

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 25 - 26

Sat 4:15 p.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph's
Sun 9:30 a.m. +Gloria Trujillo
Sun 1:30 p.m. (BAGGS) +Lonnie Hedges

Oct 27 – Nov 2

Mon NO MASS SCHEDULED
Tues 12:00 Noon +Souls in Purgatory
Wed 12:00 Noon +Theodore John Pacheco
Thurs 12:00 Noon +Sister Mary Agnes Kirsch S.C.
Fri 12:00 Noon +Father Malcolm Reid
Sat 4:15 p.m. +Jesusita Manzanares
Sun 9:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph's
Sun 1:30 p.m. (BAGGS) +Sadie Smelker

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

Gluten Free Hosts are now available.
Please let Father know *BEFORE* mass that you
will be needing one!

**Remember to set your clocks BACK one hour
before you go to bed next Saturday,
November 1.**

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
stjosephparish317@gmail.com

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 30 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

October 26 , 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:13-14

By all signs, the Pharisee is a laudable person. He fasts, he gives alms, he visits the temple and prays. In other words, he practices the three traditional works of the faith. But his self-righteous attitude puts him in the wrong relationship with God. He has no sense of needing God for anything. He doesn't thank God for the grace to be a good person, but with disdain for people who sin. That the Pharisee "spoke this prayer to himself" could merely mean he is not speaking it aloud, but it's also the case that he's addressing himself more than God (Luke 18:11). He seems to be patting himself on the back more than thanking God with sincere gratitude. When we become too full of ourselves, too convinced that we are the reason for our own goodness, we forget our own humanity. We forget that we are flawed creatures in need of forgiveness and mercy.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND



Next Sunday, November 2, at 9:30 am Bishop Biegler will be here for **Father Hiep's Installation Mass..** We anticipate that the church will be full as this will be a special time in the life of our church. A "brunch potluck" reception will follow in the gym. Please plan to attend and welcome Father Hiep.

In order to apply for grants to benefit the church and school we need all volunteer hours...lectors, servers, St. Vincent volunteers, CCD teachers, etc. You can easily email them to the church at stjosephrlns@dcwy.org.

Thank You Siri.....



For the smiles and wisdom you have brought to us the last few months. We will miss you pretty girl!

October 18 and 19 collections:

First collection: \$2,565.00

Second Collection: \$736.00

(The \$736 has been sent to the diocese for our part of World Mission Sunday!)

!THANK YOU!

The 2nd collection this week (Oct 26/27) will benefit our buildings and grounds.

Living and Giving in Christ 2025

(As of 10/20/2025)

	<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Sage</u>
Goal	\$28,770	\$2,341
Pledges	<u>(\$14,710)</u>	<u>(\$1,700)</u>
	\$14,060	\$ 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.

With November comes All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The entire month is a reminder of martyrs, saints and our own departed family members and friends.

You are encouraged to write the names of departed loved ones in the book at the front of the church. We will pray for them during the month of November.



And as Father Mark has said..."We warm ourselves with fires we did not start, and drink from wells we did not dig."



Like the Rings of a Tree

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no do-overs. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been.

Our lives are the same. The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee's downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God's mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God's love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it. ●

Reflect

***How has my life been a mixture
of sin and grace?***

A vertical rectangular image showing a close-up of a tree trunk's cross-section. The wood grain is clearly visible, with concentric growth rings radiating from a central point. The color is a warm, natural wood tone. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of this image.

[Jesus said,] “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

LUKE 18:14

Dear Padre,

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●

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



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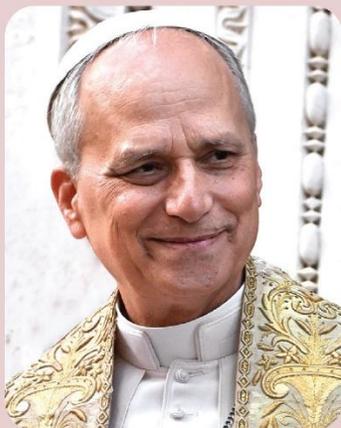
Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

My own story is that of a citizen, the descendant of immigrants, who in turn chose to emigrate. All of us, in the course of our lives, can find ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.

AUDIENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER, ROME, MAY 16, 2025



STEFANO SPAZIANI

Monday

October 27
Weekday
Rom 8:12-17
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

October 28
Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles
Eph 2:19-22
Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday

October 29
Weekday
Rom 8:26-30
Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

October 30
Weekday
Rom 8:31b-39
Lk 13:31-35

Friday

October 31
Weekday
Rom 9:1-5
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

November 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday

November 2
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Wis 3:1-9
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9
Jn 6:37-40
(These readings or any from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead)

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

CONTACT:ELISSIA PETERSEN

(405)778-9795 or stjosephparish317@gmail.com

(ALLCLASSES ARE IN THE SCHOOL)

CCD (Pre-K thru 5th)

Wednesdays 5:00-6:30 pm

Youth Group (Pre-K thru 5th)

Every 3rd Monday 5:00-6:30 pm

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Middle School (6th thru 8th)

Sundays 3:30-4:30 pm

Confirmation..Year 2

Sundays 3:30-4:30 pm

Secondary Youth Group (6th thru 12th)

Every 2nd Sunday 4:45 - 5:45 pm

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Adult Formation

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm