

August 22, 2021



# St. Joseph

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



### 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.": - Jn 6:67-69*

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**Saturday:** 5pm

**Sunday:**

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**Monday thru Friday:**

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**Saturdays:** 8:15am

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Flock,

Hope you are having a wonderful week. This morning I was welcoming our students back to school. I would say that the vast majority were excited to be back, which is a pleasant surprise for me. I say that because, in my life, I had 24 first days of school, and not once was I excited. As much as I love learning, I was never excited for school. Now, as an adult, I cherish the first day of school, and really any day of school, because the students and teachers are here, bringing life and joy to our campus. Granted, it is easier to be on my end of the whole school thing, because I do not have to do any homework, and I have no lesson plans to write. (I do have Pastor's Corners to write, but those are never a chore...ahem.) As I said, I do love learning, so I wish I could go back to school and embrace the opportunity to learn, rather than dreading doing homework and papers, waiting impatiently for the clock to say 3:30.

I am grateful to be part of a parish that has a school. Of course, I am spoiled to be at a parish that has such a strong school with great leadership, staff, teachers, students, and families. I am also spoiled to be at a parish that understands the importance and mission of our Catholic school, always supporting the school through its 148 years of preparing leaders of our world and disciples of our Lord.

Our Catholic school is not our only educational asset here at St. Joseph. We also have a great tradition of forming our Catholic students at public schools through our Religious Education program. We have so many good kids and parents and volunteer catechists in our program who are dedicated to growing in their knowledge and love of Jesus.

Our Religious Education program has gone through some adjustments over the last few years, as we try to find the best ways to educate our students in the Faith. Last year, thanks to the pandemic, we conducted our classes virtually. I am grateful to the teachers and families doing their best to take that challenging shift in stride. What we found, though, was that there was an unintended benefit to this arrangement. Parents, especially of our younger students, became more involved in the formation of their children, often sitting in on Zoom calls and helping with the projects and lesson work that typically would have been accomplished in the classroom.

I think mostly everyone could agree that going back to Zoom calls would be painful, so we need not do that (hopefully). I also think, though, that involving parents more in the formation process would be of great value. After all, the Church has always taught that parents are the primary teachers of the Faith to their children. Catholic schools and religious education programs are there to support the parents in their role of handing on the Faith to their children.

With this in mind, I am excited about the program that we will use for this year. This program will be a hybrid, of sorts, with a mix of classroom learning and home learning. Each month there will be a different topic that all of the students will be learning together. Each grade level will dive increasingly deeper into the topic. To start the learning about each topic, students and their parents will come here to our school. On the first Wednesday of each month, we will bring in the students and their parents for a night of formation. The students will be in their classrooms with their catechists. The parents will be in a large group with one of our priests, learning in depth about the topic, so as to prepare to help their children through the lessons. The other weeks of the month, the students will have lessons related to the topic, that, again, vary in depth based on the grade level. The parents will be walking with the students through the lessons, helping their children to learn the information and talking with them about how they can apply it to their lives as disciples of Jesus.

For those students who are in preparation for Sacraments (second graders for First Reconciliation and First Communion and seven and eighth graders for Confirmation), there will be a second session each month to help them to learn specifically about their upcoming Sacrament. I am excited to say that we are able to return to the fun and informative youth-group-style formation for the confirmandis in seventh and eighth grade.

The possible benefits of this new program are numerous. First of all, families will have flexibility for when their children learn the material during each week (maybe it is at the normal time after school on Wednesday, or after Mass on Sunday morning, or at whatever other time that works best for the student). Second, the priests will have an opportunity to engage all the families throughout the year. Finally, and most importantly, students AND their parents are learning. I know that parents sometimes feel unprepared to talk about various aspects of the Faith to their children, but now they will receive their own formation to grow in their comfort with the Faith. They will be more empowered, as Christian parents, to fulfill their role of handing on the Faith to the children God has given them.

Our first session is on September 1<sup>st</sup> (I am super excited, because I get to present to the parents on the Mass, which will be the first monthly topic.) If you have kids at our public schools and have not yet signed up for religious education, or you know of family members or friends who are not yet enrolled, please do so ASAP! You do not want to miss out on this great opportunity to help your whole family engage our beautiful Faith more deeply. I look forward to seeing you on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Have a blessed and formative week.

