

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me,  
ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

MATTHEW 25:35-36

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

**OUR LORD  
JESUS  
CHRIST  
KING**

**OF THE UNIVERSE**

**NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

## Directory

### St. Joseph Parish Business Center

4824 Highland  
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**Religious Education:** 630.964.0216 x1106

**Youth Ministry:** 630.964.0216 x1210

**St. Joseph School:** 630.969.4306

[www.stjosephdg.org](http://www.stjosephdg.org)

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

### Weekday Masses:

7:00 am (Monday-Friday)

Weekday Holy Days: Call for schedule

### Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

Saturday: 3:00—4:00 pm

**Registration:** We are happy to welcome new members to our community. Please contact Deacon Frank Kozar at 630.964.0216 x1107.

### Pastor:

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### Facilities Manager:

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St. Joseph Catholic Church • 4801 Main Street, Downers Grove

## God's Call to Us (The St. Joseph Parish Mission Statement)

St. Joseph Parish is a community chosen and called by God to be sent and directed by the Holy Spirit.

It exists to provide the People of God the pastoral care and spiritual nourishment they need to proclaim the good news of Christ in their lives and to the world.

## Our Response to God's Call (The St. Joseph Parish Vision Statement)

St. Joseph Parish is a community of God's People empowered by the Holy Spirit to promote God's reign in the world. Nourished by Word and Sacrament, we will grow together in faith, hope, and in a passionate love of God and neighbor. In our families, we will teach and learn the love of Jesus Christ. In our various occupations we will make decisions and set priorities in accordance with the values of the Gospel. And in the world around us we will stand always for justice, compassion and peace.

## Sacraments

**Baptisms:** We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism every Sunday. Parents are required to attend a Baptismal formation meeting. Baptisms are scheduled at this meeting. Please call the Parish Center for reservations and further information.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

**Sick or Homebound:** If you or a member of your family is hospitalized or homebound and would like a priest to visit, please notify the Parish Center.

**Parish Boundaries:** North: Tollway; South: 59th St. East: Prospect Avenue and extensions north and south; West: Belmont Avenue

## To Register Your Child at St. Joseph School

Email [register@sjsdg.org](mailto:register@sjsdg.org) and you will receive instructions how to register a new student or returning student online. Registrations accepted anytime throughout the school year. For school tours, please call the school office.

*from the Pastor*



## HAIL, REDEEMER, KING DIVINE!

In the account of our Lord's holy passion recorded by St. John the Evangelist we read: So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of the skull, which is called in Hebrew 'Golgotha'. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The chief priests then said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'this man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written" (John 19:17-22, RSV, Catholic edition).

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church celebrates a reality already existing in heaven, but which the earth (creation) awaits in its full splendor. The Feast of Christ the King brings us to the never-ending glory of a created order not only restored, but, better still, renewed. Renewed by the sacrificial offering of a king whose crown was one of thorns, for they rejected his right to rule over them. We want to proclaim that the path to peace and justice is through lives committed to serving Jesus the King of all in heaven and on earth. One day, "every knee shall bend, in heaven, on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue will proclaim, to the glory of God the Father, that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Philippians 2:10-11). May we not be deceived as to where our allegiance ought to be placed, not in earthly kings (i.e., political leaders), for they, too, should seek to serve the King of Kings. When they do, and we do the same, the Kingdom of God is advanced one heart at a time.

## THANK THE LORD FOR ALL HIS LOVE

The sacred scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments are filled with words of thanks and praise to Almighty God. Jesus offered a beautiful prayer of thanks to the Father for his disciples and for all those to whom they would be sent to preach the Good News. Sacrificial offerings were prescribed by the law of Moses so that God's people would learn the important lesson of the necessity, indeed, his command to them, and so also to us, that we worship him. Worship of God moves us to thank Him. The Psalms proclaim: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is Good, his mercy endures forever" (Psalm 107:1).

Giving thanks to Almighty God is good for individuals and for nations, too. It was our nation's 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, who established the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day. He knew he led a divided yet God-fearing nation. He spoke of his personal belief in God and God's providence for himself and the country. The recognition that ALL we have, our freedom of worship, our material wealth, personal and national security, creative opportunities, health, food, clothing and shelter, all of it has its source in God's loving providence. He alone has made all of this possible.

