

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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October 18, 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) 6:30 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

Christine Suarez, Faith
Formation & RCIA 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 Christine Suarez

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday. Thank you for your donations.



Bible Study Class had a great start, with a full class led by Deacon Ben



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My dear friends in Christ,

Happy Sunday!

We continue to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as he recovers from surgery. May the Lord grant him healing, strength, and peace.

We are living in a time of deep division, hostility, and uncertainty. Respect and civility are too often replaced by anger, dialogue by confrontation, and understanding by violence. The events unfolding around us can easily disturb our hearts, weaken our values, and distract us from the path of peace. Clearly, our world needs healing, our society needs conversion, and our hearts need to return to God.

In today's Gospel (Matthew 22:15–21), Jesus tells us, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." These words remind us that while we have responsibilities in society, our deepest allegiance belongs to God. We may carry the image of earthly authorities in our public lives, but we are created in the image and likeness of God. Our lives, therefore, must reflect His love, truth, justice, and mercy.

The question is not simply what we owe to society, but what we owe to God. Do our words promote peace or division? Do our actions reflect compassion or hostility? Do we build bridges of understanding, or do we erect fences that separate us from one another?

The conversion of St. Augustine reminds us that no heart is beyond the reach of God's grace. Through the persistent prayers of his mother, St. Monica, and his own encounter with God, Augustine discovered that lasting peace cannot be found in worldly pursuits alone, but in a heart surrendered to the Lord.

My dear friends, the conversion our world needs must begin within each of us. We cannot preach peace while harboring hatred, speak of faith while neglecting God, or call ourselves Christians without striving to live as Christ taught us. Our faith must be more than a name; it must be a way of life.

Let us ask the Lord to remove whatever hardens our hearts, divides our communities, and weakens our relationship with Him. In a world that often seems confused and divided, let us become witnesses of hope, instruments of reconciliation, and messengers of Christ's love.

Give to God what belongs to God: your heart, your life, and your love. May we never forget that God is alive, present among us, and at work in every heart that welcomes Him.

Again, thank you for your great generosity! Your faith is a faith in action!

In Christ,

Fr. Geoffrey

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT FAITH FORMATION/PARISH EVENTS



PARISH TRUNK OR TREAT 2026

* (1) DONATIONS, needed by October 29:

To help make this annual event a success, we are seeking donations of bags of candy. We are unable to accept premade treat bags or open containers. Please drop off donations by Thursday, October 29 at the Parish Center during office hours, or to Teena at our classes listed below.

* (2) CARS & VOLUNTEERS, sign up by October 26:

We invite families, individuals and parish ministries to join the 2026 Trunk or Treat event by decorating your trunks or in helping with specific tasks. The DEADLINE to sign up your vehicle or as a volunteer is Monday, October 26, 2026. You MUST fill out the online form to be included, starting point <https://campsite.bio/ymsjcpinole> or for the link, contact Teena Posas, Youth Ministry Director at 510-741-4900 ext. 1010 or tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com. NO LAST MINUTE DRIVE UPS on the event day. The Trunk or Treat event takes place on Friday, October 30 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, in the St. Joseph Church parking lot. Vehicles that are signed up will be allowed in from 2:45 to 4:00 PM. Volunteers must arrive by 4:00 PM to be assigned a task. All vehicles and volunteers must stay until the end of the event.

FOR GRADES 7 to 12

Access to class folders at <https://campsite.bio/ymsjcpinole>. Questions and absences, contact your child's teachers.

** MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (7th or 8th gr)

- This group returns to their assigned classroom on Wednesday, October 21 from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. PARENTS - please follow our traffic rules and reminders. Students must bring their book bag of supplies to class. Please look at the class schedule for instructions. This class is CLOSED.

** YOUTH FIRST COMMUNION (2nd yr, 7th to 12th gr)

- This group returns to their assigned classroom on Wednesday, October 21 from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. PARENTS - please follow our traffic rules and reminders. Students must bring their book bag of supplies to class. REMINDER for families - the next second Sunday 5:00 PM Mass that you need to go to is Sunday, October 11. Please look at the class schedule for instructions. This class is CLOSED.

**** YOUTH MINISTRY (1st yr, 9th to 12th gr)** - We meet in the St. Joseph School GYM on Monday, October 19 from 6:30 to 8:10 PM. We are thankful for families being our Snack Angels for each meeting. Please look at the class schedule for instructions. Questions or absences, contact Teena Posas, Youth Ministry Director. This class is CLOSED.

**** CONFIRMATION (2nd yr) - (1) NEXT CLASS & MASS:** Read your schedule on what is DUE, to review and other details. We meet on Sunday, October 25 in the SJ GYM at 2:30 PM. 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. (2) WORKS OF MERCY PROJECTS: Families must use the At Home projects worksheet and our pre-approval form to plan out your projects as soon as possible. This class is CLOSED.



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!

BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join a newly revised, free Bible study course taught by Deacon Ben at St. Joseph Church in Pinole this fall. The Bible Timeline – The Story of Salvation is a 24-session course covering both the Old and New Testaments.

Class Options: Mondays: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

(beginning October 12, 2026) Thursdays: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM (beginning October 15, 2026)

Location: Parish Hall, Space is limited to 63 participants per class. Register early to reserve your spot.

