



They left everything
and followed him.

LUKE 5:11

Unsolicited Calls

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us?

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted.

Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God. ●

Reflect

***Do you experience God calling you?
What is your answer?***

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Weekend Masses:

Sat. 4:00PM Sun. 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Lay Led Communion Service:

Mon. – Tues. 8:00AM

Weekday Masses:

Wed. - Sat. 8:00AM

Office Hours: Sat: CLOSED

Wed.-Fri: 9AM - 5PM

(Closed: 12:30 - 1:15PM)



Welcome to St. Joseph's Dedicated: January 18, 1863

Thank you for visiting our restored historic church. The prayer of this community is that you will experience with us today the joy, peace, and love of our Lord as we celebrate the Eucharist together. Due to limited space in our church, the communion procession starts in the rear of the church ...after all Jesus said, **"The last shall be first and the first will be last."** (Matt. 20:16) Please wait for the directions of the usher/greeter before approaching the front to receive Communion. We wish you safe and enjoyable travels!

Please keep the sick/recovering in your prayers:

(To include or remove someone, please call the office.)

Mariposa's Homeless, Richard Raucina,
Bill & Susan Evans, Peggy Pestana,
Joan & Glenn Savage, Karl Knight,
Pat Bauer, Steve Wight, Tim Bulfer,
The Hellmann Family, The Garcia Family,
Edith Silva, Franz Wall,
Donna Lee Burke, Patty Miller,
Deacon Chuck Reyburn, Jeffrey Lester,
Louisa Camorlinga, Julia Forrette,
Cheryl Zellhoefer, Bobbie Cavazos,
George Wear, Laura Pound &
George Rosenberg

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Jubilee 2025

We Are Pilgrims of Hope: On May 9, 2024 Pope Francis solemnly announced that the Church's Jubilee year 2025 "will be a Holy Year marked by a lively experience of grace and an opportunity to be renewed in the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth, where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises."

"Hope is the virtue that gives inward direction and purpose to the life of believers so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that swell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope."

Our Pilgrimage Journey to and with Jesus:

A pilgrimage is both an outer journey to a sacred place, and an inner journey to meet Christ and deepen our relationship with him. Thus, Pope Francis desires that this Jubilee Year be a time "to encourage and sustain the hope that guides our steps towards the goal of a genuine, personal encounter with the risen Lord Jesus, who is not only the destination of our earthly pilgrimage but also a constant presence in our lives. I invite everyone to place their trust in the Lord who not only guides us, but is God-with-us, who loves us and walks with us the path of love, lifts us up when we fall and supports us in our labors, opens our eyes to see our wretchedness and that of the world, but at the same time fills us with hope." -Jubilee 2025©2024 by All Saints Press

SACRAMENTS/MINISTRIES

ANOINTING OF SICK/VISITATION

Communally two times a year or call the Church office for a home visit.

BAPTISMS

By appointment, please call the Church office, 209-966-2522.

For pre baptismal classes please contact Tony & Rufina Roberts, 209-966-4442.

CONFESSIONS

1st & 3rd Fridays from 5:30pm-6:30pm or by appointment: Wed., Thurs., Fri. between the hours of 10:00am-12:00pm or 2:00pm-4:00pm.

WEDDINGS

6 months notice required.

OCIA/SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Rebecca Soto, 714-906-7676

Diana Terra, 209-742-3417

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rebecca Soto, 714-906-7676.

TEEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rebecca Soto, 714-906-7676.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Each Friday-limited schedule.

Coordinator: Eileen Balajadia, 209-742-6020.

LADIES GUILD

President: Janet Allen, 209-966-6638.

MARTHA'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday 9:30am – 12:00pm

Please contact Cindy Rowney, 209-966-5483 for further information.

1st SUNDAY SOCIAL

Call Lisa Garrett to volunteer, 209-769-2046

ST JOSEPH'S MENS' GROUP

1ST Saturday of every month beginning at 7:00am in the parish hall. For information contact: Clayton Garrett: LTGCA@AOL.com.

YOUNG MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

1st Friday of every month beginning at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Ages: 18-39

