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May 31, 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

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Aura Mendieta, Business
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Formation & RCIA Director
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Baptism

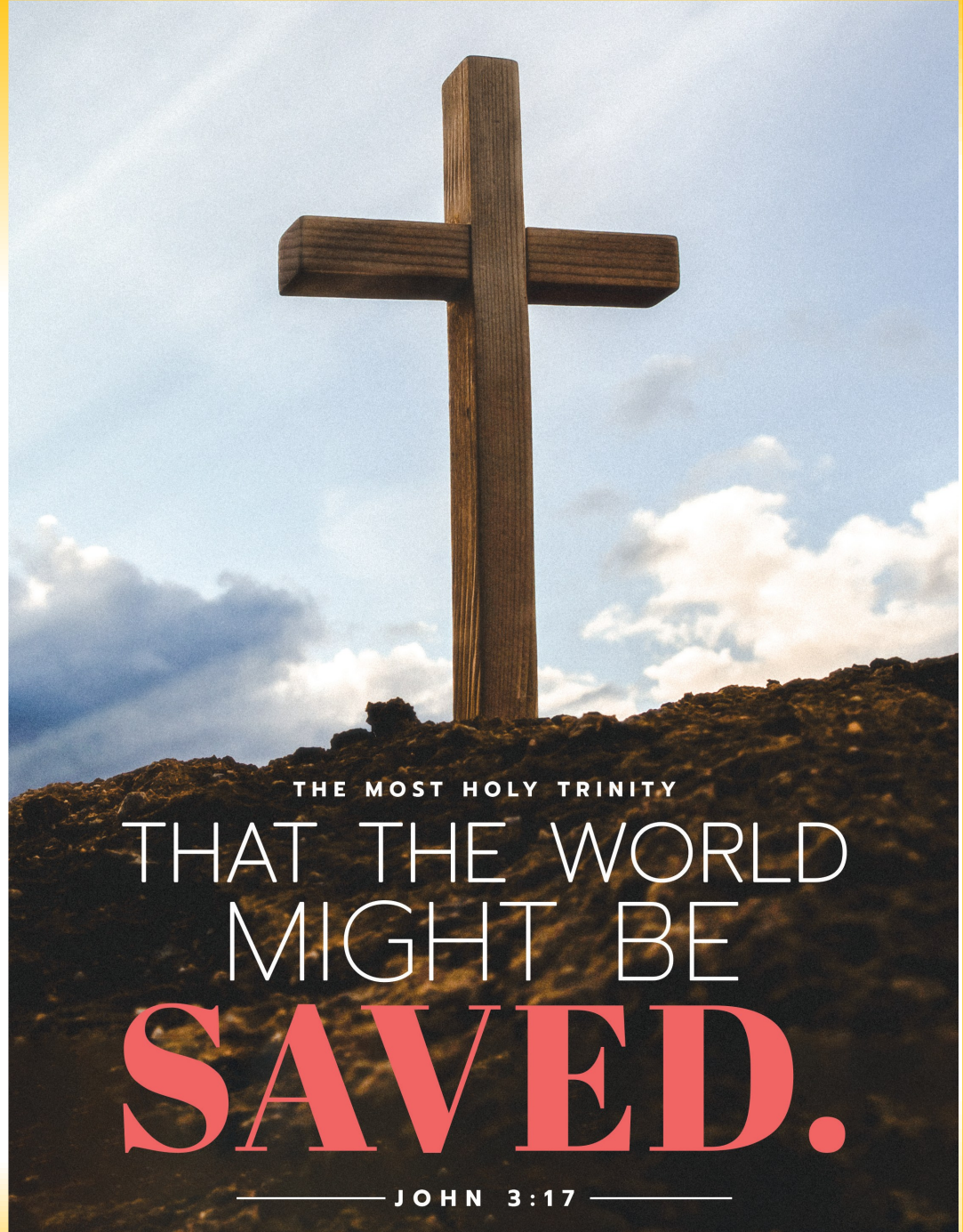
4th Saturday of the month call
the Parish Office.

Wedding

Call the Parish Office at least 6
months ahead.

Funeral

Call to coordinate with the staff.



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THAT THE WORLD
MIGHT BE

SAVED.

— JOHN 3:17 —

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Reflections



My dear friends in Christ,

First, CONGRATULATIONS to our 2026 Graduates of our St. Joseph School!

“It is a mystery to me!” We have all heard that expression before. Yet when we look at our world today, it is not so much mystery that surrounds us, but misery.

The suffering in Ukraine and Gaza continues to weigh heavily upon the human heart. We ask ourselves: Why does this pain persist? How have we come to this point?

