SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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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) 6:30 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. Joseph Nguyen

DEACONS
Dn. Ben Agustin

OFFICE STAFF:

Aura Mendieta, Business Manager
Teena Posas, Youth Ministry Director
Kit Espino, Faith Formation Director
Michael Chio, Music Director

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.
RCIA
Contact the Parish Office



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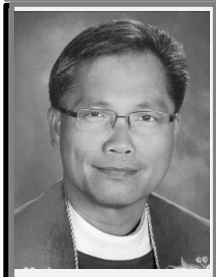

My dear friends in Christ,

Finally, it rained! And I was singing! It was so wonderful to hear the sound of the rain once again. Give thanks and praise to our God!

Speaking of thanksgiving, I hope you had a wonderful, turkey-filled celebration with family and friends.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Solemnity of Christ the King! What an important feast, reminding us once again of the importance of making Christ number one in our lives! His kingship is a kingship of love. He is not a king who lives in some distant place, surrounded by walls of insecurity and ignorance. Rather, he is a king who desires to dwell within us! He offers himself as the wellspring of truth, hope, and life. And because of him, there is always a better tomorrow!

This weekend, we begin a new liturgical year with the beautiful season of Advent.

As the days grow shorter and the nights become longer, the Church invites us to prepare for the coming of Christ. The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar state:

"Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of devout and joyful expectation."

There is no question that Advent is not always an easy season to celebrate. There are many reasons for this, but perhaps the greatest challenge is that this time of joyful expectation can easily be overshadowed by all the external preparations for Christmas. We can find ourselves spending more time shopping for gifts, putting up Christmas trees, decorating our homes, and taking care of countless other things. Before we know it, the season has passed, and we may have forgotten what we were truly preparing for!

That is why it is so important to pause, refocus, and slow down. Our interior preparation is far more important. Our hearts must be freed from darkness, hatred, resentment, and selfishness; from arrogance and pride. This is a time to humble ourselves before God and let go of anything that prevents us from welcoming Christ into our hearts. When we let go of these things, we make room for Christ!

The four weeks of Advent invite us to be on guard, to watch, to remain alert, and to prepare. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come!"

Even our worship space reflects the spirit of this season. Everything about it reminds us that we are entering a special time of preparation. These outward signs are meant to help us focus on the deeper spiritual meaning of Advent. As I mentioned earlier, we can easily become caught up in the external preparations for Christmas. I am certainly not suggesting that we should not go Christmas shopping or enjoy the beautiful traditions of the season! What I am saying is that we must not allow these things to overwhelm us or take away our focus. Let us make time for prayer, silence, and reflection!

I sincerely hope that we take our Advent preparation seriously. More than anything, I pray that we prepare our hearts. Christ must have a place in our hearts. Indeed, he must be our greatest treasure, the one possession we never want to lose.

The coming of the Son of Man is not about commercialism or materialism. It is about our salvation and the incredible love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

Let me leave you with a word of caution from Bishop Fulton J. Sheen: "If through our lives we put a premium on the things of the world, then we will regard lightly the things of eternity."

May you be filled with joy, hope, and peace throughout this Advent season! In the end, it is not about the presents but about the presence—that is, the presence of Christ in our lives. Let us give ourselves the gift of the best Christmas ever by preparing our hearts to welcome him!

Your servant,Fr. Geoffrey



FOR GRADES 7 to 12

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Questions and absences, contact your child's teachers.

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POPCORN FUNDRAISER, ends 11/30 - The Confirmation Program (2nd yr) is raising funds for our January 2027 retreat. We invite you to explore the site and place an order. We earn 50% of our sales. Please support our fundraiser by visiting https://poppinpopcornonline.com/store/store.php?sID=TGWREA.This fundraiser ends on November 30. Questions, contact Teena Posas, Youth Ministry Director at tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your consideration!

** MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (7th & 8th gr) - This group meets in their classroom on Wednesday, December 2 from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Students must bring their book bag of supplies to class. Questions, please contact your teachers.

