

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

www.sjcpinole.church

May 17, 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

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@cso.org Visit: www.stjosephpinole.com

Reflections



My dear friends in Christ,

I hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day celebration.

As we come toward the end of the Easter season, I pray that your hearts are still filled with the new life, hope, strength, and joy of the Risen Christ. We must continue to proclaim the greatest event in human history: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

God's love continues to be experienced through the Sacraments, the Word, and our community of faith. On the day of His Ascension, Jesus made a beautiful promise — that He would remain with us until the end of time.

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, one of the great feasts of the Church. It reminds us once again who Jesus truly is our Savior, Lord, and constant companion. Through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, the Risen Christ empowered His disciples to “go and make disciples of all nations.”

That mission now belongs to us.

We are all called to spread the Good News. Even after two thousand years, many people throughout the world have still not heard the message of Christ or have not fully come to know Him.

There is no doubt that our world today is in great need of Christ — a world longing for hope in times of despair, courage in moments of fear, faith amid doubt, and light in the darkness. The conflicts and challenges we face can sometimes discourage us, but we must never stop living as Christians. Christianity is not simply a religion; it is a way of life, with Jesus as our model of love, compassion, mercy, and service.

The baton of the Good News has now been placed into our hands. As baptized Christians, it is our responsibility to pass it on — from one person to another — until it reaches “the ends of the earth.”

Life is not only about becoming rich, comfortable, or successful. It is not about standing on the hill and looking down on others. Life is a mission — a sharing in God's vision. And God's vision is one of justice, peace, love, and integrity for all creation.

My friends, our world needs this Good News now more than ever. Do not drop the baton. Hold tightly to Christ in your heart and share His love with the next person you meet. Do not allow conflicts, struggles, or disappointments to become excuses to give up, give in, or walk away from your faith.

Again, thank you for your great generosity and your beautiful spirit of stewardship. Despite all the challenges around us, you continue to be cheerful and faithful givers. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Next Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost — the birthday of the Church! You are invited to wear red when you come to church as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Happy Birthday, Church!

God bless you always, Fr. Geoffrey

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT FAITH FORMATION/PARISH EVENTS



CONFIRMATION

THIS WEEK for Grades 7 to 12

For 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: The meeting for Emmaus applicants (new or returning) is Monday, May 18 in the Parish Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. 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. 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 or returning students. Class starts in September; enrollment will close when classes begin.

**** YOUTH FIRST COMMUNION (2nd yr, 7th gr and up)** - Congratulations to everyone who received First Communion on May 2 and on May 17. The last gathering for YFC students will be at the Parish Center (2100 Pear St., Pinole) on Wednesday, May 20 from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Questions, please contact Ms. Cecilia. Note: Registration for the 2026-2027 class will open in July for returning students. Enrollment is not automatic for current or returning students. Class starts in September; enrollment will close when classes begin.

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

The Confirmation registration meetings for current families continuing into the second year took place on May 4 and May 11. Please remember when your registration appointment is. If you missed the meeting, please contact the Youth Ministry Director as soon as possible. Registration for the 2026-2027 Youth Ministry class will open in July for returning and new students. Class starts in September; enrollment will close when classes begin.

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

Congratulations to our candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 14. Our last class is on Sunday, May 31 from 2:30 to 4:00 PM.

Your teachers will contact you on what items to bring for the potluck gathering. Families attend the weekend Mass of their choice. Questions, contact your teachers as soon as possible.



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>

OKTOBERFEST 2026

Saturday, Oct 3

Sunday, Oct 4

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -

COME JOIN OUR

PLANNING COMMITTEE

CONTACT CHAIRPERSON

LINA SONICO @510-283-8976

WEEKLY PRAYER

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying. (Acts 1:13)

Psalms: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading: If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

Gospel: Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him." (Jn 17:1-2)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2026

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/
Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn
16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-
11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-
36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9
-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-
20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn
21:20-25

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS & FAMILIES

Air Force- Niko Dela Rosa, Jenna Keomany,
Maxine Lucas, Alan Serrano, Chris Trias, Julian
Trias

Army- Angel Caliz, Andrew Fontejon, Darryl Jason
Garcia, Jack Money maker, Jorge Rodriguez, Justine RB
Sangu, Benjamin Serrano, Darren Espeleta

Coast Guard- Meagan Toomey

Navy- Terrence Bauer, Austin Bressler, Leslie Lag
Damen, Christopher Dolan, 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, Harper Ananyev, Dan
Aquino, Joseph Avalos, Kristal Librato Baughn, Gil
Bautista, William Black, Larry Burkhart, David
Cardwell, Dennis Chattell, Laura Corona, Kevin
Coughlin, Patria & Manolito Crizaldo, Zenaida Cuizon,



Erin Curry, Ludelia Datlag, Virgilio de la Vega, Marietta
Domingo, Denise Elias, Elizabeth Espanola, Aurora
Fronza, Mary Ellen Gillis, Flor Gonzalez, Alexandra
Gorgoletis, Elam & Claire Goundar, Alicia Guzman,
Ceretta Morgan Hardin, Bill Harper, Nancy Holiday,
Lauren Kizer, Jeff M. Ibrahim, Tony Lagasca, Jack Lam,
Jerin Lazaro, Palette Lemmon, Xavier Manga Lindan,
Antonio Lopez, Rich & Marcela Kral, Joseph Magaoay,
Imelda F. Magat, Flor Malicsi, Nida Monzon, Joel P.
Munoz, Melani P. Munoz, Jaime Ocampo, Ruby Ochoa,
Severina Olivito, Claudette Peters, Jenna Peters, Maria
Isabel Perez, Leticia F. Poblete, Dioscora Quimio,
Patricia Rangel, Connie Ibara Ramirez, Jim Richards,
Flo Rodich, Leopoldo Rodriguez, Lee Rondeau, Mi-
chael Edward Rossi, Edwin Salgado, Romeo Santos,
Leo Sendaydiego, Helene Staniszewski, Tim & Tom
Taliaferro, Boris Tobar, Bernard F. & Abraham S.
Trinidad, Joseph S. Trinidad, Jeffrey & Yolanda Tayag,
Joy Wi, Peter Wongworavit, Lawrence Young

MASS INTENTION

Saturday, May 16, 2026

9:00AM Socorro Rocamora †

Al Hernandez †

4:30PM Dulce Alcantara (Birthday)

6:00PM Maria Orozco †

Sunday, May 17, 2026

8:00AM Robert Lee Cooper †

10:00PM Lien Sanchez †

12:00PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

5:00PM Purisima Acheta Roseta
(Death Anniversary)

Monday, May 18, 2026

9:00AM Thomas Tan †

Marcelo Pascua Jr †

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

9:00AM Jean Uhlenbrock †

Milagros E. Damaso †

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

9:00AM Josefe & Cornelio Sr. Diocares †

Ascencion Pascual †

Thursday, May 21, 2026

9:00AM Victoria Florendo †

Esperanza Ortega Alarcon †

Friday, May 22, 2026

9:00AM Linda C. Domondon †

Lilia Dichoso †

Saturday, May 23, 2026

9:00AM Louis Mandriguez †

Clemen Cabacoy †

4:30PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

5:00PM Francisco Rojas & Julia Tamayo †



St. Joseph School

Learning through Faith, Service, and Community

What is Happening at St. Joseph School

At St. Joseph School, we proudly recognize and celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month this month of May. It is an opportunity to honor the rich cultures, traditions, histories, and contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. Throughout the month, our students learn about the diverse customs, achievements, art, music, food, and values that have helped shape our local communities, nation and our world. We celebrate the beauty of cultural diversity and encourage our students to grow in understanding, respect, and appreciation for others. By recognizing and embracing the unique backgrounds within our community, we continue to foster a school environment rooted in inclusion, compassion, and the dignity of every person.



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.

Please Join Alumni and Friends at

[www.Facebook.com/groups/204136270336908](https://www.facebook.com/groups/204136270336908)

And on Instagram [@stjosephpinolealumni](https://www.instagram.com/stjosephpinolealumni)

Check out our website for the latest happenings at the school at

stjosephpinole.org and [https://](https://www.facebook.com/StJosephSchoolPinole/)

www.facebook.com/StJosephSchoolPinole/

Click Here to check out our Alumni News

Apply today!
Now accepting applications for Preschool - 8th Grade for the upcoming school year!

510-724-0242 www.stjosephpinole.org

SUNDAY COLLECTION

APRIL 25 & 26

SUNDAY \$ 15,069



PARISH COLLECTIONS

This weekend, we will have two collections:

- **1st Collection:** Sunday Stewardship
- **2nd Collection:** Catholic Charities East Bay (Diocesan Collection)

Next weekend, there will also be two collections:

- **1st Collection:** Sunday Stewardship
- **2nd Collection:** St. Vincent De Paul

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

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Trust in the Lord that He is in your marriage.

Attend 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!

FORMED FORMED

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 The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

Monday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Thursday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 17 DE MAYO 2026

Domingo: La Ascensión del Señor; 7^o Domingo de Pascua; Día de las Comunicaciones Mundiales

Lunes: San Juan I, papa y mártir

Miércoles: San Bernardino de Siena, sacerdote

Jueves: San Cristóbal Magallanes, sacerdote, y compañeros, mártires

Viernes: Santa Rita de Casia, religiosa

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God. It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly not a finish line. It's a relationship — one that is ours to begin. How will we know God this week?

