

# ST. JOSAPHAT PARISH

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## ALL ARE WELCOME

We hope you will join us for some upcoming events in our parish!

**St. JosaFest:** Our annual parish festival is happening **this weekend** in the church parking lot! Saturday is a Rocktoberfest Celebration and Sunday is the Family Carnival. Full details are on our parish website, or just stop by after Mass and check it out.

**Alpha:** Join us for a short video and lively conversation about life's big questions. Everyone who comes to Alpha has a different perspective and experience of faith, spirituality and community. We are offering two Alphas this September: one **in person** at St. Teresa of Avila starting **Monday, September 20**; the other **online** starting **Thursday, September 23**, both at 7 pm. Sign up on our parish website.

**Golf Outing:** On **Friday, October 8**, we will be back at Harborside Golf Course with a Noon shotgun followed by a buffet dinner. It's a great way to have fun and support St. Josaphat.

God Bless,

*Fa. Francis*

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 12, 2021

**First Reading** Isaiah 50:5–9a

**Responsorial** Psalm 116:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9

**I will walk before the Lord, in the land  
of the living.**

**Second Reading** James 2:14–18

**Gospel** Mark 8:27–35

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091221.cfm>



## PRAYER FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

O God, our hope and refuge,  
in our distress we come quickly to you.  
Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided,  
replaced now with an emptiness,  
a longing for an innocence lost.

We come remembering those who lost their lives  
in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.

We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants  
who demonstrated the greatest love of all  
by laying down their lives for friends.  
We commit their souls to your eternal care  
and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.

We come remembering  
and we come in hope,  
not in ourselves, but in you.

As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken,  
we are reminded of the illusion of security.  
In commemorating this tragedy,  
we give you thanks for your presence  
in our time of need  
and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth,  
our guide and our guardian.

Amen.

—Rev. Jeremy Pridgeon

[https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/  
prayer-index/patriot-day](https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/patriot-day)

# SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

1ST: Is 50:5–9a 2ND: Jas 2:14–18 GOSPEL: Mk 8:27–35

This weekend's readings reminded me of being quizzed as a child in school. When Jesus asks, in Mark's Gospel, "Who do people say that I am," the question reminded me of what many teachers are doing these days as the new school year begins. Including me.

This puts me in two different and contrasting frames of mind. On one hand, many of us have experienced our faith lives as ways of being tested. On the other hand, Jesus reminds us in many ways that the grace of God is not a reward or a grade. There is no test.

Maybe there is a third way of praying about and reflecting on these readings that does not involve polar opposites. There is no test. There is an invitation.

Isaiah reminds us, as did last week's readings, that our ears can be opened by God's grace. We are able to hear what God hopes we will hear. God is our help. We also have to step up and accept God's words and the invitation we receive, to do what we are called to do in today's world as believers. Not easy! Jesus calls to mind the cross. If we

do not carry the cross, the cross will carry us.

Similarly, when Jesus asks his disciples who others think he is, my guess is that he's not concerned with public opinion. Instead, he wonders what his closest circle of followers are thinking. Why? Because they will carry on his mission. They are the ones who will accept the invitation to do as he did.

The mission of Jesus does not involve a test. It invites us to respond to a question. Do we love one another, as God has loved us? Are we able to accept our role in helping others, as Jesus has helped us? Can we be humble enough to remember that the mission is not only my responsibility but our responsibility? After all, each of us can only contribute or do what we can. That is all we are invited to do.

— Rev. Christopher Robinson, CM



## A CHURCH TO COME HOME TO

### RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



- For those adults not baptized.
- For those baptized another faith and interested in learning what it means to be Catholic.
- For those baptized Catholic who have not received all of their sacraments.

If you think of someone who might be interested, or just want more info, email [maryjane@stjosaphatparish.org](mailto:maryjane@stjosaphatparish.org)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekday Masses have returned at **8 am on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.** (Wednesday morning Mass is for school students and staff only.) Center yourself in the Lord's presence to start your day!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our program is for all children not attending Catholic school, and it starts Tuesday, September 21. Register today! [www.stjosaphatparish.org](http://www.stjosaphatparish.org) > Kids.