CEMETERY TEAM

Mike Alberts/Sandra Laird/Bernie Casner/
Fran Beaulieu/Tom Allcock

FINANCE COUNCIL

Dina Lambert/Ginger VanMeter/
Melissa Ritter/Debbie Derham

MUSIC MINISTRY

Lisa Rowney/Bill Carroll/Keith Trump/
Marion Roubal

PRAYER CHAIN

Janet Allen, 209-966-6638

Cari Cassidy, 209-742-4074

WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT

Cindy Rowney/Patty Law/Cari Cassidy/
Ginger VanMeter/Elizabeth Hillenbrand

For Our Visitors and Travelers

For nationwide Mass times

& Locations call: 1-800-627-7846

www.masstimes.org or

www.dioceseoffresno.org/parishfinder

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil February 8 4:00 PM

Mike Kosler † by Carla Kosler

Sunday February 9 8:30 AM

For All Parishioners by Fr. Steve Bulfer

10:30 AM

José Huerta † by Maria Marquez

Monday February 10 8:00 AM

Lay Led Communion Service

Tuesday February 11 8:00 AM

Lay Led Communion Service

Wednesday February 12 8:00 AM

Lay Led Communion Service

Thursday February 13 8:00 AM

Lay Led Communion Service

Friday February 14 8:00 AM

Lay Led Communion Service

Saturday February 15 8:00 AM

Lay Led Communion Service

4:00 PM

Winnie & Pearl Williams † and Trent Williams
by The Williams Family

Sunday February 16 8:30 AM

For All Parishioners by Fr. Rudy Esmero

10:30 AM

Sally & Brian Evans by Amy Olson

Parish Weekly Plate Collection

February 1-2, 2025

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm \$ 866.00

Sunday 8:30am \$ 1,483.00

Sunday 10:30am \$ 634.00

Donations-undesignated \$ 260.00

Plate/Office combined total: \$ 3,243.00

Maintenance & Building Fund \$ 1,491.00

Manna House \$ 50.00

Bishop's Appeal \$ 50.00

Prayer Path

Broken nets, hold-overs,
loaded with fish.

Do not be afraid. Now it is
my sea of humanity.

From here on

you will

catch men and women.

Lord,

give us your worthiness

instead of our non- worthiness.

Make us deeper

than our doubts.

Let us fall

on our knees

as did Simon Peter.

Help us in the catching

and surely in the being caught.

- Anne Osdieck

The New Order Of The Sacraments Of Initiation (OCIA)

- Since the very beginnings of the Church, there has been a process for non-Christians to enter into formation to be received into the Church, part of which is described in St. Luke's writings in the Acts of the Apostles. As this process evolved over the first few centuries, the basic process became known collectively as the Sacraments of Initiation. This period of preparation was to teach and encourage the new birth, growth, and nourishment of these new Christians, with the culmination of their formation mainly celebrated at Easter when they were received into the Church with their Baptism, reception of Eucharist, and Confirmation. One of the major revisions of the Second Vatican Council was to reform the rites of these sacraments of initiation, and in 1972, it released the new Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or as we came to know it, the RCIA. This revised process, was subsequently implemented by the bishops of the U. S. in its current application in 1988. In 2021, the U.S. Bishops adopted a further revision of the RCIA, now known as the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), to be consistent with the new edition of the Roman Missal, and to allow for a more pastoral implementation of the initiation process. This process applies primarily to adults, both the non-baptized and the baptized. For baptized adults, it includes those validly baptized in other Christian traditions who wish to come into full communion with the Catholic Church, as well as baptized Catholics who did not complete their sacramental formation in their youth (First Communion and Confirmation.) There is also a rite for non-baptized children of a catechetical age, which can be in conjunction with a parish CCD program. On 11/15/2023, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the statutes of the OCIA revisions, and they were submitted to Rome for approval, and after receiving recognition by Pope Francis, its use is now obligatory as of Ash Wednesday, 3/5/2025, in the dioceses of the U. S. The purpose of this process of Christian formation is described in the General Introduction of the OCIA: "For having been incorporated into Christ through Baptism, and formed into the People of God, and, having received the remission of all their sins and been rescued from the power of darkness, they are brought to the status of adopted sons and daughters, being made a new creation by water and the Holy Spirit. Sealed with the gift of the same Spirit in Confirmation, they are more perfectly configured to the Lord, and filled with the Holy Spirit, so that bearing witness to Christ before the world, they bring the Body of Christ to its full stature without delay. Finally, participating in the Eucharistic assembly. . . they may receive eternal life and show forth the unity of God's people." -Deacons Corner-St. Patrick's Church, Merced



- Mark Bartholomew

Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Luke 5:5

From This Week's Prayer of the Faithful

For the Church: that we may be attentive to God's invitations and allow Jesus to draw our attention away from our fear and limits so that we can respond to all that God asks...We Pray

For the growth of faith: that the dying and rising of Christ may be the foundation of our lives and inspire all our words, deeds, and desires...We Pray

For peace: that God will inspire those working to reduce tension in Eastern Europe, bring forth new understanding of one another's concerns, and open new paths for justice and respect...We Pray

For all who are suffering: that God will protect communities from violence, bring relief to those facing starvation or drought, guide those who are facing the power of nature...We Pray

Ladies' Guild News!

Join the Ladies Guild for an exciting fashion show event! Mark your calendars for Wed., Feb. 12 at noon in the Upper Hall. Before the show kicks off, enjoy a delightful soup lunch with friends. If you purchased some treasures at the sale and are interested in modeling, please contact Janet Allen to showcase your finds on the runway. Let's make this event memorable together!

