

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 17 - 18

Sat 4:15 p.m. +Pete and +Ida Torres

Sun 9:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun 1:30 p.m. (BAGGS) Deceased Members of the family of Sally Martinez

Jan 19 - 25

Mon NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tues 12:00 Noon The Homebound

Wed 12:00 Noon David and +Betsy Michie and the Michie Family

Thurs 12:00 Noon Jorge and Guadalupe

Fri 12:00 Noon +Enrique Rosio

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

Sun 9:30 a.m. +Brandon Johnson

Sun 1:30 p.m. (BAGGS) Parishioners

Sun 5:00 p.m. La Misa En Espanol  
La Comunidad Latina

If you haven't attended for awhile....or if you have never attended ...the Hour of Adoration is held every Thursday evening from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Sometimes life can be hectic, and this hour of silence and peace may be just what you need!

*BE STILL,  
AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD...*  
Psalm 46:10

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

Last Sunday of each month 5:00 PM

(SPANISH MASS)

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)

**HOUR OF ADORATION  
THURSDAY EVENING 7:00-8:00**

**January 18, 2026**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."* John 1:33-34

Once John witnessed the Holy Spirit descending like a dove upon Jesus, he gave witness, pointing him out and testifying that he is the one God sent to take away the sin of the world. We witness Jesus, but in other ways. Here, in the Eucharist, in each other gathered in his name, and in the priest celebrating Mass. We may also witness him in the person in need, the least of our sisters and brothers, and in an act of forgiveness. We, like John, are called to give witness, in words and in deeds, to his presence in our lives.

**Angel Helpers**

So many volunteers work quietly behind the scenes...and all of us benefit! Thank you to those that clean, teach, do maintenance, count money, put up and take down Christmas decorations, etc,

Your work is appreciated!

And a special thank you to the precious angel that helps fold bulletins. ♥

**ALL** Candidates for Confirmation, along with their parents and sponsors are invited to attend an important meeting on February 1, 2026 at 2:45 pm in the school gym.

**SPANISH MASS**

Spanish Mass will be celebrated on the last Sunday of every month at 5:00 pm! Tell your friends.

**LA MISA EN ESPAÑOL**

¡Celebraremos La misa en español el último domingo cada mes a las 5:00 pm. La Misa al 25 de enero! Díselo a sus amigos.

*Living and Giving in Christ 2025*

As of 1/12/2026

(Awaiting update of recently submitted funds)

	<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Sage</u>
Goal	\$28,770	\$2,341
Pledges	<u>(\$21,083)</u>	<u>(\$2,762)</u>
	<b>\$ 7,687</b>	<b>\$ (421) Wow!</b>

**WAY TO GO PARISHIONERS, WE CAN DO THIS!**

Any cash or checks placed in the beautiful collection "podium" located at the main entrance to the church will be used to reduce our Living and Giving assessment. Every amount, whether large or small, is an amount we do not have to take out of our checking account!

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

*Communion for Mission*

As of 1/15/2026

	<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Sage</u>
Goal	\$193,000	\$17,000
Raised	<u>\$52,800</u>	<u>\$11,270</u>
	\$140,200	\$ 5,730

Please pray for the success of the *Communion for Mission Campaign*

**January 10 and 11 Collections--**

**First Collection: \$ 2,978.00**

**Second Collection: \$567.00**

**(Building Fund)**

*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

(Written in 1963)

**Monday, January 19, 2026**

**Martin Luther King, Jr Day**



## Behold the Lamb of God!

ANN M. GARRIDO

**O**f the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today’s gospel: “Behold the Lamb of God!” (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to “pass over” these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus’ blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20–28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John’s words again—“Behold the Lamb of God!”—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●



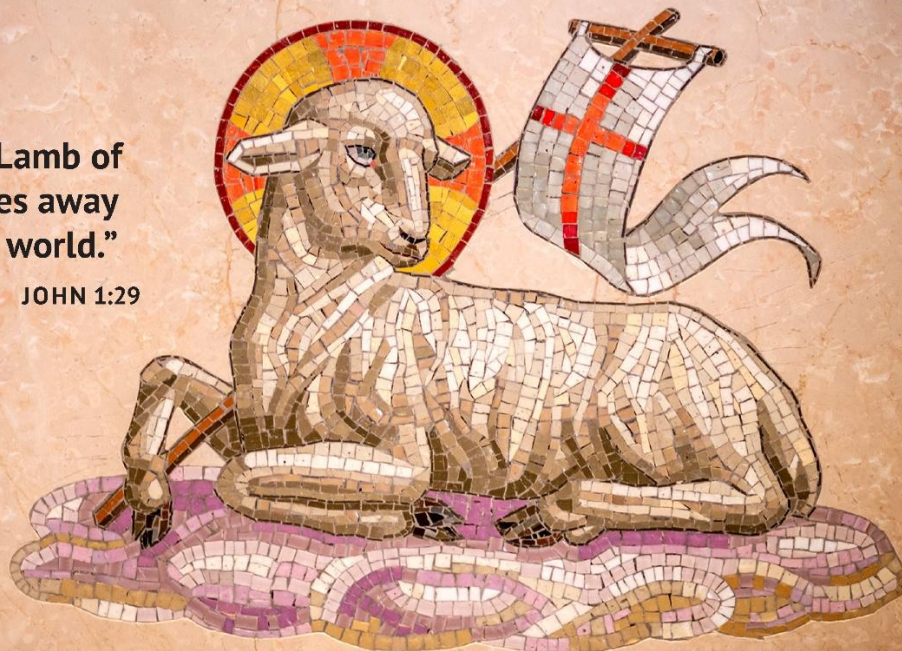
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THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

