

## ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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PASTOR Father Mark Kusmirek (307)324-4631  
(Parochial Administrator)  
In case of emergency (936) 218-6710

### Church Office

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

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

### Elissia Petersen

Director of Religious Education (405)778-9795

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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

**October 16 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Oct 11 - 12

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

Sun 9:30 a.m. +Ben Sanchez

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

### Oct 13 - 19

Mon NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tues 12:00 Noon +Henry J. and +Mary Kirsch

Wed 12:00 Noon Aristao Jaure

Thurs 12:00 Noon +Billy Garcia

Fri 12:00 Noon +GT and +Sarah Larson

Sat 4:15 p.m. +Tom and +Vivian Murry  
and Family

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

Sun 1:30 p.m. (BAGGS) +Holy Souls in Purgatory

**For now we will continue with one Sunday  
mass at 9:30 am**

**Don't forget, coffee and donuts after  
Sunday mass. Almost as good as  
Starbuck's!!**

### **DO YOU LIKE TO SING?**

Please help by being part of a "CHOIR" for Fr. Hiep's installation mass on Nov. 2, either call the church office or contact Fr. Mark. The songs will be familiar and require only 2 short practices! Your participation will help make the mass special 🎵🎵

**October 12 , 2025**

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."*

*Luke 17:17-19*

Wonderful as the cure is, Jesus presents the Samaritan with his greatest gift when the man returns to thank and worship him. "Your faith has saved you," Jesus tells him (Luke 17:19), promising him a share of the salvation that, after all, is the purpose of Christ's mission on earth. First Jesus transforms the Samaritan's mortal life, then he offers him the promise of immortal life.

**October 4 and 5 collections:**

**First collection: \$3,017.00**

**Second Collection: \$694.00**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this week (Oct 11/12) will go towards the upkeep of our buildings.**

**Next week, October 18/19 is **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**. On this Sunday we stand in solidarity with Catholics around the world in support of missionaries who plant God's love and hope in some of the most difficult and dangerous locations. All second collection funds will be sent to the diocese as our parish's part of this special collection.**

**\*Your donations are so appreciated\***

**Looking Ahead**

Oct 25/26 after each mass we will have a simple, but heartfelt "**Thank You**" gathering for Father Mark and Siri. On Saturday, if you would like, bring an easy snack....cheese & crackers, veggies and dip, etc.. On Sunday morning, maybe cookies, rolls or fruit. A basket will be out for cards (or dog bones) if you wish to drop one in.



Sunday, November 2, at 9:30 am will be **Father Hiep's Installation Mass**. Bishop Biegler will be here. We anticipate that the church will be full as this will be a special time in the life of our church. A reception will follow in the gym and **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**. Please sign up at the back of the church to bring something special and suitable for a delicious BRUNCH! Let's give Fr. Hiep a great welcome!

*Living and Giving in Christ 2025*

(As of 10/6/2025)

	<u><b>St. Joseph's</b></u>	<u><b>Our Lady of the Sage</b></u>
Goal	\$28,770	\$2,341
Pledges	<u>(\$14,590)</u>	<u>(\$1,700)</u>
	\$14,180	\$ 641

There are parishioner information forms at the back of the church and in each pew. Please fill out if you have recently moved, have a new phone number or email. If you are not receiving envelopes or mailings and want to, this is the way to do it! **If you are not sure if the church has your correct information, fill out a form.** There is a basket at each entrance to place the completed forms. The diocese has asked that we update our records...and it cannot be done without YOU.

**October.....MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

**WHY? Please watch for Flocknotes!**

"By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are unfolded." Pope Paul VI

Wisdom from Siri:



*\*In times of joy, all of us wish we possessed a tail we could wag.\**

*W. H. Auden*



## Grateful for Being Grateful

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**H**ere is a quick self-test: *Name three things in your life for which you are grateful.* Finished? If you were able to name three things easily, your spirituality is probably in a good place. If you had difficulty, your spirituality may be in need of some work. Spiritual writers have long noted that living day by day with a sense of gratitude is one of the signs of holiness. Yet, a number of attitudes can get in the way of our being thankful. One is anger; it unsettles and focuses our attention on one issue, keeping us from seeing a bigger picture filled with blessings. Another is living with continual wanting; incessant desires for more prevent us from recognizing the beauty and goodness of what already is. Fear too keeps us from being grateful; it obliterates all the goodness that is present and focuses on an unknown and uncertain future that may never be.

Therapists have advised that, at the end of each day, people should take time to name three things that happened that day for which they are grateful, as doing so will often ease depression. Our religious tradition has been encouraging this for 2,000 years. Not all depression is due to life circumstances; some is the result of chemical or hormonal imbalances. But, if our sadness is the consequence of life events, naming three positive occurrences from each day not only brings a balance to our attitudes but also brings us to deeper faith, recognizing a power greater than ourselves at work in our lives. That power is God. ●

### Reflect

***What are three reasons I have for gratitude?  
What blessings do I forget?***



Jesus said... "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

LUKE 17:17-18

# Dear Padre,

***Are people born with the Holy Spirit, or do they have to be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit? If we are not born with the Holy Spirit, is it just our conscience that is bothered when we are doing wrong?***

Your question is suggesting that the Holy Spirit is “in” or “out.” St. Paul teaches us, “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). In other words, the Spirit of God is always with us, and we are dependent on that Spirit for life. There is no beginning and there is no end; the Spirit always was, and is, and will be.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right” (1778). We have an obligation to form our consciences to know what is right and to help our children form theirs. It is with the cooperation of the Spirit that a “good conscience” is formed.

When we celebrate the sacraments, including the sacrament of baptism, we are confirming the life of the Spirit that is within us. We are acknowledging and proclaiming the abiding presence of the Spirit of God. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



DREAM PERFECTION / SHUTTERSTOCK

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*The deepest purpose of the Church's social doctrine [is] a contribution to peace and dialogue in the service of building bridges of universal fraternity.... [T]he Risen Lord always goes before us, even at times when injustice and death seem to prevail. Let us...“build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.”*

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

WIKICOMMONS



#### Monday

October 13

Weekday

Rom 1:1-7

Lk 11:29-32

#### Tuesday

October 14

Weekday

Rom 1:16-25

Lk 11:37-41

#### Wednesday

October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus,

Virgin and Doctor

of the Church

Rom 2:1-11

Lk 11:42-46

#### Thursday

October 16

Weekday

Rom 3:21-30

Lk 11:47-54

#### Friday

October 17

St. Ignatius of

Antioch, Bishop

and Martyr

Rom 4:1-8

Lk 12:1-7

#### Saturday

October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b

Lk 10:1-9

#### Sunday

October 19

Twenty-ninth

Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Ex 17:8-13

2 Tm 3:14-4:2

Lk 18:1-8

## HOURS

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 volunteers, funeral dinner helpers, maintenance, money counters, 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!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

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(ALLCLASSES ARE IN THE SCHOOL)

**CCD (Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup>)**

Wednesdays 5:00-6:30 pm

**Youth Group (Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup>)**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 5:00-6:30 pm

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**Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> )**

Sundays 3:30-4:30 pm

**Confirmation..Year 2**

Sundays 3:30-4:30 pm

**Secondary Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>)**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 4:45 - 5:45 pm

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**Adult Formation**

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm

