SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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September 28, 2025

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

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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 a priest or



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

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Reflections



My dear friends in Christ,

By the time you read this, our pilgrimage will have already brought us to the very footsteps of St. Paul!

During our first week, we were blessed to visit Thessaloniki, Philippi, and Delphi. At Philippi, we celebrated Mass together with fellow pilgrims from St. Joan of Arc Parish from our own diocese! It was a special moment of communion and shared faith. We also visited the site of Lydia's baptism—the first Christian convert of St. Paul in Europe.

The following day, we traveled to Vergina to visit the tomb of Philip II, the father of Alexander the Great—a fascinating connection to the broader historical context in which early Christianity began to spread.

Today, September 22, we begin the next leg of our journey: a 5-day cruise through the Greek Isles. Spirits are high, and the pilgrims are full of excitement as we set sail for Mykonos. Along the way, we will also visit the ancient cities of Ephesus and Patmos. Ephesus was a key location in St. Paul's missionary work, where he helped build one of the earliest Christian communities in Asia Minor. Patmos, as you know, is where St. John received the visions recorded in the Book of Revelation.

After the cruise, we will conclude our pilgrimage with a visit to Corinth, where St. Paul spent two years establishing a vibrant Christian community—one that would leave us with some of the most profound writings in the New Testament.

Given our focus on the footsteps of St. Paul, my reflection today turns to his beloved companion, St. Timothy. I write this reflection in high spirits, filled with inspiration from the places we have visited, and the rich insights shared by our knowledgeable tour guide.

In today's Second Reading, St. Paul addresses Timothy as a "man of God," reminding him—and all of us—of our Christian identity and calling. This title aligns Timothy with the great prophets and faithful servants throughout salvation history.

Paul urges Timothy to pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness—virtues that define the life of a true disciple and servant of Christ. He encourages him to "compete well for the faith," reminding us that faith is not passive but an active commitment, especially in a world marked by division, hatred, violence, and despair.

Like Timothy, we too must proclaim Christ—not just in words, but in the way we live our lives. St. Paul and St. Timothy are examples of courage and fidelity in the face of trials, suffering, and even persecution. Their witness challenges us to be bold, steadfast, and joyful in our own Christian journey.

Let us be faithful builders of the City of God, living our faith with conviction, compassion, and courage.

On a joyful note, our much-anticipated Oktoberfest (October 12) is fast approaching! I hope you are as excited as I am. Let us continue to be ONE in Christ, united in love and thanksgiving.

Thank you, as always, for being cheerful givers and generous supporters of our parish family. I look forward to being with you as we celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila (actual feast: September 28) on Tuesday, September 30, at 5:00 PM.

With love and prayers from Greece,

In Christ,

Fr. Geoffrey

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT FAITH FORMATION/PARISH EVENTS



CONFIRMATION

Registrations will close on September 30. Classes have started for Grades 7 to 12 -

see below! ** 2025 Registration Packets will be available until Tuesday, September 30 at the Parish Center, or by email from Teena Posas. To request a form and for questions, contact Teena Posas, parish Youth Ministry Director, at 510-741-4900 ext. 1010 or by email at tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com.

** CLASS for 7th & 8th graders - Parents and guardians are required to follow our mandatory traffic rules to keep everyone safe! Students must bring their assigned supplies to every class. Class starts at 6:30 PM and ends at 7:45 PM. This group meets in their assigned classroom on Wednesday, October 1. This class is for 7th & 8th graders who have never had spiritual formation, who are continuing with their next grade for spiritual formation, or need to enroll for their first year for communion preparation.

** YOUTH FIRST COMMUNION (2nd yr, 7th to 12th grade) - Parents and guardians are required to follow our mandatory traffic rules to keep everyone safe! Students must bring their assigned supplies to every class. Class starts at 6:30 PM and ends at 7:45 PM. This group meets in their assigned classroom on Wednesday, October 1. Students who complete the requirements for this second year may receive First Communion in the spring of 2026. Specific information is available from the youth ministry director.