** YOUTH FIRST COMMUNION (2nd yr, 7th to 12th gr) - This group meets in their classroom on Wednesday, November 18 from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Students must bring their book bag of supplies to class. Questions, please contact your teacher.

** YOUTH MINISTRY (1st yr, 9th to 12th gr) - Thank you to families for all of the delicious food for our Thanksgiving potluck last week! Our next class is Monday, November 30 from 6:30 to 8:10 PM. We continue to be grateful for our Snack Angels. Questions, please contact Teena Posas, Youth Ministry Director.

** CONFIRMATION (2nd yr) - (1) CLASS, DUE DATES & MASS: Read the schedule on what is DUE, to review & other details. Class meets on Sunday December 6 from 2:30 to 4:30 PM in the gym. Bring what is DUE and your book bag of supplies to class. Parents and candidates must be sitting in church by 4:45 PM for the 5:00 PM Mass. Wait until the music ends for Mass to check in for attendance. The Candidate-Parent retreat meeting is Sunday, December 13 - details are on your class schedule. Questions, please contact your teachers. (2) WORKS OF MERCY PROJECTS: Less than four months remain before the deadline of March 1, 2027. Families must use the At Home projects worksheet and our pre-approval form to plan out your projects as soon as possible. (3) SPONSOR FORMS: All sponsor forms were due on October 31. Please turn your child's form in as soon as possible. Thank you!POPCORN FUNDRAISER, online -

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: She Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19)
Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)
Second Reading: The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)
Gospel: "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming." (Mk 13:35)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 29, 2026

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8



PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS & FAMILIES

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Coast Guard- Meagan Toomey
Navy-Terrence Bauer, Austin Bressler, Leslie Lag Damen, Christopher Dolan, Jasmin Trias **National Guard-** Rebecca Sabatini,
Marines- Carlos Aguilera, Julian Chan, Pedro Mazar Egos, Jacob Rudis, Dariell Diaz

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MASS INTENTION

Saturday, November 28, 2026
9:00AM Leonarda Estrera ✞
Margaret Bennett ✞
4:30PM Gina McCauley ✞
6:00PM Lynette Sujo ✞

Sunday, November 29, 2026
8:00AM Bruno Ceccato ✞
10:00AM Dionisio Villaluz ✞
Noon Concepcion & Exequiel Balumsat ✞
5:00PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

Monday, November 30, 2026
9:00AM Binh Nguyen ✞
Narciso Paet Cibalib Birthday

Tuesday, December 1, 2026
9:00AM Julian Taylor Jr. ✞
Kamilah Amianno Robles Birthday

Wednesday, December 2, 2026
9:00AM Marynella Burkard
Theresa Parella ✞

Thursday, December 3, 2026
9:00AM Caroline Martinez ✞
Elisa Espino ✞ (1st Yr Death Anniversary)

Friday, December 4, 2026
9:00AM Marnellie DeVera ✞
Oscar E. Santiano ✞
7:30PM Jan Karyodi ✞

Saturday, December 5, 2026
9:00AM Evelyn & Jaime Rabutaso 50th Wedding Ann
Nene, Harry & Pinky Brown ✞
4:30PM Parishioners of St. Joesph
6:00PM Raul H. & Maria O. Sagastume ✞

Sunday, December 6, 2026
8:00AM Sotero Tiamzon ✞
10:00AM Iris Wall ✞
12:00AM Sr. Rosaline Nguygen (Birthday)
5:00PM Bishop John Cummins ✞

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

What is Happening at St. Joseph School

This week, the St. Joseph Community celebrated Kindness Day and Recycling Day in line with our school accreditation goal: Service-Learning and Environmental Stewardship that commits to the Develop and implementation of a schoolwide service-learning program that actively engages students in environmental conservation, sustainability, and community service, inspired by Pope Francis' Laudato Si' and Catholic Social Teaching. Through hands-on projects, recycling initiatives, energy conservation, and community outreach, students will apply their learning, develop leadership skills, and take meaningful action to protect God's creation, serve others, and care for our common home.

