.

Our world urgently needs this love. It needs hearts transformed by God's word—especially hearts that have drifted, hardened, or lost their way.

But we must be honest: to love is both a privilege and a responsibility. And we have not always lived up to it. At times, we have contributed to the very problems we lament. We have not always reflected the Christ we profess.

I am reminded of Mahatma Gandhi's observation: “I like your Christ, but I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.” These words challenge us to examine our lives more deeply.

My dear friends, peace will come when we choose love—when love becomes the foundation of all we do. Let us remember who we are: created in God's image, capable of great love because we are created by Love itself.

Let us be instruments of peace, beginning right here, in our own community—by loving one another as Christ has loved us.

In Christ's peace,
 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.

**** 2026 EMMAUS PEER MINISTRY applications:** We invite young people in grades 10 to 12, or young adults in college or who have finished college, to consider joining our peer ministry team. Being in peer ministry offers the opportunity to grow stronger in faith, join a welcoming community, increase one's skill set, and be a role model for teenagers. Applications for 2026-2027 Emmaus Peer Ministry we're due on April 27. Questions, please contact Teena Posas.

**** MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (7th & 8th gr)** - Registration for the 2026-2027 class will open in July for returning and new students. Enrollment is not automatic for current students.

**** YOUTH FIRST COMMUNION (2nd yr, 7th gr and up)** - Questions or to check specific dates that apply to your child, contact Ms. Cecilia. Everyone has various dates to attend including the last class as a group.

Note: Registration for the 2026-2027 class will open in July for returning and new students. Enrollment is not automatic.

**** YOUTH MINISTRY (1st yr, 9th to 12th gr)** - Questions, contact the Youth Ministry Director. Current families must attend one of the mandatory student parent meetings to learn about the 2026 Confirmation Program (2nd year) and receive registration materials. Both meetings will be in the church, from 6:30 to 8:10 PM, on Monday May 4 OR Monday May 11. Parents must attend with their children.

**** CONFIRMATION (2nd yr, 10th to 12th gr)** - Questions, contact your teachers. Candidates, sponsors and parents must be in the CHURCH before 2:30 PM on Sunday May 3 for the Confirmation rehearsal. Families and sponsors go to the weekend of their choice. Everyone must BRING their book bag of supplies to class.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWSLETTER

May 30 gathering for young adults: Young adults from across the Diocese of Oakland are invited to Anointed 2026 on May 30 at Holy Spirit Church in Fremont. Anointed 2026 is a gathering for inspiration and empowerment for Catholic young adult disciples. If you or you know someone seeking to grow deeper in faith — please share this invitation and mark your calendars. The day will be an opportunity to gather with other young adults living their Catholic faith, hear inspiring keynote presentations, take part in practical breakouts, meet other young adults from across the diocese, and grow deeper in faith and community. Questions, contact Joseph Nufable at jnufable@oakdiocese.org or 510-267-8389. Joseph Nufable is the Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Oakland.

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>



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: For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. (Acts 8:7-8)

Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading: For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel: "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." (Jn 14:2)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2026

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

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, Dioscora Quimio, 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, May 09, 2026

9:00AM Gary Tioseco (Birthday)
Robert Gloria †

4:30PM Anna Frisk †

6:00PM Dolores Aguilar †

Sunday, May 10, 2026

8:00AM Tieu Tran †

10:00AM Angel Cuyno †

12:00PM Concepcion Balunsat †

5:00PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

Monday, May 11, 2026

9:00AM Consuelo Alcantara †
Ana Penezic †

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

9:00AM Allan Corpuz †
Thomas Ten †

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

9:00AM Al Hernandez †
Tony Spampinato †

Thursday, May 14, 2026

9:00AM Jenna Marie Tioseco (Birthday)
Genoveva & Ramon Vega Martinez †

Friday, May 15, 2026

9:00AM Jared Viray †
Anna Marie Ariza

Saturday, May 16, 2026

9:00AM Socorro Rocamora †

Al Hernandez †

4:30PM Dulce Alcantara (Birthday)

6:00PM Maria Orozco †



St. Joseph School

Learning through Faith, Service, and Community

What is Happening at St. Joseph School

Honoring Teachers and Staff,

During this special week, we pause to recognize and celebrate each of you for the incredible work you do every day. Your dedication, patience, and care shape not only minds, but hearts. You create a safe, nurturing, and inspiring environment where our students are known, valued, and encouraged to grow. Your commitment goes far beyond the classroom—through your kindness, faith, and perseverance, you are making a lasting difference in the lives of our students and our entire community. Thank you for all that you do, often unseen, and always with love. We are truly grateful for each of you.