** YOUTH MINISTRY (1st yr, 9th to 12th grade) - Class starts at 6:30 and ends at 8:10 PM. This group meets in the St. Joseph School gym (1961 Plum St.) on Monday, September 22. The St. Joseph Parish Confirmation Program is a two year preparation process. The earliest opportunity to begin this process is 9th grade. Students who complete the requirements for this first year will be invited in May 2026 to enroll for the second year for the Confirmation class. Students who complete the requirements for the second year may receive Confirmation in the spring of 2027.

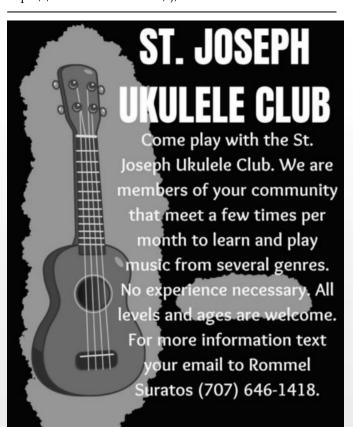
** CONFIRMATION (2nd yr, 10th to 12th grade) - BRING all of your things to class. Class starts at 2:30 PM, ends at 4:30 PM and follows with the 5:00 PM Mass. This group meets in the parish school gym on

Sunday, September 28. Pre-approval for the required Works of Mercy projects is ongoing; visit https://campsite.bio/ymsjcpinole. Questions - contact your teachers as soon as possible.

OCIA-RCIA:

This years program has started this past week, but its not too late to register. You may pick up a registrations (Blue) form at the Parish Center Office. We are open from 10:00am to 4:00pm. For more information, call Christine Suarez Director at 510-741-4900 extension #1004, Parish office. Email: cs.sicpinole@gmail.com

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



WEEKLY PRAYER

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146) Or: Alleluia. **Second Reading:** But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

Gospel: Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.' (Lk 16:31)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS & FAMILIES

Rosa, Jenna Keomany, Maxine Lucas, Alan Serrano, Chris Trias, Julian Trias **Army-** Angel Caliz, Shawn Bets Chart,

Air Force- Gino Dela Rosa, Niko Dela

Andrew Fontejon, Darryl Jason Garcia, Jack Moneymaker, Justine RB Sangui, Benjamin

Serrano, Army Branch, Darren Espeleta

Coast Guard- Meagan Toomey

Navy-Terrence Bauer, Austin Bressler, Leslie Lag Damen, Carlo Evangelista, Dean Trias, Jasmin Trias

National Guard- Rebecca Sabatini,

Marines- Carlos Aguilera, Richard Antonucci, Joseph Belman, Julian Chan, Carlo Spampinato, Pedro Mazar Egos, Jacob Rudis

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ron Acuna, Sally Aguilera, Virginia P. Alday, Jeannette Alm, Harper Ananyev, Dan Aquino, Joseph Avalos, Kristal Librato Baughn, Gil Bautista, William Black, Larry Burkhart, Diane Butson, Dennis Chattell, Pamela Chong, Laura Corona, Kevin Coughlin, Patria & Manolito Crizaldo, Erin Curry, Ludelia Datlag, Virgilio de la Vega, Marietta Domingo, Denise Elias, Elizabeth Espanola, Aurora Fronda, Flor Gonzalez, Alexandra Gorgoletis, Elam & Claire Goundar, Alicia Guzman,