WEEKLY PRAYER

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

Psalms: Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading: We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS & FAMILIES

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

Army- Angel Caliz, Andrew Fontejon, Darryl Jason Garcia, Jorge Rodriguez, Justine RB Sanguin,
Benjamin Serrano,

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ron Acuna, Virginia P. Alday, Harper Ananyev, Jovita Atencion, Dan Aquino, Joseph Avalos, Kristal Librato Baughn, Gil Bautista, Larry Burkhart, David Cardwell, Dennis Chattell, Laura Corona, Maria E. 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 Ann T. Gee, Mary Ellen Gillis, Flor Gonzalez, Alexandra Gorgoletis, Elam & Claire



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MASS INTENTION

Saturday, October 17, 2026

9:00AM Joy Siruno (1st Death Anniversary)
Rinaldi Ravanera †

4:30PM Pat Hedstrom †

6:00PM Juana & Pedro Velasco †

Sunday, October 18, 2026

8:00AM Eddie Lavd †

10:00AM Perpetua Villaluz †

12:00Noon Parishioners of St. Joseph

5:00PM Matias Rodriguez (Birthday)

Monday, October 19, 2026

9:00AM Oscar Ilao (Birthday †)

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

9:00AM Philip Vercara Ordonez †

Leonarda Estrera †

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

9:00AM Macario Del Fierro †

Oscar T. Santiano †

Thursday, October 22, 2026

9:00AM Patricia Pico †

Emerly Komala †

Friday, October 23, 2026

9:00AM Chris & Janie Tioseco (Wed. Anni.)

Emilia Paz †

Saturday October 24, 2026

9:00AM Miguel Garcia †

Lorna Deato Poblador †

4:30PM Mark de Young †

6:00PM Victoria & Eustaquio Toruño †

Sunday October 25, 2026

8:00AM Phero Ba Nguyen

10:00AM Jack D'Angelo †

12:00 Noon George Vincent †

5:00PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

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 open for Preschool, Junior Kindergarten, 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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ST. JOSEPH UKULELE CLUB

Come play with the St. Joseph Ukulele Club. We are members of your community that meet a few times per month to learn and play music from several genres. No experience necessary. All levels and ages are welcome. For more information text your email to Rommel Suratos (707) 646-1418.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

SUNDAY \$ 13,293

PARISH COLLECTIONS

This weekend, we will have two collections:

- **1st Collection:** Sunday Stewardship
- **2nd Collection:** Unbound

Next weekend, there will be one collections:

- **1st Collection:** Sunday Stewardship



What is Unbound's mission and goal?

Unbound's mission is to support families and communities worldwide on their self-directed paths out of poverty. We provide personal attention and direct benefits to children, youth, elders and their families, empowering them to become self-sufficient and achieve their inherent potential.

Our vision is to build a world free from poverty where all people have access to resources, community support and the ability to make decisions that improve their lives and uphold human dignity.



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.

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Monday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantra

Tuesday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Thursday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Friday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Saturday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 18 DE OCTUBRE 2026

Domingo: 29º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo de la Misión Mundial

Lunes: San Juan de Brébeuf y San Isaac Jogues, sacerdotes, y compañeros, mártires; San Pedro de Alcántara

Martes: San Pablo de la Cruz, sacerdote

Jueves: San Juan Pablo II, papa

Viernes: San Juan de Capistrano, sacerdote

Sábado: San Antonio María Claret, obispo

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Pharisees try to trick Jesus into starting a political revolution. They don't realize he came to start a revolution of the heart, not the state. God's image is stamped on our soul, but still the world tries to claim us. Revolt! You belong to God.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Los fariseos intentan engañar a Jesús para que inicie una revolución política. No se dan cuenta de que vino para iniciar una revolución del corazón, no del Estado. La imagen de Dios está grabada en nuestra alma, pero aun así el mundo intenta reclamarnos. ¡Revuelta! Pertenece a Dios.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Lord's Prayer

Question:

Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom ..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?

Answer:

The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the

people respond with the doxology.

The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in *The Didache*, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has come to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Oración del Señor

Pregunta:

¿Por qué los católicos no añaden la oración "Porque tuyo es el Reino..." al final del Padre Nuestro como lo hacen los protestantes? ¿De dónde salió?

Respuesta:

La conclusión del Padre Nuestro a la que te refieres se llama doxología, que es una oración de gloria y alabanza. Esta doxología en particular la usamos en la Misa. Después del Padre Nuestro, el sacerdote reza la oración que comienza: "Líbranos, Señor, te lo pedimos, de todo mal..." y la gente responde con la doxología. La doxología no se encuentra en la Biblia, pero es muy antigua. Se encontró por primera vez en *El Didaché*, también llamado "La Enseñanza de los Doce Apóstoles," que data probablemente del año 90 D.C. Era una carta de instrucciones para los primeros conversos al cristianismo. El protestantismo data solo del siglo XVI, por lo que la doxología es en realidad una oración católica. Algunos estudiosos y el catecismo (#2760) indican que la doxología estaba relacionada con la celebración de la Eucaristía y no se usaba aparte de ella.

Recuerda, tanto el Padre Nuestro como la Eucaristía eran parte de los "misterios de la fe," cosas que se enseñaban solo a los creyentes. Irónicamente, un remanente de una oración utilizada durante la celebración de la Eucaristía ha llegado a ser ampliamente utilizada por muchas iglesias cristianas que no celebran la Eucaristía. ¡La realidad es más extraña que la ficción!





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- Assist with year-end reporting and the annual audit
- Collaborate with the pastor and business manager as needed



QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience in bookkeeping or accounting (preferred)
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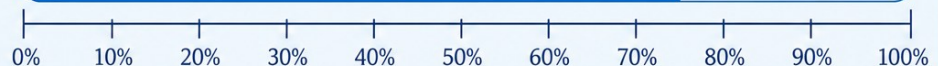
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