As we gather this Thanksgiving Day, don't forget, that as Catholics, we give most sublime thanks and praise to God in the celebration of the Eucharist. The very word, "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving". Please join us for Mass on Thursday at 9:00 am. Just a reminder that the collection that day will be for our St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry. Non-perishable items or cash donations will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Albert

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

WORKING ON THE MARGINS



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[www.twitter.com/endpovertyusa](http://www.twitter.com/endpovertyusa)

Please be generous in this week’s special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

A Call to Stewardship  
 Fiscal Year Stewardship Information  
 Sunday, November 15

Year-to-Date Goal	\$498,000.00
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$399,970.06
Amount Short of Needed Goal	\$ 98,029.94
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$ 24,900.00
Sunday Contributions	\$ 11,769.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 14,640.14
Gifts from November 15	\$ 26,409.14

Thanks for Giving First Fruits and Taking a Step!

**Start with Gratitude**

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

— Henry Van Dyke



2020 Catholic  
 Ministries  
 Annual Appeal

A big thank you to our parishioners who have already pledged their support to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Please continue to fulfill your pledges, as we are counting on your commitment.

Parish Goal	\$ 117,300.00
Amount Pledged	\$ 107,198.00
Amount Paid	\$ 101,868.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 5,330.00
Donor Count	384

Your support will help provide to so many through the 30 ministries our annual appeal benefits.

# GIVING TUESDAY

## December 1, 2020

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven years, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger, showing up for people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, **every** act of generosity counts and **everyone** has something to give.

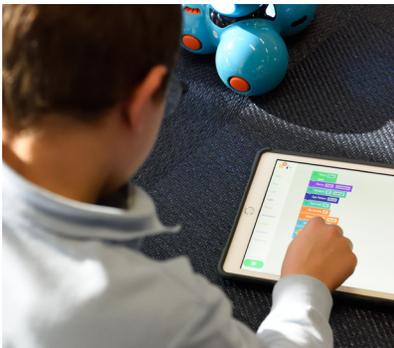
### St. Joseph Covid Relief Fund

Gratitude and generosity are divinely interwoven in the souls of Catholics. Called to receive God's gifts gratefully, we share them, lovingly, in service to one another. Please consider making a gift to the St. Joseph Parish Covid Relief Fund on GivingTuesday. Through our grateful and faith-filled response, we unite, giving back, as together, we serve God's people and witness the ordinary becoming extraordinary.

**To donate, visit [stjosephdg.org/giving](http://stjosephdg.org/giving)**

Know that your gift makes a critical difference, impacting the lives of all in our St. Joseph Parish and School community.

**Thank You and God Bless You!**



#### COVID RELATED EXPENDITURES as of 10/31/2020

##### E-Learning Expenditures

- Promethean Panels, Tablets, Chromebooks, Classroom Cameras **\$73,656**

##### Wireless Upgrades for Streaming

**\$9,642**

##### Re-Opening Supplies

- Sanitizer Dispensers, Classroom Paper Towel Dispensers, Signage, **\$6,034**

Thermometers, Social Distancing Decals

- Sanitizer, Gloves, Face Masks & Shields, Cleaning Supplies **\$6,371**

**\$95,703**

Recurring Monthly Supply Expenditures

**\$1,600**

# STEWARDSHIP AUTOMATIC DEBIT AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT



St. Joseph Parish

I (We) hereby authorize St. Joseph Parish and the financial institution named below to initiate entries to my checking/savings account. The authority will remain in effect until I notify St. Joseph Parish at 4824 Highland, Downers Grove, IL 60515 in writing to cancel the entries. I understand I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution three (3) business days before my account is charged.

I have attached a voided check to this form.

Financial Institution Name:

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Financial Institution Routing #:

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Account #:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Checking OR \_\_\_\_\_ Savings

Day of the month for Charge: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st OR \_\_\_\_\_ 15th

Sunday collection \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number:

Home Phone Number:

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*May God Bless You for your Generosity and Stewardship!*

## St Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is located in the lower level of St. Joseph Parish Center. The food pantry is open every Thursday from 8:15 –10:30 am for residents of Downers Grove, Westmont and parts of Woodridge.

The food pantry is in need of the following items: Chicken and beef broth, chicken noodle and chicken rice soup, canned salmon, stewed and diced tomatoes, black or red bagged beans, ketchup, pancake mix, candy, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, and dish soap.

Donations can be dropped off in the church narthex on Sunday.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Please note the Food Pantry will be open on Tuesday, November 24 and CLOSED on Thanksgiving Day



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### St. Joe's St. Vincent de Paul Society and Amazon Smile

Attention Amazon Shoppers! You can help us by naming us as your charity of choice.