Simple Ways to Show Gratitude

Showing gratitude can make you feel better about your life, manage mental health problems like depression and anxiety, improve self-esteem and sleep, lower your stress, and more.

Simply:

1. Say something nice to someone—a compliment, a word of thanks, or recognition.
2. Write your gratitude as a letter or in a notebook/journal
3. Show your gratitude with a gift
4. Invite someone to spend time with you

Applications for the 2026-2027 School year at St. Joseph School is open for Preschool, Junior Kinder-garten, Kindergarten through 8th grades. Encouraging enrollment in Preschool through 5th Grades Tell your friends and family about the wonderful school that teaches learning with heart, mind and spirit.

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SUNDAY COLLECTION



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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: Building Fund

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.



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Thursday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Friday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 29 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2026

Domingo: 1er Domingo de Adviento
Lunes: San Andrés, apóstol
Jueves: San Francisco Javier, sacerdote
Viernes: San Juan Damasceno, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Are our eyes drooping? Are we drifting off? Jesus wants us awake. He wants our eyes open. He wants us ready. Advent is the season of staying awake, of splashing water in the face of our soul. Wake up — and watch!

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

¿Se nos están cerrando los ojos? ¿Nos estamos quedando dormidos? Jesús nos quiere despiertos. Quiere que tengamos los ojos abiertos. Quiere que estemos listos. El Adviento es la estación de mantenerse despiertos, de salpicar agua en la cara del alma. ¡Despierta — y mira!

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Christmas
Question:
With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.
Answer:
Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.
We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Navidad
Pregunta:
Con la Navidad acercándose rápidamente, ¿puedes darme algunos consejos prácticos para prepararme a mí y a mi familia que nos ayuden a mantenernos con los pies en la tierra en lo que realmente es esta festividad? Con todo el comercialismo, es fácil desviarse.
Respuesta:
Los momentos y eventos felices traen buenos recuerdos y un renovado sentido de amor y afinidad con los demás. La anticipación es la mitad de la alegría del evento en sí. La venida del Señor es ese tipo de evento que la gente ha estado esperando durante generaciones con ferviente esperanza y deseo. Les dio fuerza y valor mientras esperaban la venida del Señor.
Sabemos que la Navidad es apresurada. Las rebajas comienzan en agosto y los villancicos suenan mucho antes de que comience la temporada. Todo el mundo lamenta los aspectos comerciales de la temporada, pero a medida que comienza el Adviento, haz algo que te ayude a ser más consciente de la venida del Señor. Usa una corona de Adviento, o entroniza la Biblia de manera prominente, o lee las lecturas de la Biblia asignadas a cada día. Pospón el árbol y las decoraciones hasta que se acerque la Navidad. Establece nuevos rituales familiares, costumbres y oraciones que ayuden a recordar a todos que nos estamos preparando para celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús. El ayuno, la misa diaria, una celebración especial de reconciliación, el acercamiento a los marginados de la familia o la sociedad, y la visita a los confinados en casa manifiestan el amor del Niño Jesús y de la Sagrada Familia. Resiste la tentación de apresurar la temporada. A su propio tiempo y a su manera, Dios vendrá. Nuestra tarea es simplemente estar atentos y listos.

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2026

A season of hope, prayer, and joyful celebration

ADVENT

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent

December 3–11 Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe • 7:00 p.m. in the church

Saturday, December 5 Griteria – Immaculate Conception celebration; Spanish Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by a reception in the Parish Hall

Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation); Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; Spanish Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 12 Las Mañanitas for Our Lady of Guadalupe • 5:00–7:00 a.m. in the church; Mass at 9:00 a.m.; Spanish Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by a reception in the Parish Hall

Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

December 16–24 Simbang Gabi • 5:00 a.m. in the church, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall

December 16–24 Posadas • 7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Sunday, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve: Mass at 9:00 a.m.; Family Mass at 5:00 p.m.; Spanish Mass at 7:00 p.m.; Midnight Mass, with caroling at 11:30 p.m.

Friday, December 25 Christmas Day Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

Thursday, December 31 New Year's Eve Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 2027 New Year's Day Masses at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

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