

St. † Joseph

— CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL —

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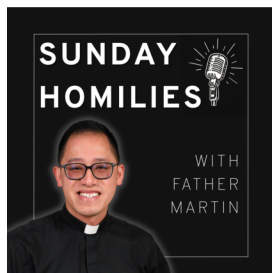
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mission Statement

We, the Catholic community of St. Joseph, Placentia, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, center our lives on Jesus Christ. Together we grow as disciples of the Lord in faith and action.



Weekend Mass/Misa Dominical

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. (Livestream)
12:00 p.m. (Spanish/Livestream)
5:00 p.m.



Daily Mass

Monday-Saturday: 8:30 a.m. (Livestream)



Reconciliation/Reconciliación

Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. or call for an appointment
sábados a las 3:00 p.m. o llame para una cita



Anointing of the Sick /Unción de los enfermos

Call the Parish Office with your request.
Llame a la oficina parroquial con su solicitud.



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DEVOTIONALS

SUNDAY BLESSINGS: *Prayers for...*



- ♥ First Sunday: Birthdays
- ♥ Second Sunday: Children
- ♥ Third Sunday: Marriage Anniversaries
- ♥ Fourth Sunday: Sick & Beloved Departed
- ♥ Fifth Sunday: Parish Staff, Leaders, and Volunteers



ADORATION



Weekly Thursday

- 3er jueves bendición en español y de 7-8pm
habrá Meditación con música
(3rd Thursday Benediction is in Spanish with
Praise and Worship from 7-8pm)



Monthly 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

- Thursdays leading to First Friday



First Friday (with Sacred Heart Holy Hour 7-8pm)

- Following 8:30am Mass to 8pm



Please sign up in the vestibule of the church
(sign up sheet next to the St. Joseph Chapel)



Clergy

Fr. Martin Vu, Pastor
Fr. Arundas Thomas, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Eamon O'Gorman, Retired Priest
Deacon Ken Kleckner
Deacon Bob Alvarado
Deacon Jim Rudy
Deacon Isidro Sesmas
Deacon Jorge Ramirez, Retired Deacon



Parish Staff

Amanda Hawley, School Principal
Deacon Nick Sherg, Business Manager
Max Montero, Plant Operations
Henrietta Moreno, Administrative Assistant
Ines Cruz, Receptionist
Alison Viggiano, Communications
Claudia Mercado, Director of Evangelization
Eric Brunter, Youth Ministry
Carmen Porter, Faith Formation Assistant
Michelle Myers, Children's Faith Formation
Carol Koppenheffer, Adult OCIA
Chris Boyle, Music Director



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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9 am-5 pm
(Closed for lunch 12 pm-1 pm)
Sunday 8:30 am-2:00 pm



The Miracles We Don't See

"Why aren't there miracles anymore?"

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sundance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says.

"His heart was moved with pity," we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle.

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Los Milagros que no Vemos

"¿Por qué ya no hay milagros?"

He oído a gente decir esto más de una vez. Normalmente, es alguien que cree en Cristo, pero no es católico, porque los católicos entienden que los milagros ocurren en cada Misa, por no hablar de los otros milagros que la Iglesia reconoce. Pero incluso algunos católicos a menudo se preguntan por qué ha pasado tanto tiempo desde que Dios nos dio un buen espectáculo. Un buen baile solar en el cielo. Una buena y llamativa razón para creer.

No sé cómo se veía cuando se multiplicaron los panes y los peces. Creo que ocurrió, y lo he vislumbrado a menudo, pero simplemente no puedo imaginarlo. ¿Parpadearon todos y había un montón enorme de comida? ¿Simplemente seguían encontrando más? ¿Era todo el mismo tipo de pan, o Jesús lo mezcló?

Creo que el Evangelio es deliberadamente vago en esto para poner a prueba la paciencia de personas patológicamente curiosas como yo. No es importante saber como se veía. Si esos detalles importaran, se explicarían en las Escrituras.

Cuantas veces nos encontramos insatisfechos con las respuestas que Dios nos da.

Me pregunto si eso era lo que Cristo pensaba cuando saboreaba esos últimos minutos de soledad en el barco, donde había ido a estar solo tras escuchar la devastadora noticia de la ejecución de su primo. ¿Se imaginaba la multitud que se congregaba en la orilla? ¿Estaba contemplando sus enormes expectativas hacia Dios — para él — y anticipando su decepción cuando no se pudieran conceder todos los deseos?

