

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**St Joseph the Worker**, as a happy faith community, welcomes you and your family with joyful hearts to our church. If you are not registered and want to belong to this happy family of worshippers, please see an ushers or Fr. Julius. Or call the office at (423) 442-7273.

## Pastoral Staff

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Julius Abuh
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Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper	Darla Carlock
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DRE	Jan Dye
R.C.I.A.	Mike Huffor
Coordinator of Youth Ministry (CYM)	
Director of Music	Jodi Swiderek
Knights of Columbus	Ed Harless
Women's Group	Barb Callan

## MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass	4 pm
Sunday (English)	8 am and 10 am
Sunday (Spanish)	12:00 pm
Daily Mass (Tue -Fri) and 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	9 am

## Holy Days of Obligation

Mass at 9 am and 7 pm (Bilingual)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 1 pm

Bulletin items due Tuesday before 12:30 pm

## Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal preparation is required for parents who desire their baby / child to be baptized. Parents must be registered with the church. Forms and information are available in the office.

## Sacrament of Penance due to covid pls call

Saturday 3pm Sunday 9:15 – 9:45 am or upon request  
Domingo 12:00 pm Spanish

## Sacrament of the Sick

If one is seriously ill or having surgery, please call the parish office or the rectory for Anointing of the Sick. A Priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion will administer Holy Communion on a weekly basis to shut-ins.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the Pastor a minimum of **six** (6) months in advance. Dates may **not** be set prior to the second meeting with the priest. The Diocese requires that couples attend an Engaged Encounter or Picture of Love Weekend.

## A Week Ahead in our Parish

Mon Oct 18-	no church	
Tues Oct 19 -	9 am Mass	Dr. Herman Miller By: FFL
Wed Oct 20 -	9 am Mass	Dr. Herman Miller By: FFL
	9:30am Rosary	
Thu Oct 21 -	9 am Mass	Dr. Herman Miller By: FFL
	7 pm Rosary (MH)	
Fri Oct 22 -	9 am Mass	† Earnest Moore, Jr. By: Mae Moore
	9:30 am – 3 pm Adoration	
Sat Oct 23 –	4 pm	† Bertha Santos By: Chris & Susan Myer
Sunday Oct 24 -	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	8 am Mass	People of the Parish
	10 am Mass	† Dan Harteis By: Harteis
	12:30 pm Mass (Spanish)	David & Patty Brown By: (Anniversary) Brown Family
	If you wish to have a Mass said for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, complete a Mass Intentions information form or contact the office. Thank you.	

Saturday/Sunday	October 23/24		
	4pm	8am	10am
Ushers	Donna T Steve/Cami	Frank U Gary K	Mike Huffor
Server	Conrad K Michael M	Katie E Ashton H	James L Andrew H Raeleigh T
Reader	Barb C	Eric C Carolyn C	Marvin D Teri S
EMHC	Please check with Fr Julius before Mass		
Church Cleaning Mon. Oct 25 – J & M Croker			
Counters: Susan Mike			

## **ONLINE GIVING**

Visit our website at [www.sjtwrcc.org](http://www.sjtwrcc.org)  
Click on the “DONATE NOW” button

First gathering: Sept. 16, 1992 Blessing of Building: May 25, 2001  
Consecration of Altar & Church January 12, 2003  
Canonically erected Parish May 1, 2006 Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:**

**October 9-10, 2021**      **Week 15**

Attendance: 328      weekly Need: \$ 4063

Offering	Online	week +/-	YTD
3516	\$ 0	-547	+ 6718

Capital Exp. \$345      Capital Build Fund \$ 25

Good Shepherd \$223      Feed My Sheep \$ 77

Thanks to all who give so generously .God Bless you!

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***Pray for the Sick  
of our Parish***

Dale Bauer	Mary Cornejo	Charles Downs
Ron Eydt	Maria Figueroa	Raymond Hinkle
Jeanne Huffor	Alvaro Pina	Karen Ruggiero
Susie Ryan	Hugo Schielke	Patty Swatzell
Dennis Wilson		

Any parishioner who is sick or having surgery, notify Fr. Julius or the office (privacy extended to those who request it).

**Event of Death:** notify the office if you would like the Parish to share your grief if a family member dies. Mass can be offered immediately or at a date convenient to the family.

