

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 22 - 23

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

Sun 9:30 a.m. +Lorraine Stevenson

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

Nov 24 - 30

Mon NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tues 12:00 Noon +Art, +Leonor, +Michael Jaramillo and the Jaramillo Family

Wed 12:00 Noon +Tomás Brown

Thurs 9:30 a.m. +Bruce Baugh

Fri 12: 00 Noon +Bruce Baugh

Sat 4:15 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the +Alcuin J. and +Frances E. Kirsch Family

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

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

Please Note that on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, mass will be at **9:30 a.m.**

What a great way to start this special day!



May
God
Bless
you
always!

PASTOR Father Hiep Nguyen (307) 324-4631
In case of emergency (307) 851-7531

Church Office 9:00 am -12:00 Noon M-F
Enter on east side of church. Office is now located off the meeting room.

Elissia Petersen
Director of Religious Education (405)778-9795
stjosephparish317@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday 4:15 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM

Daily Tuesday thru Friday 12:00 Noon
NO MASS ON MONDAY

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 – 3:45 p.m
Sunday 8:15 – 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptisms: Scheduled by appointment
Marriages: Please contact Father Hiep 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)

There will be NO Hour of Adoration this Thursday.

November 23 , 2025

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Luke 23:42-43

Luke writes that this condemned man rebukes the other one, asking if he has no fear of God. To have a fear of God is to realize the power of God, to be in awe of all that God is capable of relative to how powerless we are as humans. That awe may be of God's justice or power to punish, or it may be of God's mercy or power to forgive. In his last moments, this condemned criminal realizes that he will die as someone who has sinned grievously. He has enough faith in Jesus to respect the power that he has and so with his final words he asks Jesus to have mercy on him. For nearly two thousand years now, he has provided an example of how to approach God as a sinner, which we all are: Lord, remember me and have mercy.

Note the added CONFESSION TIME

Sunday mornings from 8:15 to 9:00 am.

Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:45 pm

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

We would like to have enough lectors, altar servers, ushers and Eucharistic ministers to actually need a schedule!

How about YOU sharing YOUR gifts?

Please contact Father Hiep if you are interested in any of the various ministries.

Living and Giving in Christ 2025

(As of 11/17/2025)

	<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

This is a special weekend as we together commit to reducing our parish's shortfall. Thank you for your prayers, and for helping YOUR parish as you are able. Watch this space next week to see what WE were able to accomplish.

Thank you for your generous support, and may God return to you abundantly.

November 15 and 16 Collections

First Collection: \$2,620.00

Second Collection: \$631.00

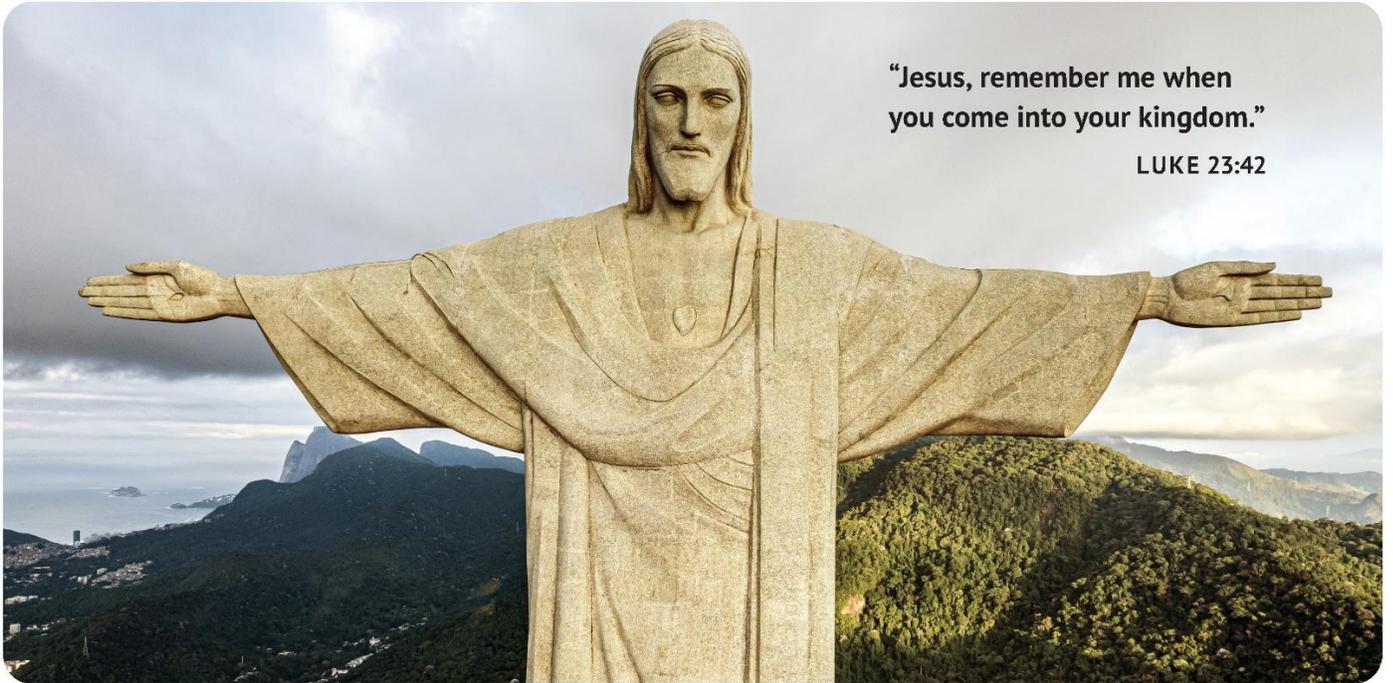
The second collection amount has been sent to the Diocese as our part of The Campaign for Human Development National Collection.

