

SAINT JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 23-24, 2023

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Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 1
11:00 AM

Open to everyone with an animal. Please bring your animal on a leash or in appropriate kennel or container to be blessed.

This weekend a second collection will be taken at Mass to be used for those families affected by the recent wildfires.



Welcome

We want to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners.

Please pick up a registration form in the lobby and return it to the office. Or you can register on the parish website:
<https://stjosephcolbert.org/registration>

Lectors

9/23 - David Kingma
9/24 - Lara McHenry

Extraordinary Ministers

9/23 - Leslie Field
9/24 - Cindy Gaunt, Bob Pedersen

*"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.
Preach the gospel to all people."*

St. Joseph Parish, Colbert

Parish Calendar

Saturday, September 23

Men's Fellowship & Breakfast 7:00 AM

Women's Guild Health & Wellness 8:30 AM

Eucharistic Miracle Display 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

K of C Coats for Kids Collection

Sunday, September 24

Eucharistic Miracle Display 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Religious Education Classes 11:15 - 12:30 PM

K of C Coats for Kids Collection

Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Tuesday, September 26

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Wednesday, September 27

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Quilting & Needlework Group 9:00 AM

Saturday, September 30

Men's Fellowship & Breakfast 7:00 AM

Women's Health & Fitness 8:30 AM

Sunday, October 1

Food Sunday

Religious Education 11:15 AM

Blessing of the Animals (after Mass)

Youth Group 6:00 PM

Tuesday, October 3

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Parish Finance Council 1:00 PM

K of C Assembly Meeting 6:30 PM

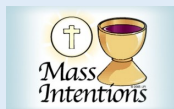
Saturday, September 23 - St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, September 24 - Dwane & Tyler Berens

Tuesday, September 26 - Bill Betts+

Wednesday, September 27 - Andy Keon+

Saturday, September 30 - St. Joseph
Parishioners



Around the Diocese

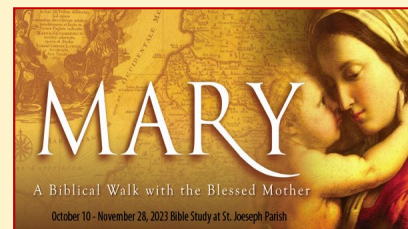
Memorial for the Pre-Born - Sept. 30, at 7:00 pm.,
St. Aloysius Church consisting of a Eucharistic Procession,
Rosary, and Benediction.

Marriage Encounter Weekend - October 6-8, at IHRC
Questions: Ken and Cheryl 509-922-9813

Laudato Si Day of Prayer and Action - October 28, at IHRC 8:00
am—4:00 pm, Speakers are Anna Johnson and Ben Chu. The
day will end with Mass with Bishop Skylstad.
Cost is \$50. This includes lunch.

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother

Join US beginning **Tuesday, October 10** at 10:00 AM and again
at 6:30 PM. The study continues each Tuesday at 10:00 AM and
6:30 PM through
November 28. To register,
call Ric or Cindy Gaunt at
509-981-3588. Cost is
\$30.00. **Sign up after Mass.**



Thank you to the youngest members of the our
parish for participating in the children's collection at Mass.
All money from this collection goes directly to youth
religious education to support their programs.

Monday Morning Money Counters

We are in dire need of two volunteers
to count and log the offertory money
from the weekend Masses. This is done
on Monday mornings in teams of two
and we need one more team! Please
call the office if you can help!

Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas K. Connolly, Pastor

Joe Schroeder, Deacon

[Jeannie Saccomanno](#), Office Manager

[Kristina Hittson](#), Director, Religious Ed.

[Bill Ryan](#), Facilities Manager

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[Mary Green](#), Admin. Assistant

Parish Council

Bob Pedersen, Chair | Peggy Ellingson

Michael Grieshaber | David Kingma

Ellen Stoner | Beth Torchia

Finance Council

Loretta Barrett | Ric Gaunt

Jeff Lesser | Jim Novello | Richard Vann

Joyce Woodard

September 23-24, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading *Isaiah 55:6-9*

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 145:2-3,8-9,17-18*

Second Reading *Philippians 1:20c-24,27a*

Gospel Reading *Matthew 20:1-16*

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

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Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

Many of you have received a mailing from the diocese for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Your pledge can also be made on the diocesan website using the QR code here. Position your phone camera on the square and it will



connect you to their giving page. You can also drop your ACA envelope into the basket at Mass. This year St. Joseph has a goal of raising \$ 61,964.00 for the appeal. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the ACA this year.

Healing Mass on Wednesday, October 18

Join us for a Healing Mass on Wednesday, October 18 at 11:00 AM followed by a luncheon. Anyone over 70 years of age, or those with an emotional, spiritual or physical ailment are invited to join us. **Please call the office to RSVP**, or respond to the Flocknote that you will receive next week.

The Smiling Statue of Saint Thérèse

Life was not easy for young Thérèse Martin of Lisieux, France. The death of her mother and then her older sister's entry into a Carmelite convent affected her deeply. The girl lost her joy in life, dreaming of nothing besides her catechism and Holy Communion. Her health mysteriously deteriorated, and she suffered from headaches, tremors, abrupt changes in mood, and hallucinations. Her ailments confounded doctors. On April 6, 1883 her sister was to take her vows as a nun. The following day, Thérèse's symptoms were severe. She was delirious and seemed to fall into madness. Her family placed a statue of the Virgin next to her bed to ward off the affliction, but she no longer recognized them and was incoherent.

On the day of Pentecost, her three sisters knelt before the statue to beg for help. At this moment, despite her delirium, Thérèse turned to the statue. This was when she saw clearly that the statue smiled at her. Her agitation calmed, and the next day she recovered. When she explained to the Carmelite sister that the statue's smile was the cause of her cure, the whole convent declared it a miracle. Thérèse then embarked on a mystical course that led her to enter into the Carmelite convent at the age of fifteen, under the name Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face.

- The little Book of Mary

	Budget/week	Actual/week
Envelopes	\$ 3,187.50	\$ 3,529.00
Plate	750.00	332.00
Online gifts	1,562.50	1,434.00
Children's Fund		\$ 536.00 to date
Total	\$5,500.00	\$ 5,295.00



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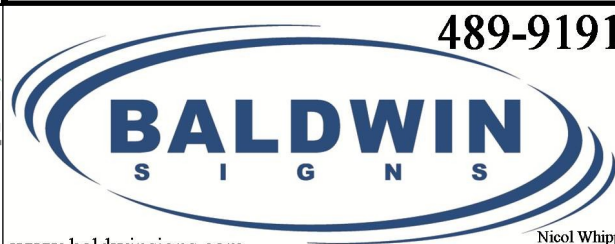
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