### Reflect

**Which understanding of the “Lamb of God”  
resonates with me?**

**“Behold, the Lamb of  
God, who takes away  
the sin of the world.”**

JOHN 1:29

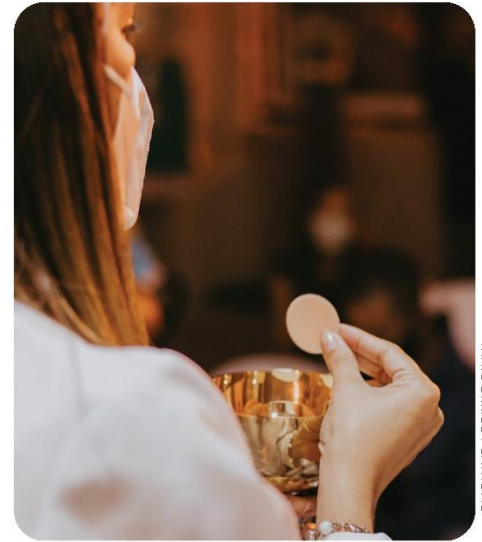


# Dear Padre,

*I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.*

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

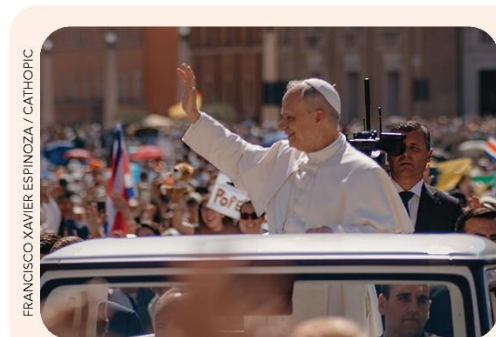
Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●



THAVS ORRICO / CATHOPIC

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25
Weekday	Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 15:16–23 Mk 2:18–22	1 Sm 16:1–13 Mk 2:23–28	1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51 Mk 3:1–6	1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7 Mk 3:7–12	1 Sm 24:3–21 Mk 3:13–19	2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27 Mk 3:20–21	Is 8:23–9:3 1 Cor 1:10–13, 17 Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–17



FRANCISCO XAVIER ESPINOZA / CATHOPIC

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today's world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.*

MESSAGE TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MAY 28, 2025

## HOURS

In order to apply for grants to assist our parish numbers are needed!! This includes **ALL VOLUNTEER HOURS** spent in service to our parish. Examples are food pantry volunteers, funeral dinner helpers, maintenance or cleaning work, money counters, CCD teachers and helpers, and on and on.

Record your name, the activity and number of hours. Either email or turn your hours 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**\*CONTACT:ELISSIA PETERSEN\***

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

(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

## ***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.***

## GOOD NEWS AND LET'S GET IT DONE

My Dear Parishioners:

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations with your families. I had a very good first Christmas here in Rawlins and in Baggs. I am very grateful to see your participation and generous donations towards the Living & Giving in Christ 2025. We are now 71% of the goal because of your generous gifts and this is awesome! If you haven't given this year regarding to the Living & Giving in Christ 2025, please take the envelopes home to pray about that, bring them back, and put them into the beautiful podium in the back of the Church! Whatever the amount that you can give either big or small, it matters and Jesus can do the rest to help us achieve the goal for this year and we can say proudly we did it together. May God bless you and your families abundantly in the new year of 2026!

Fr. Hiep

*Muchas gracias por sus apoyos generosos y ahora nosotros estamos 71% de la meta "Dar y Vivir en Cristo 2025." Por favor tomen los sobres a sus casas, tráiganlos, y pónganlos en el podio en la iglesia! Si su apoyo es grande o pequeño, es muy importante para lograr nuestra meta de "Dar y Vivir en Cristo 2025". Muchas gracias y Que Dios los bendiga en el año nuevo de 2026! Padre Hiep*