

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Just Say, 'Thank You, Lord!'"

A newly arrived Soul in Heaven was met by St. Peter. The saint toured the Soul around Heaven. Both of them walked side by side inside a large workroom filled with angels.

St. Peter stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all the petitions to God said in prayer are received." The Soul looked at the section, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous sheets of paper from all the people of the world.

They walked again until they reached the second section, and St. Peter told the Soul, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings that the people asked for are packed and delivered to the persons who asked for them down on earth. The Soul saw how busy it was. There were so many angels working in that room, because so many blessings were being packaged and delivered to Earth.

Finally, at the farthest corner of the room, St. Peter stopped at this last section. To the surprise of the Soul, only one angel was in there idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledging Section," St. Peter told the Soul. "How is it that there is no work here?" asked the Soul. "That's the sad thing," St. Peter answered. "After people received the blessings they asked for, very few send their acknowledgments." "How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" the Soul asked. "Simple," St. Peter answered. "Just say, 'Thank You, Lord!'"

- * If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep . . . you are richer than 75% of this world.
- * If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace . . . you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

- * If you woke up this morning with more health than illness . . . you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.
- * If you have never experienced the danger of battle, or the loneliness of imprisonment, or the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation . . . you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.
- * If you can attend a church meeting without the fear of harassment, or arrest, or torture, or death . . . you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.
- * If your parents are still alive, and they are still married . . . you are very rare.
- * If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful . . . you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.
- * If you can hold someone's hand, hug them, or even touch them on the shoulder . . . you are blessed because you can offer a healing touch.
- * If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that . . . someone was thinking of you—and furthermore—you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.
- * Have a good day, count your blessings, and pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.

—Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Bilingual)	12:00 p.m.
Holy Days	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday • Tuesday • Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday & Friday	12:00 p.m.

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Confessions

Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:30–4:30 p.m.

(other times by appointment)

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

- ♦ **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & CENACLE GROUP:** Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.
- ♦ **1ST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH:** Mass is at 12 p.m., with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Holy Hour of Prayer with the Rosary, Litany of St. Joseph, and Benediction after Mass.
- ♦ **REMAINING FRIDAYS:** Mass is at 12 p.m., with the Rosary and Benediction after Mass.



Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on 2nd Saturdays of the month in English and on 4th Saturdays in Spanish.

Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Class is mandatory for both parents and godparents.

For more information, call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph 6 months before the proposed date.

A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.

MASS INTENTIONS / DAILY READINGS

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved

Monday	11/14/2022	8:00 a.m.	Tina Hill (L)	Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday	11/15/2022	8:00 a.m.	Bishops, Priests & Religious (L)	Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday	11/16/2022	12:00 p.m.	Ryan O'Connell (D)	Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28
Thursday	11/17/2022	8:00 a.m.	Ron Lattin (L)	Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44 [M]
Friday	11/18/2022	12:00 p.m.	Closest to be released from Purgatory	Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48
Saturday	11/19/2022	5:00 p.m.	Fam. Of Della Harrison (L)	2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43
Sunday	11/20/2022	9:00 a.m.	Martha Ruyler (D)	2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43
Sunday	11/20/2022	12:00 p.m.	Herculana & Guadalupe Vargas (D)	2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

[F] = Feast Day ♦ [M] = Memorial ♦ [S] = Solemnity ♦ (L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

GRANDMA TOLD HER little grandson: "Be a good boy. At the end of the world, all the disobedient and bad people will be cast into fiery hell where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." The little boy raised an intelligent doubt. "Grandma, you don't have any teeth, and you always quarrel with others. How would you gnash your teeth when you are cast into hell?" Grandma replied: "You naughty boy! Don't you know that teeth will be provided in hell?"

The central theme of today's readings is: "The Day of the Lord" or the "Second Coming" of Jesus in glory, as Judge, at the end of the world. They warn us about the final days of the world, our own death, and the final judgment.

Malachi, in today's first reading, foretells this Day, which will bring healing and reward for the just and punishment in fire for the *proud and all evil doers*.