Ceretta Morgan Hardin, Bill Harper, Michael Edward Rossi, Jeff M. Ibrahim, Joe Knoblauch, Tony Lagasca, Jack Lam, Jerin Lazaro, Ethan Benjamin Layne, Paulette Lemmon, Xavier Manga Lindan, Antonio Lopez, Joseph Magaoay, Imelda F. Magat, Nida Monzon, Jaime Ocampo, Ruby Ochoa, Severina Olivito, Claudette Peters, Jenna Peters, Maria Isabal Perez, Leticia F. Poblete, Mary Pratto, Patricia Rangel, Connie Ibara Ramirez, Deborah Reyna, Jim Richards, Flo Rodich, Lee Rondeau, Edwin Salgado, Lolita Santos, Romeo Santos, Leo Sendaydiego, Helene Staniszewski, Tim & Tom Taliaferro, Bernard F. & Abrahim S. Trinidad, Joseph S. Trinidad, Jeffrey Tayag, Yolanda Tayag, Mike Ward, Charles Whaley, Joy Wi, Peter Wongworavit

MASS INTENTION

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9:00 Conrado M. Escano Aurora Mallari 🕏

4:30 Sofia Izon

6:00 Norma Cabaya **P** Sunday, September 28, 2025

8:00 Leonora Santos

10:00 Evelia & Samuel Rodriguez ♥
12:00 Parishioners of St. Joseph
5:00 John & Barbara Collins

Monday, September 29, 2025

9:00 Perlita Carranza Casta **†**Edwin Dris (Death Birthday)

Tuesday, September 30,2025

9:00 Cecilia Alhambra 🕏

Kersin Matthew Sison (Birthday)

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

9:00 Lois Minkel 🕈

Pacifio Estepa 🕈

Thursday, October 2, 2025

9:00 Richard Flores **†** Erlinda Sarabis

Friday, October 3, 2025

9:00 Bartolome Bensa 🕈

Mark Russo 🕈

7:30 Annie Simmons - Thanksgiving

Saturday October 4, 2025

9:00 Julio Melara, Jr. 🕈

Yolonda Tayag (Birthday)

4:30 Alicia Lopez **†** 6:00 Enrique Ruiz **†**

PARISH, DIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS/FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP



St. Joseph School What is Happening at Learning through Faith, Service, and Community St. Joseph School

We are proud of our CA Times Student Newspaper Club

Please help me thank Ms. Jeannette Sanchez, our SJS Newspaper Club Moderator so very much for her time and expertise. We are very proud of our students. Please take a moment to read their first issue of the 2025-2026 school year. https://drive.google.com/file/

d/18dEtBy4xEe0fwxqOMnZCWPNDkuX8BByQ/view

St. Joseph School invites all Active and Retired Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, and First Responders from the City of Pinole to join us for the Blue Prayer

Service on Monday, September 29th at 8:00 AM at St. Joseph School. The Blue Prayer Service is a liturgical ceremony in which Law Enforcement, Fire, and Emergency Response personnel serving the City of Pinole gather for a special blessing and celebration for their work on behalf of our community.

We are happy to support the Cub Scouts. If you are interested in Cub Scouts for boys and girls, please just come

to a meeting! Our upcoming troop meetings are:
September 22nd, October 6th, October 20th
from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the 6th grade classroom
Please Join Alumni and Friends at www.Facebook.com/

groups/204136270336908

And on Instagram @stjosephpinolealumni

Check out our website for the latest happenings at the school at stjosephpinole.org and https://www.facebook.com/StJosephSchoolPinole/Click Here to check out our Alumni News

SUNDAY COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 13 &14

Sunday \$ 14,335

Religious Faith Formation \$ 1,225



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WEEKLY CONTENT

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday Monday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Tuesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Wednesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Dotor of the Church

Thursday: The Holy Guardian Angels Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 28 DE SEPTIEMBREDE 2025

Domingo: 26º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo del sacerdocio

Lunes: San Gabriel, San Miguel y San Rafael, arcángeles Martes: San Jerónimo, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia Miércoles: Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús, virgen y doctora de la Iglesia

Jueves: Los santos ángeles custodios Sábado: San Francisco de Asís

<u>LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE</u> WEEK

The rich man had a chance, every day of his life, to choose righteousness. But righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He discovered too late that the only time we have to follow God is now. Here. This moment. Will we take our chance?