In Christ's Peace, Your Pastor

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## PERPETUAL ADORATION

The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself. - St. Peter Julian Eymard

Please consider signing up for an hour of Eucharistic adoration and experience for yourself the love of Jesus. The hours in need of permanent adorers are:

**Sunday** 7 - 8AM

**Tuesday** 9 - 10PM

**Thursday** 4 - 5PM

Please access our website to sign up for the hours noted or to sign up to be a substitute. Our website is <https://stjoeshawnee.weadorehim.com>.

For questions or help please contact

Lida: 913-631-6907 or Mary Pat: 913-244-1342.

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

**JoAnn Steiner** wife of John

## Monday, August 23

6:25am John Heiling Sr.  
8:15am Neil Dooling

## Tuesday, August 24

6:25am Joe Pflumm  
8:15am Jennifer Trader (15th Anniversary)

## Wednesday, August 25

6:25am Joseph Fein  
8:15am Bonita Schulte

## Thursday, August 26

6:25am Diane Guerra (3rd Anniversary)  
8:15am Evelyn Jors

## Friday, August 27

6:25am Marge Mattione (5th Anniversary)  
8:15am Ralph Mies

## Saturday, August 28

8:15am Doris Peckron

## Saturday, August 28 ~ Sunday, August 29

5:00pm Rosemary Chacon  
7:30am Bonita Schulte  
9:00am Trudy Compton  
10:30am Rich Blanner  
Noon For the Parishioners of St. Joseph

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

## AUGUST

Monday	<b>Weekday</b>	
<b>23</b>	First Reading Gospel	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10 Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	<b>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</b>	
<b>24</b>	First Reading Gospel	1 Revelation 21:9b-14 John 1:45-51
Wednesday	<b>Weekday</b>	
<b>25</b>	First Reading Gospel	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday	<b>Weekday</b>	
<b>26</b>	First Reading Gospel	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Matthew 24:42-51
Friday	<b>St. Monica</b>	
<b>27</b>	First Reading Gospel	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday	<b>St. Augustine, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>	
<b>28</b>	First Reading Gospel	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday		
<b>29</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## GATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD NEEDS YOUR HELP!

1. We need a moderately skilled carpenter to make a miniature Baptismal font. Photos and measurements provided.

2. We need a bath towel cut into three inch squares and serged on all sides. Bath towel provided.

If you are interested in helping, contact Annie Clement in the Parish Offices: 913-631-5983 or [aclement@stjoeshawnee.org](mailto:aclement@stjoeshawnee.org)



take the next step in your faith journey

Are you or someone you know thinking about becoming Catholic or interested in learning more about the process? Our RCIA Sessions are coming up in just a few weeks. Email [bbracken@stjoeshawnee.org](mailto:bbracken@stjoeshawnee.org) for more info. We're here to walk this journey with you!

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# PARISH NEWS

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for those attending public schools begin **September 1, 2021.**

Please register online at [church.stjoeshawnee.org/deepen-your-faith/religious-education](http://church.stjoeshawnee.org/deepen-your-faith/religious-education).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

*Sing to the Lord a new song!*

Rehearsals will begin August 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Adult Choir and August 25<sup>th</sup> for Hosanna. Please contact Matt Winterhalter at [mwinterhalter@stjoeshawnee.org](mailto:mwinterhalter@stjoeshawnee.org) or 913-248-4591 for more information about our choirs.

**Music Ministry Opportunities**

- A Hosanna Choir
- B Adult Choir
- C Resurrection Choir
- D Awesome Angels & Archangels Choir

**ANNUAL Picnic**

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## VOCATION CORNER

*As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*  
(Joshua 24:15b, NABRE)

In today's first reading, Joshua states that he will "serve the Lord." Those that heard him then, and hear him now, want to do the same.

The question for us is: how can we serve the Lord?

If you believe that you are hearing a call to religious life, listen! Pray for clarity, talk to our priests and/or contact Fr. Dan Morris, our Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, at 913-647-0303 or [vocation@archkck.org](mailto:vocation@archkck.org).

Not all are called to a religious vocation, but we all can support those who may be hearing that call. **You** might even be the person that helps someone hear his, or her, call.

## We need toiletries for our homeless ministry!

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Psalm 34



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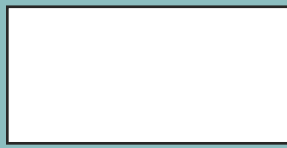
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