Quizá. Pero eso no es lo que dice la Escritura.

"Sintió compasión de ellos", nos dicen. Pienso en él mirándolos a todos, tan cansados, inseguros y hambrientos. Compasión — eso era lo que sentía. No resentimiento, agotamiento o frustración. Compasión. Y su precioso corazón se conmovió.

Qué milagro. Sin detalles, sin explicaciones. Sin sol danzante. Pero qué milagro.

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HOLY MASS READINGS



Reading 1

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!
You who have no money,
come, receive grain and eat;
Come, without paying and without cost,
drink wine and milk!
Why spend your money for what is not
bread;
your wages for what fails to satisfy?
Heed me, and you shall eat well,
you shall delight in rich fare.
Come to me heedfully,
listen, that you may have life.
I will renew with you the everlasting
covenant, the benefits assured to David.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145

**The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers
all our needs.**

Reading 2

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters:
What will separate us from the love of
Christ?
Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or
famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?
No, in all these things we conquer
overwhelmingly through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor
life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to
separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the
Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted
place by himself.
The crowds heard of this and followed him
on foot from their towns.
When he disembarked and saw the vast
crowd, his heart was moved with pity for
them, and he cured their sick.
When it was evening, the disciples
approached him and said,
"This is a deserted place and it is already
late; dismiss the crowds so that they can
go to the villages and buy food for
themselves."
Jesus said to them, "There is no need for
them to go away; give them some food
yourselves."
But they said to him, "Five loaves and two
fish are all we have here."
Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and
he ordered the crowds to sit down on the
grass.
Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and
looking up to heaven, he said the blessing,
broke the loaves, and gave them to the
disciples, who in turn gave them to the
crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied,
and they picked up the fragments left over
— twelve wicker baskets full.
Those who ate were about five thousand
men, not counting women and children.



*Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high
mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face
shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. — Mt 17:1-2*



Primera lectura

Isaías 55, 1-3

Esto dice el Señor:

“Todos ustedes, los que tienen sed, vengan por agua; y los que no tienen dinero, vengan, tomen trigo y coman; tomen vino y leche sin pagar.

¿Por qué gastar el dinero en lo que no es pan y el salario, en lo que no alimenta?

Escúchenme atentos y comerán bien, saborearán platillos sustanciosos. Préstense atención, vengan a mí, escúchenme y vivirán. Sellaré con ustedes una alianza perpetua, cumpliré las promesas que hice a David”.

Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 144

Abres tú la mano, Señor, y nos sacias de favores, nos sacias de favores.

Segunda lectura

Romanos 8, 35. 37-39

Hermanos: ¿Qué cosa podrá apartarnos del amor con que nos ama Cristo? ¿Las tribulaciones? ¿Las angustias? ¿La persecución? ¿El hambre? ¿La desnudez? ¿El peligro? ¿La espada?

Ciertamente de todo esto salimos más que victoriosos, gracias a aquel que nos ha amado; pues estoy convencido de que ni la muerte ni la vida, ni los ángeles ni los demonios, ni el presente ni el futuro, ni los poderes de este mundo, ni lo alto ni lo bajo, ni creatura alguna podrá apartarnos del amor que nos ha manifestado Dios en Cristo Jesús.

Evangelio

Mateo 14, 13-21

En aquel tiempo, al enterarse Jesús de la muerte de Juan el Bautista, subió a una barca y se dirigió a un lugar apartado y solitario. Al saberlo la gente, lo siguió por tierra desde los pueblos. Cuando Jesús desembarcó, vio aquella muchedumbre, se compadeció de ella y curó a los enfermos.

Como ya se hacía tarde, se acercaron sus discípulos a decirle: “Estamos en despoblado y empieza a oscurecer. Despide a la gente para que vayan a los caseríos y compren algo de comer”. Pero Jesús les replicó: “No hace falta que vayan. Denles ustedes de comer”. Ellos le contestaron: “No tenemos aquí más que cinco panes y dos pescados”. Él les dijo: “Tráiganmelos”.

Luego mandó que la gente se sentara sobre el pasto. Tomó los cinco panes y los dos pescados, y mirando al cielo, pronunció una bendición, partió los panes y se los dio a los discípulos para que los distribuyeran a la gente. Todos comieron hasta saciarse, y con los pedazos que habían sobrado, se llenaron doce canastos. Los que comieron eran unos cinco mil hombres, sin contar a las mujeres y a los niños.