**Happy Birthday –** Julian Aguilar, Oscar Calderon, Dottie Evans, Jose Figueroa, Julio Frutos, Junior Gonzalez, Yoselin Guzman, Belen Hernandez-Carrillo, Cristina Jaimes-Mondone, Homero Jimenez, Patricia Krafft, Conni Lawrence, Kevin Lopez, Guadalupe Martinez, Isarel Mora, Alejandro Salazar

**Happy Anniversary –** none listed

To add or remove a name from the list, please contact the office.



**Our Blessed Mother** has asked us to pray the rosary for world peace. Join us to say the rosary together at **7:00 PM on Thurs. at the grotto.**

**Ministries/Commitment Weekend** will be held on the November 6-7 weekend after all the Masses. Come and see the many opportunities for ways in which you can serve your parish. Volunteers are needed.

**Thought for the week:**

“Allow the light and the healing presence of Christ to shine brightly through your lives. In that way, all those who come in contact with you will discover the living kindness of God.” St. John Paul II, Pope

Check out the books and other materials on the table in the parish hall. Free for the taking.

**Jim and Jackie Hull, parishioners at SJTW,** will have hand-crafted rosaries for sale after the Masses on October 30 & 31.

**The Synod of Bishops:** has begun. Pope Francis solemnly opened this program of Consultation and Discernment last weekend. It will culminate in Rome in October 2023. You can sign-up to be a volunteer leader on the diocesan website. For information go to: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-05/synod-of-bishops-will-begin-in-the-local-churches.html>. Speak to Fr. Julius for details.

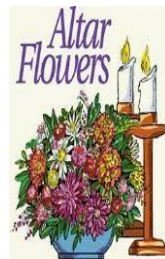
**RCIA:** is on Wed. at 7 PM in the parish hall.

**Religious Education Classes have begun:** They are held on Sundays at 11:00 AM.

**Bible classes are on Wed.** at 1:30 PM in the Ed. Building.



**Join us for Coffee & Donuts** downstairs in the parish hall after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. All are welcome to join us.



**This week’s altar flowers are in memory of Carol’s parents, Jack & Helen Chamberlain, donated by the Liponogas.** If you have a special occasion, please consider purchasing altar flowers. We can place your intention in the bulletin.

The cost is \$45. Call the office for scheduling.

**The Collection for Diocesan Deacon Formation Program** will take place this weekend, October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support & generosity.

**Pontifical Collection for World Mission Sunday:** A second collection will be taken up on October 24 for World Mission Sunday. By baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and to share their faith as missionaries of the Gospel. This collection supports the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of nearly 1200 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Funds are distributed in the Holy Father's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith- a Pontifical Mission Society. Pope Pius XI first instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide collection in 1927 in order to help emphasize our catholicity and universal solidarity in sharing in our common responsibility for evangelizing the world.



**We should be inspired by St. Joseph:** He is a timely and fruitful figure not only for all

fathers, but for all the baptized. This is emphasized by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle in an interview with Vatican media on the Special Year desired by Pope Francis on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. He dwells on the Letter *Patris Corde* and indicates in St. Joseph - in his choice to be the guardian of Jesus and Mary - a figure that can inspire the Church in the synodal process initiated by Pope Francis.

The figure of St. Joseph is rightly connected to fathers. I think you pointed out correctly that all of us baptized can benefit from this year. Especially in the following areas: like St. Joseph, I hope that every baptized person will be attentive to God's voice and leading. Especially in the confusing moments of life. Also, that all the baptized will have the trust in God to pursue God's project even when things are not always clear. Also, to be a good steward, a guardian, a custodian of the people that God entrusts to us.

There are many, many things this document presents to us, especially to fathers. But one of the things that I really appreciate is, first, that he presents St. Joseph as someone who accepts reality. Accepting reality does not mean being passive or just being tolerant of something. He accepts reality

as it is, he lives by that reality and as he accepts it. He sees what God wants him to do to transform that reality. Sometimes the temptation for us is that we do not accept reality. We are living in a past that we have idealized, or we are living in a utopia that does not yet exist. And so, we don't know how to transform the present. But St. Joseph, according to the document, accepted reality and in that acceptance, heard the Word of God and courageously acted to transform that reality.