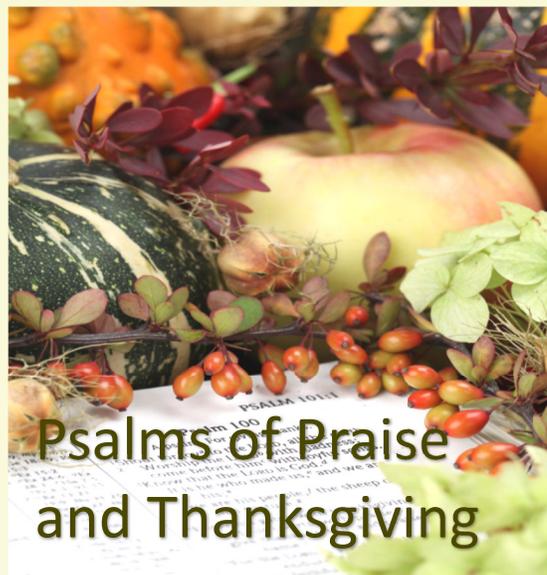
1. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
2. Select St Vincent De Paul Society  
St Joseph Confrence Downers Grove

A percentage of your purchase is automatically donated to our conference with every order you place. Thank you for your support!

### [www.vocations.com](http://www.vocations.com)

The Joliet Diocese Vocation Office web pages are a confidential way to learn more about priesthood and religious life vocations.

Information is also available by calling Deacon Frank Kozar at 630.964.0216 x1107.



The Thanksgiving holiday is an excellent time to rediscover the psalms of praise and thanksgiving.

When you find a quiet moment, sit and relax with your Bible. Think of a time when awe and gratitude overwhelmed you. Maybe it was a sunrise, or children playing in a park, an inspirational hymn at Mass, a family gathering, or a walk in the woods. Remember how you appreciated that special moment. Then, open your Bible to one of the psalms of thanksgiving and recite it to yourself. Take Psalm 118 for instance:

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

Listen to the words. Close your eyes. Let the psalm speak to you.

Other psalms of praise and thanksgiving you might consider include Psalms 92, 95, 98, 100, 103, 104, 105, 107, 111, 117, 145, and 147.

Whatever psalm you choose for that quiet moment, thank God for that special time of awe as well as all the good things in your life, and praise God for his glorious deeds.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Your Giving Matters and is Greatly Appreciated!

Over 85% of our operating budget comes from your donations. We need your support.

For many of you, your weekly donations traveled with you as you attended Sunday Mass. We encourage you to either mail in your weekly donation, drop it through the mail slot at the Parish Center front door, or better yet, visit [www.stjosephdg.org](http://www.stjosephdg.org) to sign-up for recurring giving through direct debit or online. I realize we live in difficult times, however, I ask you to continue your generous support of St. Joseph Parish.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation today to support your Church. Always remember—You are the Church. You are the Body of Christ.

With profound gratitude,

Fr. Al

*Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.*

- Luke 6:38

## The 9:00 am Sunday Mass is NOW LIVE-STREAMED!

Go to [www.stjosephdg.org](http://www.stjosephdg.org) and click on Livestream.

Register for Sunday Mass at [www.stjosephdg.org](http://www.stjosephdg.org).

You do NOT need to register to attend daily Mass.

Scheduled Saturday 8:00 am Mass intentions will be fulfilled at the 7:00 am Friday Mass.



### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 22, 2020

*"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink."*

- Matthew 25:35

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, November 22

9:00 & 11:00 am

Sarah Paradise  
Lottie Smulter  
Kazimieros & Mikolina Jakstos  
People of the Parish

#### MONDAY, November 23

7:00 AM Joan Dillon

#### TUESDAY, November 24

7:00 AM Cecilia Brierty

#### WEDNESDAY, November 25

7:00 AM Natalie Aguayo

#### THURSDAY, November 26

9:00 AM Rosemary Cox (L)

#### FRIDAY, November 27

7:00 AM Erica Hammerschmidt  
Martin Kloubek

#### SATURDAY, November 28

5:00 PM Hugh Ryan

#### SUNDAY, November 29

9:00 & 11:00 am

Ed Gronkiewicz  
Tekla Zerebny  
Irene Arcaro  
Mary Sabatino  
People of the Parish

# People's Resource Center Winter Coat Drive

Please help our neighbors by providing  
warm outerwear this season!