### TEACHERS NEEDED

Our Religious Education program is in need of a catechist. Please contact [erin@stjosaphatparish.org](mailto:erin@stjosaphatparish.org) if you are called to share your faith.

### FINDING HOPE IN THE BIBLE

Need a resource for dealing with challenging issues in contemporary daily life? Get to know the Bible! Starting this Monday, September 13, from 8–9 pm, join other adults from our parish community over Zoom to explore topical issues in our Christian lives. This weekly gathering aims to help you reach a deeper appreciation for how to use your Bible as a primary and relevant resource in daily living. Email [maryjane@stjosaphatparish.org](mailto:maryjane@stjosaphatparish.org) for more details or to sign up.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Francis is praying his daily Mass for us and these intentions this week:

- MONDAY** †Purgatorial Society  
**TUESDAY** Living and Deceased Mothers and Fathers  
**WEDNESDAY** †Elizabeth Seitz  
**FRIDAY** For an increase of vocations to the Franciscans of the Eucharist  
**SATURDAY** †Marcella and †Ted Marszalek  
**SUNDAY** 8 am: †Louis Barlock  
 10 am: †Lucas Ezequiel Fortes

## PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS

### WELCOMED IN BAPTISM

*Isabel Michelle, child of Exuan Trocio and Brenda Garcia*  
*Thomas James, child of Thomas Weber and Cara Cioni*

### JOINED IN HOLY MATRIMONY

*Richard Joseph Siok, Jr. and Bianca Simyan Thai*

### THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

*Jeff Gallo, Bill Geitner, Fr. Dominic Grassi, Theresa & Leonard Hester, Mary Louise Koehl, Brian Leahy, Margie Perzynski*

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More on our website: [Welcome > Directory](#)

## THIS WEEK

Mon.	9/13	8:00 am	Mass (Church)
		7:00 pm	Alpha Reunion (Red Door Room)
		7:00 pm	Baptismal Preparation (Church)
		8:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Tues.	9/14	8:00 am	Mass (Church)
		10:00 am	Faith Sharing: Breaking Open the Word (Zoom)
		7:00 pm	Holy Hour of Prayer (Church)
		7:00 pm	PTO Meeting (Zoom)
Wed.	9/15	8:00 am	All School Mass* (Church)
Fri.	9/17	8:00 am	Mass (Church)
Sat.	9/18	5:00 pm	New Family Mass, Fr. Francis (Church)
Sun.	9/19	8:00 am	Mass, Fr. Grassi (Church)
		9:00 am	Catechist Workshop (Red Door Room)
		10:00 am	Family Mass: Religious Education, Fr. Francis (Church, or live on Facebook)
		1:00 pm	Roots Youth Group (Community Park or Rectory Lower Level)

\*All School Mass is exclusively for SJS students and staff

Next weekend's Special Collection is for SEMINARIAN EDUCATION. If you donate through Give Central, you can also specify an amount for this cause by selecting this "Event" (fund) or text **Seminary** to 312.625.5666. Thank you for your generosity.

## NEXT

<b>Baptismal Prep</b>	Mon.	9/13	7:00 pm	(Church)
<b>Pre Cana</b>	Sat.	10/2	10:00 am	(Red Door Room)

Sign up online.

## WHO'S NEW IN THE PEW?

We warmly welcome new parishioners Jason & Jamie Davoll and Family, Rich & Rita Rogala and Family, Steve & Olivia Breden and Family. If you are new to the neighborhood, please register through our website at [www.stjosaphatparish.org](http://www.stjosaphatparish.org).



*We're most in need of men's white t-shirts size L and XL.*

## SUNDAY OFFERING

In order to give you a better understanding of our financials, we are publishing year-to-date Sunday Giving numbers.

### FISCAL YEAR 2021 YEAR END REPORT

Budget.....	\$652,105.00
Actuals.....	\$688,505.82
Difference.....	\$36,400.82

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