Jesús tomó consigo a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan, el hermano de éste, y los hizo subir a solas con él a un monte elevado. Ahí se transfiguró en su presencia: su rostro se puso resplandeciente como el sol y sus vestiduras se volvieron blancas como la nieve. — Mt 17, 1-2



THIS WEEK



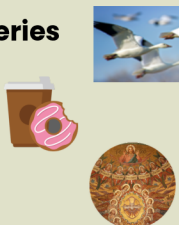
Aug
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Known by Name Weekend
Weekend of 8/1 - 8/2
Intercessory Prayer Team
After Mass in the Courtyard



Aug
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Mon

The Wild Goose Video Series
After 8:30AM Mass
Donut Ministry
After 8:30AM Mass
Catholic 101
At 7:00PM in Rooms 1 & 2



Aug
4
Tues

Children's Rosary
At 3:15 PM in the Church
Book Club - The Forgotten Way
At 7:00PM in Hall A



Aug
5
Wed

Liturgy of the Hours
At 6:00PM in the Church



Aug
6
Thurs

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
24 Hour Adoration
In the Church
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Aug
7
Friday

24 Hour Adoration
In the Church
Scan QR Code to Sign Up



Aug
8
Sat

Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest
Men's Ministry
At 6:45 AM in the Courtyard



Aug
9
Sun

Feast of Saint Teresa
Benedicta of the Cross



HELLO, MY NAME IS

JOSEPH

JOIN US FOR
KNOWN BY NAME WEEKEND
AUGUST 1ST - AUGUST 2ND

Intercessory Prayer Team

The Intercessory Prayer Team
will be out in the courtyard
happy to pray
with you and for you.
Feel free to stop by!
August 1st and 2nd

24 Hour Adoration

24 Horas Adoración

Thursday, August 6th
Friday, August 7th
in the Church

Jueves, 6 de agosto
Viernes, 7 de agosto
en la Iglesia

MEN'S CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

SATURDAYS
IN THE COURTYARD
6:45AM-8:20AM

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Dear St. Joseph Community,
On behalf of the City of
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positively impacted local
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the new school year.



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CATHOLIC 101 Essentials for the Journey



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June 29–August 10, 2026 | Mondays, 7:00–9:00 PM | Rooms 1 & 2

June 29: Welcome;
The Sacramental Life

July 27: The Bible and the Catechism
of The Catholic Church

July 6: God's Mercy
& The Sacrament of Reconciliation

August 3: Behind the Scenes Tour
of the Church

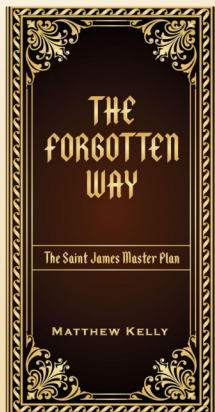
July 13: The Eucharist:
Understanding the Mass

August 10: How to Keep
Growing in Faith

July 20: Catholic Prayer
and Devotions

Contact: Carol Koppenheffer
714-528-1487 ext: 221
ckoppenheffer@stjosephplacentia.org

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." – James 4:8



Summer Book Club The Forgotten Way

Join us every **Tuesday**
through **August 4th** from
7:00–8:30pm in **Hall A**

Please scan the QR
Code for more
information



Faith Formation 2026–2027

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

MIDDLE SCHOOL

SPECIAL EDUCATION

TEEN CONFIRMATION 1 & 2

ADULT CONFIRMATION





BIBLE Study

7 week Bible Study
Introduction to the Bible

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00pm in
Parish Center, room 1 & 2
August 11 through September 22, 2026

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED//REGISTER EARLY

Study Leader: Paula Dougherty
Contact: romanschapter55@gmail.com
Visit our Website or Scan QR Code to Register




Heartbreak to Hope

Coping with Life Alone



Tuesday Sept 22 - Nov 24, 2026
Series 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Scan the QR Code to Register!



 The Diocese of Orange
50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, August 22nd, 2026

Doors open at 10 AM
Event from 11 AM to 3 PM
Honda Center
2695 East Katella Avenue
Admission is free!



Scan the QR Code
or contact our
parish to register.

Sponsors Needed for OCIA Candidates and Catechumens

Join us in guiding those seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist! We need dedicated, active Catholics to sponsor our Catechumens and Candidates.

We have 10 men and 9 women who need a sponsor

Sessions are Sundays, 11:00 am-12:30 pm.