Although St. Paul expected that Jesus would return during his lifetime, he cautions the Thessalonians, **in the second reading,** against idleness in anticipating the end of the world. Paul advises the Thessalonians that the best preparation for welcoming Jesus in His "Second Coming" is to keep working and doing one's duties faithfully, as he did.

Today's Gospel passage clarifies that the date of the end of the world is uncertain. Signs and portents will precede the end, and the Christians will be called upon to testify before kings and governors. The Good News is that those who persevere in faithfulness to the Lord will save their souls and enter God's eternal kingdom. Christ's Second Coming is something to celebrate because He is going to present all creation to His Heavenly Father. That is why we say at Mass, *We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection, until You come again.*

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

We Await In Hope The Return
of the Lord

Because Luke's community had experienced much persecution, **today's Gospel** gives them a cheering reminder: don't give up because God is always with us. Jesus' promise of the protective power of a providing God was meant to encourage His disciples to persevere in Faith and its practice. Jesus later adds the signs of the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world to prepare His disciples, and to remind them to rely upon Him for Salvation, not on their own power.

We must be prepared daily for our death and private judgment. We make this preparation by trying to do God's will every day, leading holy lives of selfless love, mercy, compassion and unconditional forgiveness. In order to do this, we must recharge our spiritual batteries every day by personal prayer; that is, by talking to God, and listening to Him by reading the Bible. Daily examination of our conscience at bedtime, asking God's pardon and forgiveness for the sins of the day, will also prepare us to face God any time and give an account of our lives.

We need to attain permanence in a passing word by leading exemplary lives. We must remember that our homes, our Churches, and even our own lives are temporary. Our greatness is judged by God, not on our worldly achievements, but on our fidelity to our Faith and its practice in our loving service of others. How our faithfulness is expressed each day is the most important thing.

We are to persevere in our Faith, despite worldly temptations, attacks on religion and moral values by the atheistic or agnostic media, threats of social isolation, and direct or indirect persecution because of our religious beliefs. Let us conclude this Church year by praying for the grace to patiently endure any trials, for they are essential to our affirmation of Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

Inspiring Quote

"Do few things, but do them well. Simple joys are holy."
—St. Francis of Assisi

November—The Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory



Sunday, November 20th

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and His holy law" out of public life would result in a continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that, while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

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Christmas Flower Offering

Next weekend, **Saturday and Sunday, November 19th and 20th,** we will be collecting money for the Christmas flowers and wreaths. There are envelopes in the Narthex to use for your donation.

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Coffee and Donuts



Coffee and Donuts hospitality will begin next Sunday, November 20th, after the 9 a.m. Mass. The KOC are collecting aluminum cans and plastic bottles (no glass) to supplement the cost **so donations are still needed.** Please bring your cans and plastic bottles to the Parish Hall, Monday through Thursday. There will be containers for your loose cans or bottles. Thank you so much for the support of this Ministry!

Thanksgiving Day Mass

On Thursday, November 24th, Mass will be at 8 a.m.



Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Lord,
On this Thanksgiving Day,
we bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You have done—
mostly for the gift of Your Son.
For beauty in nature, in which we see Your Glory,
for joy and health, friends, and family.
For our daily sustenance, Your mercy and care,
these are the blessings You kindly share.
So today we offer this response of praise
with a promise to follow You all of our days.

Amen.

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Advent

The First Sunday of Advent is November 27th this year. Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival.

While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance, and fasting are appropriate during this season.

An Advent Wreath is one way to help you prepare for Christmas through prayer. If you don't already have one, you can make one or buy one. There are also several sites on the Internet that can help you to make an Advent Wreath for your home with little to no cost.

There will be more information about Advent in the next week's Parish Bulletin.



Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Arlene Mura ♦ Margaret Halsey ♦ Lyn Rodgers
Sue Gerke ♦ Kathie Leonard ♦ Mike Mulvihill ♦ Dolores Koivisto ♦ Jerry Pimentel ♦ Anita Marquez
Bill O'Brien ♦ Georgia Fitzgerald ♦ Ben Guyger ♦ Sammi Pedersen