Members of the Ladies Guild extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to the 2025 Rummage Sale. Whether you donated items, shopped for treasures, or dedicated countless hours of hard work, you made this event a tremendous success. Thank you for making a difference!

Don't Forget Your 2024 Contribution Statements

are in a sealed envelope in the rear of church. If you are unable to pick it up in person, please contact the parish office at 209-966-2522 and we will email or mail it to you.

Life Is Precious: Thank you for taking a baby bottle and collecting change and monies to be donated to Mariposa Helping Hands Pregnancy and Parenting Center. Please return no later than February 23. For more information call Cari 742-4074.

Dear Padre,

Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine." ●



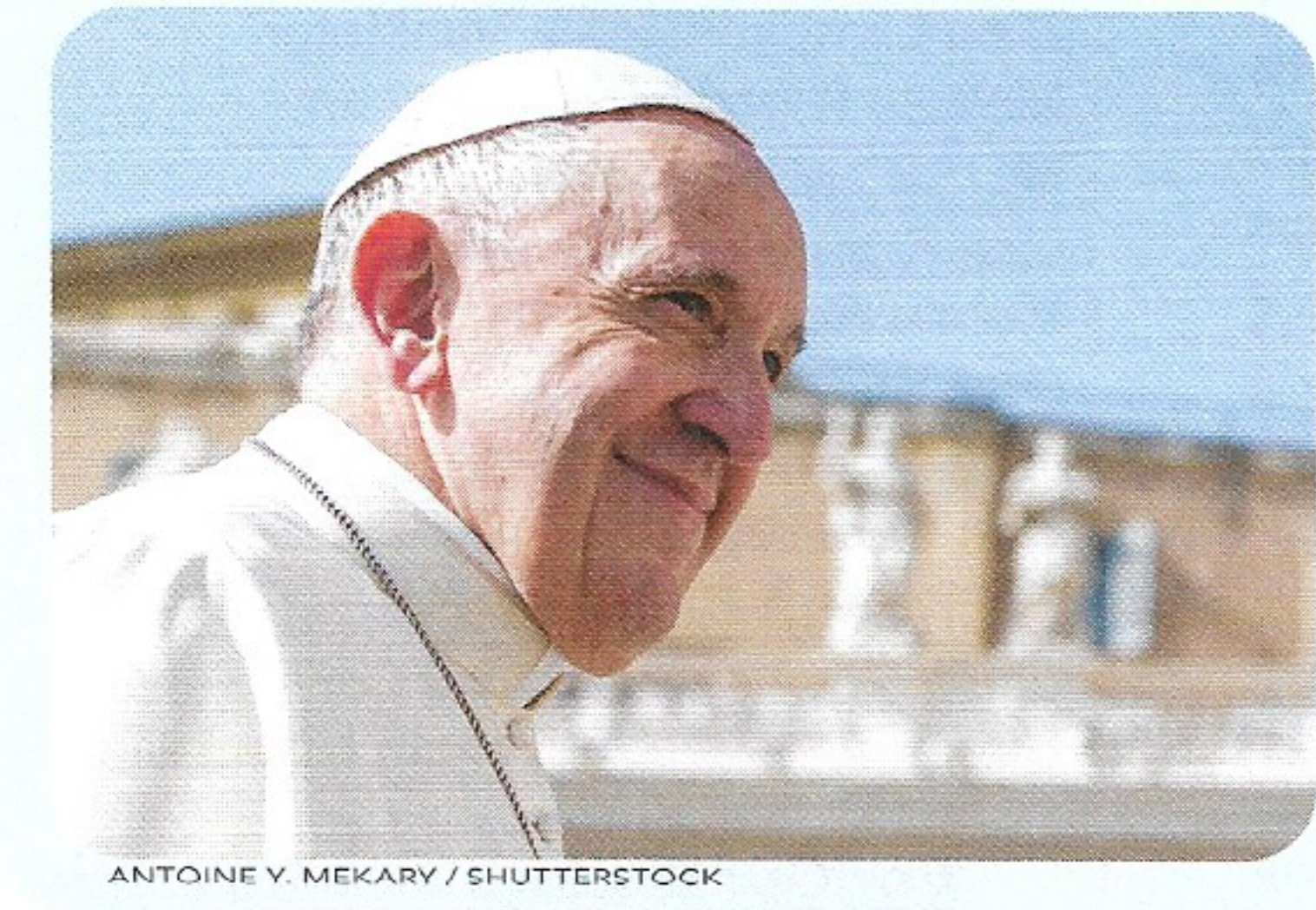
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56 | February 11 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 1:20-2:4a Mk 7:1-13 | February 12 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23 | February 13 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30 | February 14 <i>Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop</i> Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37 | February 15 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10 | February 16 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26 |



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear...without giving up and saying, "there is nothing more that can be done." Always...there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over.... So let us accept the invitation: let us...put out to sea with Jesus!

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 6, 2022