Thank You for caring!

Please Pray for Migrants and Refugees

Our Catholic faith teaches that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and deserves to be treated with dignity, including migrants. Jesus taught us to be like the Good Samaritan who looked with compassion on an unknown man stripped, beaten, and left for dead (Lk. 10:33). He said, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25:40). Many members of our communities are living in fear of being separated from family members and friends. We invite all people to pray for migrants and refugees, and for a spirit of hospitality and compassion for our neighbors.

Lord Jesus, teach us to look on your brothers and sisters with compassion. Inspire us to be near to all who travel uncertain paths. Bless migrants and refugees with protection, hope, and welcome. Fill us with compassion, courage, and peace. Amen.



“Jesus, remember me when
you come into your kingdom.”

LUKE 23:42

The Hero King

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some think of a myth as something once presumed to be true but discovered to be false. For example, we say it’s a myth that Christopher Columbus discovered America. There is, however, another quite different meaning to “myth,” as in a story that helps us understand life and how to negotiate it. Such myths are often centered around heroes who overcome great odds for the sake of the greater good. *Star Wars* and Luke Skywalker is one such myth. *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and Frodo Baggins is another. These are myths capturing the need for courage and commitment to the good at the hero’s own expense. We often find ourselves wishing we could be like these heroes.

The biblical story of the Hebrew people can be thought of as such a myth, culminating in the story of Jesus. It differs from those other myths in that this story is not fiction. It is a saga that helps us understand and negotiate life as we live it. It culminates with the sacrificial death of the one we call King of the Universe. This King is a servant-king, one who gives his life for us so that we might live. Despite being urged by religious leaders and soldiers and the thief on the cross to save himself, he resists. Saving himself is not what he is about. Jesus is the King whose true myth we tell whenever we come together. ●

Editor’s note: This is Fr. Joseph Juknialis’ final reflection for *Our Parish Community* bulletins. The new liturgical cycle begins next Sunday, November 30, 2025, and we will welcome three new reflection authors: Miguel Dulick, Ann M. Garrido, and Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR, the president and publisher of Liguori Publications. We thank Fr. Joe for his three years of insightful reflections and wish him well.

Reflect

What does servant-leadership mean to me in my job, my community, my home?

Dear Padre,

Why is a US secular holiday like Thanksgiving on the Church's liturgical calendar?

Since November 1969, the Proper Calendar offers a Thanksgiving Day Mass for US dioceses. While it also includes Independence Day, no suggestion is made for other civic holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Instead, the *Roman Missal* provides “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions” that are suited to these observances (*Ordo* #5, *GIRM* 368–378).

In the United States, November is associated with giving thanks to God. In 1623—three years after the Pilgrims sailed to this land on the *Mayflower*—a severe drought threatened their crops. Consequently, a day of prayer was observed, an abundant rain saved the harvest, and a Day of Thanksgiving was established. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation for “Thanksgiving and Praise to Our Beneficent Father” on the last Thursday of November (later moved to the fourth Thursday).

However, thanking God isn't just a one-day event; it's meant to be a perennial practice. Recall the lesson of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one of whom returned to thank him. (See Luke 17:11–19.) People who don't take their blessings for granted return thanks to God in prayer. Therefore, offer brief prayers of gratitude to God throughout the day, every day, for such gifts as your health and faith, the freedoms allowed in this country, “thy daily bread,” and the Eucharist—a word that means “thanksgiving.”

“Become what you pray”—a grateful disciple of our Lord! ●



BRENT HOPFACKER / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30
<i>St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Day (US)</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
Dn 1:1–6, 8–20	Dn 2:31–45	Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28	Sir 50:22–24	Dn 7:2–14	Dn 7:15–27	Is 2:1–5
Lk 21:1–4	Lk 21:5–11	Lk 21:12–19	1 Cor 1:3–9	Lk 21:29–33	Lk 21:34–36	Rom 13:11–14
			Lk 17:11–19			Mt 24:37–44



PAUL HARING / CNS

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Listen to [Christ's] offer of love and become his one family: in the One Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

HOMILY, MAY 18, 2025

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!

If you have not done so, and have changes to your name, address, phone or email...or if you are a new parishioner.... **please** fill out an **information form** found at either entrance to the church. We are doing our best to have an accurate, updated list of St. Joseph parishioners!

Thank you to those who leave food in the basket at the back of the church for St. Vincent's. Your help is always appreciated, and especially so during these trying times.

**Please note that the mailing address for
St. Vincent de Paul is
PO Box 1654, Rawlins, WY 82301.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

CONTACT: ELISSIA PETERSEN

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

(ALL CLASSES 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

Hurricane Melissa

The full extent of Hurricane Melissa's destruction is becoming clear after the powerful storm swept across Jamaica, Haiti and Cuba. In Jamaica, which suffered the greatest impact, the Catholic Church, through Caritas Antilles and local dioceses, is leading emergency response coordination with Catholic Relief Services. More than 2,000 kits—including water, sanitation, hygiene supplies and essential items—were prepositioned by CRS in St. Lucia for a crisis just like this. Trained volunteers are now deployed in shelters and communities to provide assistance. Your generosity is needed to support these efforts.

WAYS TO HELP:

Donate **online**: crs.org/donate/hurricane-melissa

Donate by **phone**: 1-877-HELP-CRS

Donate by **check**: Catholic Relief Services, Hurricane Melissa P.O. Box 5278, Tipton, IA 52772-0517