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

La vida eterna, nos dice Jesús, consiste en conocer a Dios. No se trata de poder ni de logros. No se gana ni se merece. No es un premio, y desde luego no es una línea de meta. Es una relación — una que es nuestra para empezar. ¿Cómo conoceremos a Dios esta semana?

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Ascension of the Lord

Question:

Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

Answer:

This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed

strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.



Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!


POR QUÉ HACEMOS ES? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Ascensión del Señor

Pregunta: ¿No podría Jesús haber hecho más bien si se hubiera quedado en la tierra en lugar de ascender al cielo?

Respuesta: ¡Esta es una pregunta interesante! Durante su vida terrenal, Jesús dio la vista a los ciegos, curó a los paráliticos, expulsó demonios y alimentó a miles de personas con sólo unas pocas hogazas de pan. ¡Imagínate lo que podría haber hecho si nunca hubiera ascendido al cielo! ¡Imagínate lo que podría ser nuestro mundo! Es interesante considerar esta idea, especialmente ahora que el mundo enfrenta desafíos que sólo parecen profundizarse y expandirse. Sin embargo, en la Última Cena, Jesús dice: "Es mejor para vosotros si yo voy." ¿Por qué? Su respuesta debió parecerles extraña a los Apóstoles en ese momento. En su lugar, dice Jesús, enviará al Paráclito, al Consolador, al Abogado. Promete enviar el Espíritu Santo.

La partida de Jesús permite a los Apóstoles convertirse en los líderes para los que él los ha formado. Jesús ya no está situado en un solo lugar geográfico y su Iglesia nunca será un reino político. Poco después de la Ascensión, celebramos Pentecostés: el descenso del Espíritu Santo y el empoderamiento radical de los seguidores de Jesús. Nosotros compartimos ese empoderamiento y esa misión. Jesús está presente en los sacramentos y está presente en nosotros. ¡A través de nuestra fe, esperanza y amor, estamos llamados a ser el bien que él hace aquí en la tierra!



St. Joseph Church
FLORES DE MAYO
 A EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION TO HONOR
 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sunday, May 17
12 noon
Reception following
WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS. PLEASE CALL
MYRTLE 510.919.3958 OR OLGA 510.685.9390



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
 Cost: \$25 per person
 RSVP to Marlene 510-334-1390




La Comunidad Hispana y
 la Asociación Guadalupana en Pinole,
 los invita a:

La Misa de San Juan Bautista
 Celebración de Puerto Rico
 Sábado 20 de Junio 2026
 a las 6:00 pm en la
 Iglesia de San José en Pinole
 837 Tennent Ave. Pinole



Floor Dimensions
Abbey Carpet & Floor Center



510.525.5656

1081 Eastshore Hwy (Between Buchanan and Gilman)
CL #788850

Support Our Advertisers!

Made you look.

Advertise here to reach your local audience.

Visit 4lpi.com/advertising-solutions

Scan to get started!



Never miss our bulletin!

Get this bulletin delivered straight to your inbox every week.



Scan to subscribe on parishesonline.com



Family owned and operated since 1984

Collision Repair Body Shop For All Insurance Companies



Family Owned Since 1984
3001 Richmond Pkwy.
Richmond, CA 94806
510-243-1414
www.accurateautobodyinc.com

New doors ahead, a place to call home. We'll help guide the way wherever you roam.



Scan for a Free Home Value



LaDonna Azagra
510.725.8885

Helping Families Move Forward Since 2011



catholicmatch®

California



CatholicMatch.com/CA

COMPASS

Patty Hyun

Broker Associate
Lic#01416058

510.823-3956
pattyhyun.com



Your Key to Real Estate Success

Little space. Big impact.

Advertise here
Call 800-950-9952

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert!™ STARTING AT \$19⁹⁵/mo.
✓ Ambulance ✓ Police/Fire
✓ Family/Friends ✓ GPS & Fall Alert
CALL NOW! 800.809.3570 * md-medalert.com



Does your organization need a newsletter?
We'll cover the printing costs!

Learn more at lpicommunities.com



Advertise in Our Church Bulletin!

Contact Joanne Sullins

jsullins@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x2662



**Protect & Grow Your Income
Leave a Legacy For Generations**

Call NOW to Sign Up for Workshops (Limited Seating)

Kenneth Cordier

ASSOCIATE LICENSE: 0L24695

O: 650-653-7611 | C: 510-691-0616
cordierkenneth@gmail.com



PAT PRENDIVILLE

with



Security Pacific
Real Estate Brokerage
Est. 1969

2300 Henry Ave, Pinole, CA

FREE MARKET ANALYSIS OF YOUR HOME
KNOWLEDGABLE • CARING • EXPERIENCED

DIRECT: 510.851.4663 pprendivil@aol.com

Crown Ridge Roofing



415-485-1500

510-799-4547

CA. Lic # 777189

Support Our Advertisers!



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Joseph Parish, Pinole, CA

05-1929