For more details, contact Carol K at 714-528-1487 Ext 221
or ckoppenheffer@stjosephplacentia.org



Passages Grief Support Group

If you are looking for a safe environment to talk about a loss in your life, please join our Passages group on **Thursday evenings at 7 PM in Rooms 1-2.**
Upcoming sessions will be held:

August 27, 2026
September 3, 2026
September 10, 2026
September 17, 2026
September 24, 2026
October 1, 2026

We offer a faith-based time of personal sharing, prayer, and Scripture, all designed to help you navigate the trauma surrounding the death of a loved one. No pre-registration is needed. For more information, please check in the parish office for a brochure.



We Need Altar Servers!

Students in 4th-12th grade who have received Baptism and First Holy Communion are invited to become altar servers!

Altar servers assist the priest and deacon, help prepare the altar, carry the cross and candles, ring the bells, and grow in reverence for the Mass while building teamwork skills.

Applications are available in the parish office and in the ushers' room on the counter. Training dates will be scheduled during the summer.

For more information, please contact Sandi Charlesworth at sandicharl@aol.com or 714-293-1694.




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St. Joseph Women's Ministry
Fellow Hearts Together

Join a conversation...

Join a group conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith together.

Alpha

You're invited to Alpha

You're invited

Wednesday's September 2 - November 11, 2026
from 6:30pm - 8:30pm
in Hall A & B
at St. Joseph Catholic Church

Scan to Register

Questions? Contact:
Claudia Mercado

cmercado@stjosephplacentia.org





HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Martin Vu † Mary Lien

Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:00am Fr. Arundas T. Ryanne & Bert Alvarado
10:00am Fr. Martin Vu For The People of St. Joseph
12:00pm Fr. Claude L. Familia Cherry

† Roberto Sanchez
† Francisco Avila
† Amalia Viveros
† Francisco Mora
† Andrew Newberger
† Mike Withrow
† Robert Chase
† Joseph and Thelma Dougherty

5:00pm Fr. Arundas T.

Monday, August 3, 2026

8:30am Fr. Arundas T. Karen Barnes
Dcn. Ken

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

8:30am Fr. Arundas T. † David Orosco

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

8:30am Fr. Arundas T. † Armando Mata

Thursday, August 6, 2026

8:30am Fr. Arundas T. Dominic Chi
† Estela Castro
† Pilar & Antonio Estuar
† Sofia Chase
† Mimi Perez
† Michell Wilson
† Eduardo Tan
† Mary Correz

Friday, August 7, 2026

8:30am Fr. Martin Vu Brianna Moreno

Saturday, August 8, 2026

8:30am Fr. Arundas T. † Richard Leverett
Dcn. Jim

**Presider schedule subject to change*

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

In the kindness of your prayers, please remember our most recently deceased.

† Patricia A. McDermott
† Charles Arnoldt
† Juan Quiroz
† Dan Deming
† Julian Muñoz

En su bondad, recuerden en sus oraciones a nuestros seres queridos difuntos.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



Sunday Collections for 07/26/26

Basket / Envelopes \$14,593

Online Giving \$7,033

Total \$21,626



2026 PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

2026 Goal

Make your
pledge today!



We are
Parish 229

PSA (as of 07/09/26)

Goal: \$350,000

Pledge: \$308,016

Collected: \$248,794

Donor Count: 518

\$350,000



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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Kindly submit bulletin articles **10 days prior** the weekend.
Holiday submissions vary.

Send to **Alison**, our Communication Coordinator, at:
aviggiano@stjosephplacentia.org

SACRAMENTS/RITES

Baptism for Infants/Bautismo para Infantes

Please complete the online registration form on our parish website.

Por favor, complete el formulario de registro en línea en nuestro sitio web parroquial.

Reconciliation/Reconciliación

Saturdays at 3:00pm
sábados a las 3:00 p.m.

Marriages / Matrimonios

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance.
Llame a la Oficina Parroquial al menos con seis meses de anticipación.

Anointing of the Sick /Unción de los enfermos

Call the Parish Office with your request.
Llame a la oficina parroquial con su solicitud.

Funeral / funerales

For assistance with funeral arrangements, kindly direct your questions to the Parish Office.

Para obtener ayuda con los arreglos del funeral, por favor dirija sus preguntas a la Oficina Parroquial.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the kindness of your prayers, please remember those who are in need of your prayers.

Sandy Villasenor
Jose Moreno
Abraham Villela

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