<u>VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA</u>

El hombre rico tuvo la oportunidad, todos los días de su vida, de elegir la justicia. Pero la justicia no le convenía. Descubrió demasiado tarde que el único momento en que tenemos que seguir a Dios es ahora. Aquí. En este momento. ¿Aprovecharemos nuestra oportunidad?

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Can Divorced Catholics Take Communion? Ouestion:

Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion? **Answer:**

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment). Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single

people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us



that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have "endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life." (Amoris Laetitia, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, "The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty." (AL, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect," but "a powerful medicine and nourishment" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

¿Oración diaria versus Misa? Pregunta:

Tengo un amigo que dice que no necesita ir a misa porque le reza a Dios todos los días. ¿Qué piensa de esta iustificación?

Respuesta:

Si la única razón para ir a la iglesia fuera hablar con Dios, tu amigo podría tener razón. La oración no es algo limitado a un lugar físico o incluso a un lugar santo. Si el único propósito de la Iglesia fuera la oración, sería un propósito ciertamente estrecho. La Iglesia es una comunidad de creyentes, formada por "un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo Bautismo". Es un signo externo de nuestra fe en Dios instituida por Cristo, y el propósito de la Iglesia es darnos la gracia, es decir, una participación en la vida de Dios.

Venir a Misa no es realmente para beneficio de Dios, sino para el nuestro. Si creemos que Jesús está verdaderamente presente en la sagrada Eucaristía, entonces querremos estar en su presencia. Querremos ser alimentados por él. Nuestra oración diaria y nuestras buenas obras se fortalecen con nuestro auténtico encuentro con nuestro Señor. Para los católicos, es en la Misa donde celebramos la fuente y la cumbre de nuestra fe. Si esto es cierto, ¿por qué nos mantendríamos alejados?



OKTOBERFEST DONATION REQUESTS

DRINKS:

- 30 CASE(S) OF BOTTLED WATER (35 PER CASE)
- 30 CASE(S) OF SODA EACH: COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE
- 25 RED WINE BOTTLE(S)
- 25 WHITE WINE BOTTLE(S)

SUPPLIES:

- 20 CASES TO GO COMPOSTABLE CONTAINERS (3-PART COMPARTMENT) (100 PER SET)
- 50 SETS (9X13) ALUMINUM HALF TRAYS (25 PER SET)
- 50 SETS (21X13) ALUMINUM FULL TRAYS (20 PER SET)
- 10 SETS CHAFING FUEL (1 DOZEN PER SET)
- 50 SETS UTENSILS (FORK, SPOON, KNIFE COMBO-100)
- 10 PACKS NAPKINS
- 10 BUNDLES 5 PACK LYSOL DISINFECTING WIPES
- 3 SETS BLUE FACE MASKS (100 PER SET)
- 5 SETS EACH-FOOD GLOVES M, L, and XL (100 PKG EACH)
- 50 EACH PURELL HAND SANITIZER (BULK)
- 10 BOX -ALUMINUM FOIL (BULK), 5 BOX PLASTIC WRAP
- 10 PACKS OF 8 PAPER TOWELS (BULK)
- 100 EACH TABLECLOTHS DISPOSABLE -WHITE (BULK)
- 3 BAGS JASMINE RICE (25 LBS)

*DROP OFF BEFORE MASS - IN THE LOBBY OR DURING THE WEEK AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: LINA SONICO 510-283-8976

Celebrating Our faith. In Christ We Are One!

ORtoberfest 2025

SAM-6PM
Sunday, Oct. 12

'FOOD 'ENTERTAINMENT' GAMES'
'RAFFLE' PRIZES'

St. Joseph Church
837 Tennent Street, Pinole, CA
Parking Lot on Fernandez

MASS BAM BREAKFAST 9AM



San Lorenzo Ruiz invites you to the Feast of San Lorenzo

Monday, September 30th, Mass at 5:00 PM Reception to follow in the Parish Hall



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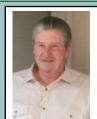
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