**St. Joseph shows his strength, remaining in silence - in the shadows. What does this attitude teach us?**

When I was a seminarian, the name of our seminary was San José Seminary – St. Joseph seminary. This is one of the virtues of St. Joseph that was stressed to us. The Gospels do not record any of his words but he preserved the Word of God in his silence. It is Jesus, who is able to speak in his silence, He preserved the Word of God from those who wanted to kill him and to silence the Word of God. And so, this teaches us a lesson. First: our desire to speak, speak, speak. “Is it for myself or is it for the Word of God?” Secondly: sometimes silence is the most powerful speech. Jesus himself, when he was being tried by Pilate, at a certain point, he kept quiet. But in his silence, who was being judged? The corrupt system was exposed in the silence of Jesus. So, I think Jesus learned silence from St. Joseph.

The synodal process is an invitation for us to walk together, to journey together. There is a walking that St. Joseph shows us. He walked dangerous paths with Mary and Jesus, guided by the direction of the angel of God. It is a walking that means protection, that means caring. We hope that during the synodal process, we may develop this capacity to love Jesus, to love the Church. And even if we have some observations that are not always positive, we must do so out of caring, out of loving, so that the name of Jesus will be proclaimed and preserved.

This devotion to St. Joseph allows me to turn to him in different situations. Especially when there are difficult moments and I feel threatened and I say “I don't know what to do”. Then, [I ask for] protection from St. Joseph. But most especially, the courage to be in the shadows. It requires courage, especially when you feel you have the right idea and you want to propose it. You think you have the right solution but then you purify your intentions and you say “wait a minute, am I promoting myself or am I seeking good?”. If it is not so much for the good of others, then it's good to be in the shadows and let God and God's angel work his wonders.

**By Alessandro Gisotti (Vatican News website)**

## *From the Pastor's Desk!*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ; Grace and peace!

While sitting down to prepare this week's reflection, my heart was moved with gratitude on your behalf, for our own parish Knights of Columbus! The care and professional skill that went into cleaning waxing and polishing the tile floors in both our Church Family Life Center and Education Building set a new record of standards. We are equally grateful to our new Religious Education director, Mrs. Jan Dye and her team for the way and manner she has professionally arranged the Education Building, commencing this year's Religious Education. Observing these role models, I feel directly inspired by today's liturgy to step up with selflessness, love, and commitment: our readings lead us towards that sacrificial service done for others, as a measure of greatness in Christ's kingdom.

Our first reading, a Messianic prophecy considered by Old Testament scholars as Isaiah's Song of the Suffering Servant, reveals how the promised Messiah would save mankind by sacrificing himself as the atonement for our sins. In the second reading, the writer of the Book of Hebrews dwells on Jesus as God-man and mediator-High Priest, one who offers a fitting sacrifice to God, his Father, by offering himself as ransom to liberate us from the slavery of sin.

This same thesis continues in the Gospel, as Saint Mark explains how Jesus accomplishes his mission of salvation by becoming that "Suffering Servant." Thus, we observe how he uses James and John, sons of Zebedee, to illustrate how his apostles are all called to greatness through serving. Jesus has to contend with the naïve ambitions of these brothers and

the subsequent resentment that the other ten experienced. Our Lord thus teaches that those who want to be leaders in the community of the Kingdom must think of themselves as the slaves of all.

True followers of Jesus are all invited to serve others –especially using sweetness towards the weak and demoralized within our culture. The call to be a disciple is not a call to glory as noted in last Sunday's gospel of the rich young man who left in distress. Until his encounter with our Lord, he had always thought it was all about acquiring riches and avoiding sin, but Our Lord says, No! Most importantly, it is service of love.

Being a true follower of Jesus then becomes an encounter to "drink the cup of Jesus" by laying down our lives, sometimes in humble sacrificial death like our Master. We begin this "self-giving" from our homes, workplaces and in our faith community where we strive by example to represent Jesus. Like I said last weekend, when we make sacrifices of time, talent, health, and blessings for the welfare of others with family and community, we are serving God's will. Mother Theresa never wanted fame or greatness, but by giving of her whole self to the very lowest, India honored her with a state funeral. Currently our precious faith community needs more servant-leaders: will you consider becoming a servant-leader in our faith community? This is one way that we can offer a gift back to God as we contemplate in the weeks ahead our ministry weekend.

A Joyous Sunday!

*Rev. Dr. Julius Abuh*