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, 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

APRIL 18 & 19

SUNDAY \$ 16,439



PARISH COLLECTIONS

This weekend, we will have two collections:

- **1st Collection:** Sunday Stewardship
- **2nd Collection:** Religious Faith Formation

Next weekend, there will also be two collections:

- **1st Collection:** Sunday Stewardship
- **Catholic Charities East Bay (Diocesan Collection)**

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH GIFT SHOP

We invite you to visit our Gift Shop, which is open every 1st and 3rd Sunday, after all the Masses (7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.). We have a nice selection of religious items, including jewelry, rosaries, books, decor, etc. and items for children. We also always have Baptism, 1st Communion (including a few veils and ties) and Confirmation items. We can only accept cash and checks for purchases. All proceeds from this fund raiser allow us to provide needed items for the church.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE

ENCOUNTER

Happy Mother's Day! Husbands, give the mother of your children a weekend away with you. Grow more in love than ever on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on July 10-12, 2026 in Danville CA, August 21-23, 2026 in Modesto.CA or September 18-20, 2026 in San Juan Bautista, CA. Go to wwme.org to find the Experience that is just right for you!

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Encounter the Holy Spirit! - Do you wish you could lead a fulfilling, purposeful life energized by the power of the Holy Spirit? Now you can learn how! The Augustine Institute has produced an excellent 14-episode series of half-hour videos called, "The Wild Goose with Fr. Dave Pivonka" that you can watch for free on their FORMED Catholic streaming channel. Just sign up for your free access at this link: <https://formed.org/subscribe>. Provide your full name, email address, phone number, and in the "Find your Parish or Organization" box type in "St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pinole". Now you have free access to FORMED using your email address!

WEEKLY CONTENT

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2026

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses); St. Matthias, Apostle

Friday: St. Isidore

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 10 DE MAYO 2026

Domingo: 6^o Domingo de Pascua; Día de la Madre (EEUU)

Martes: Santos Nero y Aquileo, mártires; San Pancracio, mártir

Miércoles: Nuestra Señora de Fátima

Jueves: La Ascensión del Señor (día de precepto en algunas diócesis de los Estados Unidos); San Matías, apóstol

Viernes: San Isidoro

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When we want to see Christ's face, we must look to the Sacraments. "The world will no longer see me," Christ tells his disciples, "but you will see me." This ability to see Jesus is a gift of the Holy Spirit, one made again and again — even today.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Cuando queremos ver el rostro de Cristo, debemos mirar hacia los Sacramentos. "El mundo ya no me verá", dice Cristo a sus discípulos, "pero vosotros me veréis." Esta capacidad de ver a Jesús es un don del Espíritu Santo, uno que se hace una y otra vez — incluso en el día de hoy.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Body and Blood of Christ

Question:

One of my coworkers said that Catholics believe we kill Christ again when we celebrate the Mass, since it is his sacrifice. I know that is not right, but how do we explain it?

Answer:

We do indeed believe that the Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and we believe that the sacrifice is made present again on the altar—not to repeat it, but to join ourselves to it. We are joined to the

saving work of Christ, not just simply remembering it.

The closest thing we might have in our culture is when a couple saves some wedding cake in the freezer, and on their first anniversary, they may watch their wedding video and eat the cake, all to recapture the moment. The Jews celebrate a Seder meal, not to remember the Passover, but to participate in it through the ritual foods, questions, and readings. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Mass as the "Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ" (#1330). To think that we must sacrifice Christ over and over again would negate what he did on Calvary. To celebrate and renew it each day allows us to participate in it. That is the "source and summit" of Christian life (#1324).



POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo

Pregunta:

Uno de mis compañeros de trabajo dijo que los católicos creen que matamos a Cristo nuevamente cuando celebramos la Misa, ya que es su sacrificio. Sé que eso no está bien, pero ¿cómo lo explicamos?

Respuesta:

De hecho, si creemos que la Misa es el sacrificio in-cruento de Jesús en la cruz y creemos que el sacrificio se hace presente nuevamente en el altar, no para repetirlo, sino para unirnos a él. Estamos unidos a la obra salvadora de Cristo, no solo recordándola.

Lo más cercano que podemos tener en nuestra cultura es cuando una pareja guarda un pastel de bodas en el congelador, y en su primer aniversario pueden ver el video de su boda y comer el pastel, todo para volver a capturar el momento. Los judíos celebran una comida del Seder, no para recordar la Pascua, sino para participar en ella a través de las comidas rituales, preguntas y lecturas. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica describe la Misa como el "Santo Sacrificio, porque hace presente el único sacrificio de Cristo" (# 1330). Pensar que debemos sacrificar a Cristo una y otra vez negaría lo que hizo en el Calvario. Celebrarlo y renovarlo cada día nos permite participar en él. Esa es la "fuente y cumbre" de la vida cristiana (# 1324).



St. Joseph Church

FLORES DE MAYO

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THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Sunday, May 17
12 noon**

Reception following

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OKTOBERFEST 2026

Saturday, Oct 3

Sunday, Oct 4

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -

COME JOIN OUR

PLANNING COMMITTEE

CONTACT CHAIRPERSON

LINA SONICO @510-283-8976



We'd love for you to join us to
celebrate the YLI Annual
Luncheon. Bring a dish to
share and enjoy an afternoon of
fellowship, activities, raffles,
and music.

YLI Luncheon

Date: May 30, 2026

Time: 11:00 - 2:00 PM

St. Joseph School Gym

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