

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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Church Office

New office location behind the school (307) 328-5024

Office Hours 9:00 am-12:00 Noon M-F

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday 4:15 PM

Sunday 9:00 and 10:30 AM

July 6 – Aug 17 9:30 AM ONLY

Daily Tuesday thru Friday 12:00 Noon

NO MASS ON MONDAY

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptisms: Scheduled by appointment

Marriages: Please contact Father Mark at least six months before proposed wedding date

FUNERALS

Before announcing plans, please call the office to make arrangements and verify with Father.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry (307) 324-7002

Suicide & Crisis Hotline Dial 988

Project Rachel (307) 222-8430
(Healing after abortion) (call or text)

Hour of Adoration
August 21 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 16 - 17

Sat 4:15 p.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph's

Sun 9:30 a.m. +Pauline Martinez

Sun 1:30 p.m. (BAGGS) + Lonnie Hedges

Aug 18 - 24

Mon NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tues 12:00 Noon With thanksgiving for
all Rummage Sale workers

Wed 12:00 Noon Those seeking employment

Thurs 12:00 Noon +Juan Pacheco

Fri 12:00 Noon Benefactors of our Parish
Living and Deceased

Sat 4:15 p.m. +Arthur, +Leonor, +Michael
Jaramillo and the Jaramillo Family

Sun 9:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph's

Sun 1:30 p.m. (BAGGS) +Sadie Smelker

PLEASE NOTE

Since the one Sunday Mass time of 9:30 am seems to be working well, we will continue one Mass time for the next several weeks. Please watch this space for updates. Make your opinion known!

EDUCATION REMINDER

Don't forget the parent meeting for **ALL** parents of children involved in our religious education program...**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 at 5:00PM** in the school gym.

Registration forms are still available at the back of the church...in both English and Spanish.

August 17, 2025
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Reflection on Jeremiah 38:8-10

Interestingly, it is a foreigner who saves Jeremiah's life. Ebed-melech, a native of Ethiopia pressed into the service of the king, cannot stand to see this prophet starved to death. He speaks up courageously, not knowing if the king would accept the objections of a slave to something he allowed to happen. Here, then, is an example of the power of one voice speaking out for justice and mercy.

ST. JOSEPH RUMMAGE SALE

August 23, 2025

Thanks to those who have committed to work during the Rummage Sale!

We have lots of treasures and gently used, clean (and pressed) back to school clothingshoes too! Be sure to tell your friends and come support our church as well as the crafters/vendors that will be here!

Contact Cathy MacPherson at 307-321-2515 with any questions.!

IMPORTANT

To apply for grants to help our parish we need data. This data includes **ALL VOLUNTEER** hours spent in service to our parish. Examples are lectors, ushers, servers, food pantry, funeral dinners, maintenance, money counters, rummage sale prep, CCD teachers and helpers, and on and on.

Record your name, the activity and number of hours. Either email to or turn into the church office on a weekly or monthly basis.

Thank you for your help!

August 9 and 10 collections:

First collection: \$2,331.00

Second Collection: \$602.00

Next week (Aug 23/24) will be an urgent special collection... at the request of the USCCB and Bishop Steven... to provide humanitarian and pastoral support for Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and nearby areas. We will send our 2nd collection funds to the Diocese for this humanitarian need.

**A New Season, A New Start
for Your Marriage**

Is your marriage feeling stuck or disconnected? As the seasons change, consider making a fresh start. Retrouvaille is a proven program that helps couples heal and reconnect, no matter the situation—even for those who have considered separation or divorce.

Join us **September 5 - September 7, 2025**. Take the first step toward a renewed relationship.

For confidential information or to register, contact us at **(720) 257-9106**, email info@retrouvailleofdenver.org, or visit www.RetrouvailleOfDenver.org

Living and Giving in Christ 2025

(As of 8/11/2025)

	<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Sage</u>
Goal	\$28,770	\$2,341
Pledges	<u>(\$11,110)</u>	<u>(\$1,200)</u>
	\$17,660	\$1,141

If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully reflect on how you might contribute to the Diocese of Cheyenne annual appeal, ***Living and Giving in Christ: Unity through Diocesan Ministries***. We are now 38.62 percent toward our parish goal of \$28,770. The purpose of ***Living and Giving in Christ*** is to acquire regular, annual contributions to generate vital and dependable financial support to secure funding for essential ministries in every parish in the Diocese of Cheyenne.



Wisdom from Siri:



"A well-trained dog will make no attempt to share your lunch. He will just make you feel so guilty that you

cannot enjoy it." Helen Thomson



Where I Stand

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: “It’s time to take a stand.”

Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to

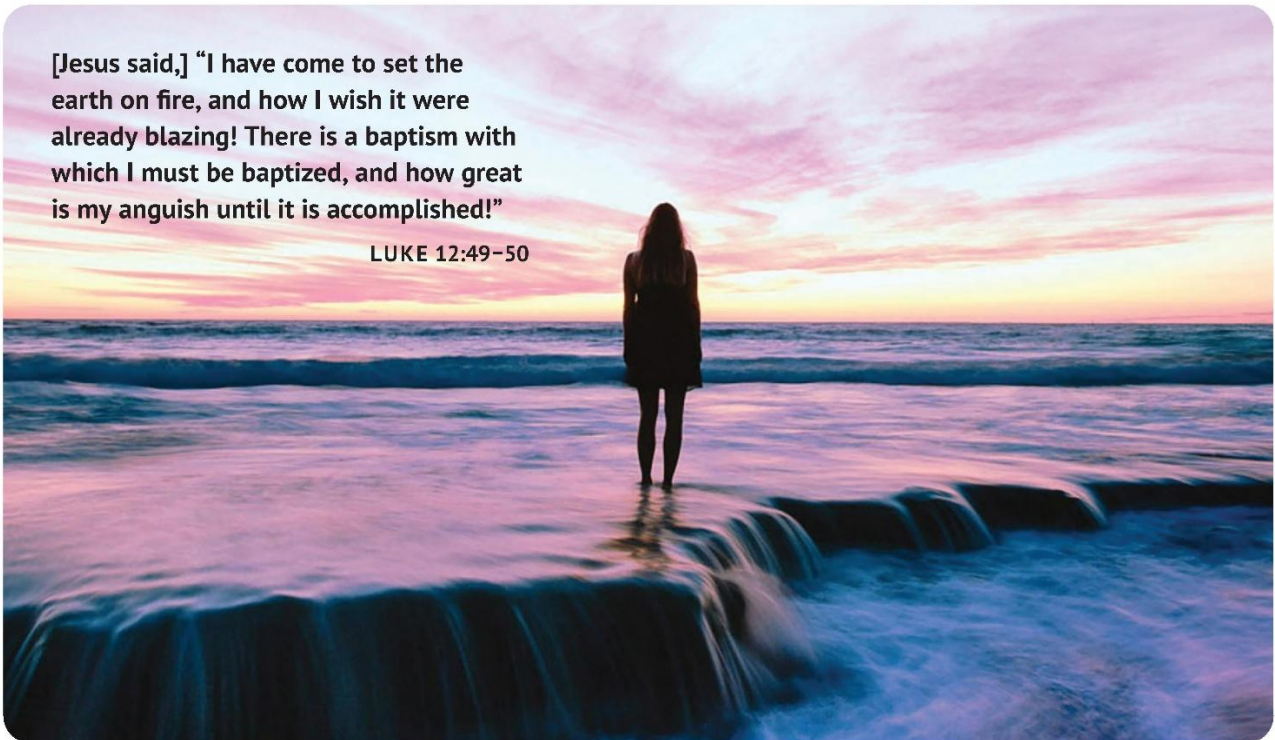
the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament “cloud of witnesses” who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand. ●

Reflect

How does my faith affect all my other beliefs and practices?

[Jesus said,] “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”

LUKE 12:49–50



Dear Padre,

Is “co-redemptrix” a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her “unique holiness’...‘from the first instant of her conception’ comes wholly from Christ: she is ‘redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title “co-redemptrix” would “obscure” the origin that “everything comes through Christ,” as written in Ephesians and Colossians. “Mary, too, is everything she is through Him,” stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that “co-redemptrix” is a departure “from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings.”

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble “disciple” best represents Mary’s faithfulness to “her Son, the only Redeemer.” “She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son,” explained the pontiff. “She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple.”

Pope Francis reiterated the Church’s position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, “Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother.” Incidentally, “Mother of God” (Greek: *Theotokos*, “God-bearer”) is Mary’s oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24
Weekday	Weekday	St. Bernard,	St. Pius X, Pope	The Queenship	Weekday	Twenty-first
Jgs 2:11–19	Jgs 6:11–24a	Abbot and	Jgs 11:29–39a	of the Blessed	Ru 2:1–3, 8–11;	Sunday in
Mt 19:16–22	Mt 19:23–30	Doctor of the	Mt 22:1–14	Virgin Mary	4:13–17	Ordinary Time
		Jgs 9:6–15		Ru 1:1, 3–6,	Mt 23:1–12	Is 66:18–21
		Mt 20:1–16		14b–16, 22		Heb 12:5–7,
				Mt 22:34–40		11–13
						Lk 13:22–30



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Gospel does not leave things as they are; when the Gospel... is listened to and received, things do not stay as they are. The Gospel provokes change and invites to conversion. It does not dispense a false intimist peace, but sparks a restlessness that sets us in motion and drives us to open ourselves up to God and to our brothers and sisters.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 14, 2022

INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

LAS CLASES COMIENZAN EN SEPTIEMBRE

**A PARTIR DEL SÁBADO 2 DE AGOSTO LOS
FORMULARIOS DE INSCRIPCIÓN ESTARÁN
DISPONIBLES DESPUÉS DE CADA MISA EN LA
SALA DE REUNIONES**

**LOS FORMULARIOS ESTARÁN DISPONIBLES
EN LA PARTE TRASERA DE LA IGLESIA**

**LOS FORMULARIOS ESTÁN EN INGLÉS Y
ESPAÑOL.**

**LA REUNIÓN DE PADRES SERÁ EL
MIÉRCOLES 27 DE AGOSTO A LAS 5 PM EN EL
GIMNASIO DEL EDIFICIO ESCOLAR
COMUNITARIO.**