Needed: **New** Coats For Men, Women and Children  
(PRC is unable to accept "used" or "like new" items due to Covid-19 restrictions)

Drop coats off at either PRC location:

201 S. Naperville Road, Wheaton  
104 Chestnut Avenue, Westmont

8 AM-3 PM on Monday and Friday  
1 PM-3 PM on Tuesday and Thursday

Visit [peoplesrc.org](http://peoplesrc.org) to make a monetary donation.



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Diocese of Joliet

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

December 7, 2020

Benet Academy

2200 Maple Avenue, Lisle

5:00-6:30 pm

The parking lot will not be open before 3:30 pm due to the school's schedule.

The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry delivers healthy food (meat, produce, and non perishable items) to people in need. **No identification or information will be required or collected. This event is open to anyone in-need of food!**

Mobile Food Pantries use a contact-free drive-thru to distribute food during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please clear space in your trunk or backseat so volunteers can load boxes of food directly into your vehicle. We also ask that you please wear a mask.

Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs.  
Mobile Food Pantries take place rain, snow, or shine!



This event is generously  
sponsored by Benet Academy.



During these most difficult times, it is important to keep our focus on the fact that above all else Love Prevails. Jesus showed and taught us that the true opposite of fear and uncertainty is Love - only Love.

How does this translate during a time in our lives when even the most certain things seem uncertain? It is important to stay in the present and put together moment by moments of Love. By doing so we create a reality that is higher and stronger than fear. This involves care and understanding of ourselves and our "neighbor". We cannot give up! We were shown how to stay steadfast by Jesus' life. We were given this gift and we can overcome fear through Love.

St. Joseph Parish provides counseling services through Spiezio and Affiliates. Licensed and Pastoral Counselors are available to you as well as Spiritual Direction.

You can contact us by visiting our website at: [spiezioandaffiliates.com](http://spiezioandaffiliates.com) or call us at 708-743-9729.

Mayslake Ministries is  
HERE to HELP You!



So many of us are feeling anxious or fearful about world events. Spiritual direction is a wonderful way to help us process what we are feeling as we explore the ways that God is present and at work in our lives even in the midst of our daily struggles.

Mayslake Ministries is a leading Center for Spiritual Direction. We have forty certified spiritual directors and three pastoral counselors on staff who are here to help you find healing and hope in these difficult days. Our team of spiritual directors are formed in the Catholic faith and skilled in all areas of life.

Spiritual direction sessions can be done from the safety of your home via phone, Facetime or Zoom calls. In person spiritual direction sessions are also available at our new offices located at Ascension Parish in Oakbrook Terrace. Visit our website today [www.mayslakeministries.org](http://www.mayslakeministries.org) for a complete listing of our spiritual directors and our services. Please call Dr. Mary Amore at 630-852-9000 to schedule your appointment.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation EVERY Saturday at St. Joseph Church • 3:00 – 4:00 pm

“Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession, there is a chance for mercy.”

- St. Isidore of Seville

Registration is not required.  
Social distancing and masks are required.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays from  
7:00 to 8:30 pm  
St. Joseph Church

Come spend time with Our Lord. Whether for a few minutes or a Holy Hour, your time of stillness offered is a cherished gift.

Registration is not required. Social distancing and masks are required.

## The Shepherd King

The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership.

Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will “shepherd them rightly.” We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to “judge between one sheep and another” (Ezekiel 34:17). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

## Pilgrim Virgin

Our beautiful Pilgrim Virgin will be homeless in 2021. If you would like to give Mary a place in your home for two weeks, please call Pat Lorch at 630-968-0765 and we can arrange a visit that would work for you.

God Bless You!



## JOYFUL AGAIN! A Widowed Ministry



**JOYFUL AGAIN!** is a two-day program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the grief they feel inside and begin to live again after the death of their spouse. The weekend employs a series of video presentations, followed by facilitated small group discussion and private reflection time. Through this process, individuals gain new insights and receive encouragement and support. Trained facilitators, who have been widowed themselves, help with the weekend and the discussions.

### Upcoming 2021 Date

March 13 & 14, 2021 at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer in Lemont. For more information, to register, or for other dates and locations, please contact Charlotte Hrubes at 708-354-7211 or [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org).

