

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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October 25, 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

Celebration of the Lord of the Miracles



Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima



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Reflections



Dear friends in Christ,

I hope you had a wonderful and blessed week.

In the First Reading today, the Lord reminds the people of Israel: “You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.” — Exodus 22:20–21

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful month of October! Autumn is one of my favorite seasons, with its colorful leaves reminding us of the beauty of God’s creation. As the seasons change, we are reminded that life is full of changes, but one thing remains constant: God’s love and care for all His children.

Years ago, while serving at St. Ignatius in Antioch, I learned an important lesson about God’s plan and my own.

It had been an exhausting day filled with meetings, and after nearly two hours of traffic on Highway 4, all I could think about was getting home to my bed. I was determined to rest and believed nothing could stand in my way.

But when I arrived home, I saw a man waiting for me with his three children. Though tired, I approached them and listened as the father tearfully shared that his young wife had just been diagnosed with cancer. He was frightened and needed someone to talk to. When I learned that his wife was in a nearby hospital, I accompanied him there, where I administered the Anointing of the Sick and prayed with her.

That evening, my plan was to go home and rest. But God had another plan. What seemed like an interruption became an opportunity to bring comfort and hope to a family in need. Although I was still tired, my heart felt refreshed and fulfilled. I realized that sometimes God’s plan unfolds when our own plans are interrupted.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the two greatest commandments: to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:36–40). The passage from Exodus likewise reminds us that God hears the cries of the vulnerable and calls us to treat others with compassion and justice.

Our faith is not measured only by our prayers and words, but also by how we respond to those who need us. Sometimes, God calls us to set aside our schedules, listen patiently, offer a helping hand, or simply be present for someone who is suffering.

My dear friends, we may not always understand God’s plan, but we can trust that love is at its heart. Perhaps God’s plan for us is not always to do more, but to love more. When we welcome the unexpected opportunity to care for another person, we become instruments of His grace.

You have been part of God’s loving plan through your faith, prayers, generosity, and unwavering commitment to our community. For this, I thank you sincerely.

May we continue to recognize God’s presence in those we encounter and remember that the greatest beauty of this season is reflected in hearts that love and hands that care.

May God bless you and your families abundantly! Again, thank you for being a “cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7).

With gratitude and prayers, 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. * (3) INVITATION TO FAMILIES, October 30: We invite families with children and teens to stop by the parish Trunk or Treat event in the church parking lot on Friday, October 30 between 4:30-6:30 PM. Children must remain under parents' supervision at all times. We look forward to seeing your family on October 30!

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 meets in the covered quad next to their classroom on Wednesday, October 28 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. Questions, please contact your teachers. This class is CLOSED.

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

This group meets in the covered quad

next to their classroom on Wednesday, October 28 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. Questions, please contact your teachers. This class is CLOSED.

**** YOUTH MINISTRY (1st yr, 9th to 12th gr) -** We meet in the St. Joseph School GYM on Monday, October 26 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) 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. Questions, please contact your teachers. (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.



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WEEKLY PRAYER

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." (Ex 22:21-23)

Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading: For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idol to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

Gospel: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2026

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

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 Sangui, 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 Goundar, Alicia Guzman, Ceretta Morgan Hardin, Bill Harper, Jeff M. Ibrahim, Jack Lam, Jerin Lazaro, Palette



Lemmon, Xavier Manga Lindan, Antonio Lopez, Joseph Knoblauch, 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 Poblete, Dioscora Quimio, Patricia Rangel, Connie Ibara Ramirez, Jim Richards, Flo Rodich, Leopoldo Rodriguez, Lee Rondeau, Michael Edward Rossi, 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 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

Monday, October 26, 2026

9:00AM Jovita Victorio †
Apolonia M. Alcarzar †

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

9:00AM Andres Ocegüera †
Irene Lobo Birthday

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

9:00AM Esperanza Alonso †
David A. Isaac †

Thursday, October 29, 2026

9:00AM Felipe Tiongson †
Joseph Avalos †

Friday, October 30, 2026

9:00AM Avolino David †
Joseph Avalos †

Saturday, October 31, 2026

9:00AM Joselito L. Asuncion †
4:30PM Claudel Garcia, Bday
Parishioners of St. Joseph
6:00PM Roberto & Esperanza Ramos †

Sunday, November 1, 2026

8:00AM Chita Quidachay †
10:00AM Roland & Alex Puno † Shirley
12:00 noon Antonio †
5:00PM Aurora Manubay Libalib Bday

PARISH, DIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS/FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP



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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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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

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PARISH COLLECTIONS

This weekend, we will have one collection:

- **1st Collection:** Sunday Stewardship

Next weekend, there will be two collections:

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



UNBOUND

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 25, 2026**

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday: All Hallows' Eve

Next Sunday: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA **DEL 25 DE OCTUBRE 2026**

Domingo: 30º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Miércoles: San Simón y San Judas, apóstoles

Sábado: Víspera de Todos los Santos (EEUU)

Domingo siguiente: Día de Todos los Santos; Fin del horario de verano; Semana Nacional de Concientización sobre las Vocaciones

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR **THE WEEK**

Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind. When we do that, the rest comes naturally, and we love others as they should be loved. So, give him everything — and let your life be love.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA **SEMANA**

Jesús nos da el mandamiento más grande: ama a Dios con todo tu corazón, toda tu alma, toda tu mente. Cuando hacemos eso, el resto viene de forma natural, y amamos a los demás como deberían ser amados. Así que, dale todo — y deja que tu vida sea amor.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE **EXPLAINED**

Halloween

Question:

Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer:

The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory.

Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.



Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!

POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA **CATÓLICA EXPLICADA**

El Halloween

Pregunta:

¿Halloween es una fiesta pagana o católica?

Respuesta:

La respuesta corta: hoy en día, un poco de ambos. Pero no siempre fue así. Halloween y el Día de Todos los Santos están estrechamente relacionados. En el año 800, la Iglesia Católica comenzó a celebrar el Día de Todos los Santos. Originalmente se llamaba "All Hallow's Day" (en inglés) o Hallowmas. La celebración comenzó temprano en la víspera de Todos los Santos. Pero si Halloween se trata realmente de los santos en toda su gloria victoriosa, ¿dónde conseguimos casas embrujadas, disfraces y bromas?

El Día de Todos los Santos se asoció con los otros difuntos con bastante rapidez. El 2 de noviembre es el Día de los Fieles Difuntos, donde rezamos por las almas del purgatorio. En todo el mundo europeo, especialmente con los pueblos celtas y germánicos, los muertos eran honrados en los meses de otoño. La celebración pagana celta de Samhain tenía sus propios rituales folclóricos y ocurría casi al mismo tiempo que estas fiestas católicas.

En los últimos cientos de años, esto incluía disfrazarse e ir de puerta en puerta, pidiendo comida a cambio de una rima o un poema. Algunas personas se disfrazaban de espíritus "oscuros" y hacían bromas a los demás. La celebración actual de Halloween tiende a adoptar estas prácticas posteriores, en lugar del significado original de celebrar a los santos. Pero recuerda... ¡esta fiesta fue católica primero!

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