Perhaps it is because we have lost touch with our shared humanity. We have forgotten how to care deeply, how to love selflessly. Human life is too often treated as disposable. Every day, images of death, destruction, violence, and starvation flash before our eyes—and tragically, many of us have become numb. Compassion and empathy, gifts that should define us as children of God, seem to be fading away.

And yet today, the Church invites us to celebrate not a mystery of confusion or despair, but a mystery of divine love: the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

The Holy Trinity is the central mystery of our Catholic faith. On this Trinity Sunday, we are not simply called to understand God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Rather, we are invited to live this mystery through love, unity, and communion.

I still remember asking a nun in grade school to explain the Trinity to me. Her answer was simple and honest: “I cannot fully explain it.” That response has stayed with me ever since. The truth is, the Trinity is not a puzzle to be solved, but a relationship to be lived and experienced.

Today’s Gospel is not merely a theological lesson; it is an invitation to transformation. The Church reminds us that it is far better to live the Gospel than merely to master its mysteries intellectually.

Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we profess our faith in the Holy Trinity—a practice Christians have embraced since the time of the Apostles.

When we touch our forehead and say, “In the name of the Father,” we remember God the Creator, the source of all life and goodness.

When we touch our heart and say, “and of the Son,” we remember Jesus Christ, God made flesh, who came down from heaven, was born of the Virgin Mary, walked among us, suffered with us, and redeemed us through His love.

And when we touch our shoulders and say, “and of the Holy Spirit,” we proclaim that the Spirit of God—love itself—dwells within us, strengthens us, and sends us forth to be instruments of grace and peace in the world.

The Holy Trinity is not a distant or abstract idea. It is God alive and active in our lives. In the perfect unity and love shared by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we discover the very heart of God: a communion of eternal love. And within that love, we find both our identity and our purpose.

The Father gives us life. The Son redeems and teaches us. The Holy Spirit empowers and renews us.

What matters most is not whether we can fully explain the Trinity, but whether this sacred mystery transforms our hearts and deepens our capacity to love.

As St. John reminds us: “God is love.” That is the essence of the Trinity.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you who continue to support our parish community with your prayers, generosity, and love. Your kindness sustains us during these challenging times. I truly believe that, in God’s perfect time, we will once again gather around the table of the Lord, united in faith, hope, and love.

Let us hold firmly to that hope. One world. One people. One in the Holy Trinity. Together, we will rise again.

In Christ’s peace, 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.

**** BLESSING OF GRADUATES, Sunday June 14**

- We invite graduates from high school, college - bachelor's, master's degrees and etc., and those promoted from 8th grade to come with your families on June 14 for the annual blessing of graduates and distribution of prayer cards at the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday June 14. You are welcome to wear your gowns or school colors to Mass. The blessing will take place towards the end of Mass.

**** 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)**

- Registration for the 2026-2027 class will open in July for returning students grades 7 and up for their second year of communion preparation. 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) -**

Registration for the 2026-2027 Youth Ministry class will open in July for returning and new students. Enrollment is NOT automatic for new or returning students. Class starts in September; enrollment will close when classes begin.

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

For the 2025 group: Our last class gathering is a potluck on Sunday, May 31 from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. Your teachers have contacted you on what items to bring for this gathering. Blessings and certificates will take place towards the end of the gathering. Families attend the weekend Mass of their choice. Questions, contact your teachers as soon as possible.

* For the 2026 group: Please remember when your family's Registration appointment is and what you need to bring. Appointments are scheduled in June and July. Questions, contact Teena Posas 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>



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.



"And behold, I am with you always, even to the consummation of the age." Learn how to strengthen and celebrate your

wedding vows by participating in a 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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WEEKLY PRAYER

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

(Acts 2:3-4)

Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

MAY 24, 2026

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

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 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, 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, Michael 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 30, 2026

9:00AM Isabela Sabado †

Josedel C. Andrada †

4:30PM Melva Santos †

6:00PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

Sunday, May 31, 2026

8:00AM Rizalina Lisowki †

10:00AM Ernest Tremor †

12:00PM Federico Munoz, Sr †

Monday, June 01, 2026

9:00AM Dianna Monroe †

Antonio "Tuny" J. Vaca †

Tuesday, June 02, 2026

9:00AM Peter Hinanay 60th (Birthday)

Alberto Oliva Talens J †

Wednesday, June 03, 2026

9:00AM N. Julian Taylor Jr †

Debbie SchoberV

Thursday, June 4, 2026

9:00AM Modesto Del Rosario †

Debbie Schober †

Friday, June 5, 2026

9:00AM Reginald Sylvester †

Regin Trinidad †

Saturday, June 6, 2026

9:00AM Ascencion Pascual †

Roxana Amaya †

4:30PM Pat Hel Hedstrom †

6:00PM Nora T. Sagastune †

PARISH, DIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS/FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP



St. Joseph School
Learning through Faith, Service, and Community

What is Happening at St. Joseph School



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

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

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

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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

SUNDAY COLLECTION

MAY 9 & 10

SUNDAY \$ 13,102

RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION \$ 3,472



PARISH COLLECTIONS

This weekend, we will have two collections:

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

Next weekend, there will be two collections:

- **1st Collection:** Sunday Stewardship
- **2nd Collection:** SJC Building Fund

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.