## Deep Relaxation Guided Meditation via Zoom

Monday, November 23 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Join us for this exploration of body, mind, and breath, as we gently move into a peaceful and sacred space in which profound healing and renewal can occur. This experience will combine gentle movement, relaxing breath work and guided imagery. A link will be emailed to you prior to the session. Fee: \$10

**Facilitator:** Cecily Hunt is highly skilled and regarded for her healing practice using meditation, yoga, and gong vibrations.

Register by calling 815.464.3880, email [info@portforprayer.org](mailto:info@portforprayer.org), or visit our website at [www.portforprayer.org](http://www.portforprayer.org)

Portiuncula Center for Prayer  
9263 W St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL 60423

### A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

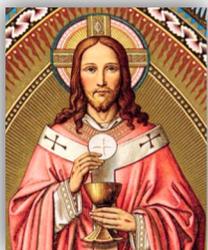
Most Merciful and Triune God,  
We come to You in our weakness.  
We come to You in our fear.  
We come to You with trust.  
For You alone are our hope.  
We place before You the disease present in our world.  
We turn to You in our time of need.  
Bring wisdom to doctors.  
Give understanding to scientists.  
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.  
Bring healing to those who are ill.  
Protect those who are most at risk.  
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.  
Welcome those who have died into  
Your Eternal Home.  
Stabilize our communities.  
Unite us in our compassion.  
Remove all fear from our hearts.  
Fill us with confidence in Your care.  
(mention your particular concerns)  
Jesus, I trust in You.  
Amen.

### Hot Line to Heaven!

Don't forget...if you need extra prayers said for your special intention, St. Joseph's Prayer "Hot Line" can help. Call Bernadette Borgard at 630.969.3467 or email her at [bernmatt@borgard.us](mailto:bernmatt@borgard.us) with your prayer intention, or if you'd like to join the Prayer Hot Line!

### Spiritual Act of Communion

My Jesus I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



## St. Joseph Church

### Contemplative Prayer Group

#### Meditation in the Christian Tradition

via ZOOM



Wednesdays, 1:00—2:00 pm

#### Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10).

The person who practices meditation in the Christian tradition – praying in silence and stillness - seeks to be present and open to God who is always present and open to his beloved. Practicing meditation enables us - with the grace of God - to be present and open to each moment, to others in daily life, and to God's presence in all of life.

Many people practice various forms of meditative prayer such as *Lectio Divina* (Sacred Reading), Centering Prayer, the Jesus Prayer, Christian Meditation, or the Prayer of Recollection of Saint Teresa of Avila. Whatever practice engaged during the prayer period, it is important to remember that any form of meditation or contemplation in the Christian tradition complements our other forms of prayer. It does not replace them.

This ongoing weekly gathering group is intended for adults to pray communally with other adults in silent meditation and to receive mutual encouragement and support in their own contemplative practice. We meet Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 until 2:00 pm. During the current period, as we live with the pandemic, we will not meet in person but via ZOOM, a free app for online groups.

Each session begins with a welcome followed by a time of formation (an appropriate reading) to help prepare and guide us to a twenty-minute period of meditation. After the meditation period, a brief time in discussion helps to integrate and reflect on the experience. You may wish to participate each week or when you are able. Contact Bob Valle at [bvalle@sjpdg.org](mailto:bvalle@sjpdg.org) for more information and to be placed on an email reminder list. You will receive a Meeting ID number and a passcode to enter the online group.

**Today's Readings**

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).  
 Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).  
 Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).  
 Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28  
Thanksgiving Day (suggested):  
 Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36  
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
 Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro  
 Tuesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions  
 Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria  
 Thursday: Thanksgiving Day  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**Gospel of Mark 13:33-37  
 Sunday, November 29**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
 "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

St. Joseph Parish Community would like to recognize and remember in prayer, ALL ACTIVE DUTY military personnel serving our country here and throughout the world.



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- 1 Lt Ian Correll
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- Jack McGuire, US Navy
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- S Sgt Ian A. Nogle
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- Vincent Wroblewski

To include/remove a name, contact Julie Visher at 630.964.0216 ext. 1202 or [jvisher@sjpdg.org](mailto:jvisher@sjpdg.org).

**Sick List**

Donna Likens and Keith Venard

*Rest In Peace*

Vincent A. Mesch, Jr.  
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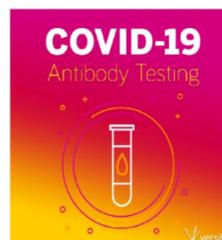
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