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 31, 2026

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
Monday: St. Justin, Martyr
Tuesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions,
Friday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday: St. Norbert, Bishop

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 31 DE MAYO 2026

Domingo: La Santísima Trinidad
Lunes: San Justino, mártir
Martes: Santos Marcelino y Pedro, mártires
Miércoles: San Carlos Lwanga y compañeros,
Viernes: San Bonifacio, obispo y mártir
Sábado: San Norberto, obispo

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Salvation is a gift God dearly wishes us to accept. It is not a yardstick against which He measures our worth. He has made it so simple. So, will we accept?

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

La salvación es un regalo que Dios desea profundamente que aceptemos. No es un parámetro con el que mida nuestro valor. Él lo ha hecho tan sencillo. Entonces, ¿aceptaremos?

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Salvation

Question:

In some passages of the Bible, Jesus makes it sound like only a few people will be saved. But we talk about hoping for everyone's salvation. So which one is it — will many or few people be saved?

Answer:

Salvation is a mystery of God's grace. St. Paul encourages us to offer prayers for everyone. He calls it "*good and pleasing to God*" because God Himself "*wills everyone to be saved*" (c.f. 1 Tm 2:1-4). The redemption that Jesus offers is held out to all of us. His sacrifice on the cross was already for everyone. Now it is a matter of if and how we accept that salvation in our own lives. Here on earth, we can't possibly know the exact number of people who will be in heaven. When we hear

words like "many" and "few," we tend to think of them in quantitative terms. Four wine glasses for six guests is too few. Three slices of cake for one person is too many. For God, however, "many" and "few" are qualitative terms. Imagine for a moment that nearly every human person is in heaven and only a handful had, by their actions on earth, separated themselves from God. For a God who infinitely loves, even one person spending eternity apart from Him is too many!



Salvación

Pregunta:

En algunos pasajes de la Biblia, Jesús hace que parezca que solo unas pocas personas se salvarán. Pero hablamos de esperar la salvación de todos. Entonces, ¿cuál es: se salvarán muchas o pocas personas?

Respuesta:

La salvación es un misterio de la gracia de Dios. San Pablo nos anima a ofrecer oraciones por todos. Lo llama "*bueno y agradable a Dios*" porque Dios mismo "*quiere que todos se salven*" (cf. 1 Tm 2:1-4). La redención que Jesús ofrece se nos ofrece a todos nosotros. Su sacrificio en la cruz ya era para todos. Ahora es una cuestión de si aceptamos esa salvación en nuestras propias vidas y cómo.

Aquí en la tierra, no podemos saber el número exacto de personas que estarán en el cielo. Cuando escuchamos palabras como "muchos" y "pocos", tendemos a pensar en ellos en términos cuantitativos. Cuatro copas de vino para seis invitados son muy pocas. Tres rebanadas de pastel para una persona son demasiadas. Para Dios, sin embargo, "muchos" y "pocos" son términos cualitativos. Imagina por un momento que casi todas las personas humanas están en el cielo y solo un puñado se ha separado de Dios por sus acciones en la tierra. Para un Dios que ama infinitamente, ¡incluso una persona que pasa la eternidad separada de Él es demasiado!

TRINITY PRAYER

O Divine Mystery, O Sacred Trinity!
Surround us with Your wisdom, love, power, and grace. Draw us to Yourself. Help us to rest in Your goodness. Amen.

ORACIÓN DE LA TRINIDAD

¡Oh, Divino Misterio! ¡oh, Sagrada Trinidad!
Rodéanos con tu sabiduría, amor, poder y gracia.
Atráenos hacia Ti. Ayúdanos a descansar en Tu bondad. Amén.

Yesterday we graduated our 65th graduating class at St. Joseph School. Father gave them advice and a blessing at our last Friday mass. Last Wednesday private high schools and the community came together to honor our 8th grade graduating students at Awards Night. Yesterday, the St. Joseph School community celebrated the beginning of their new journey at the Baccalaureate mass at 9:00am and Graduation ceremony at 5:00pm



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