

# September 20, 2020 ~ The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We, the Roman Catholic  
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Remember in your prayers all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm at SJ; Sunday 7:30 am at SF; Sacrament of Baptism: Contact parish office; Sacrament of Marriage: Contact parish office at least 6 mos prior to the proposed marriage date; Sacrament of the Sick: Contact parish office during office hours. Emergencies call anytime; Pastoral Care and Bereavement Ministry: Peggy Piazza (SF), Wanda Smith (SJ) Pastoral Care Coordinators; Works of Mercy: Kitty Ingalls (SF), Mary Ann Losee (SJ); Parish Outreach Ministry: Contact parish office; Prayer Chain: (SF) Call Cathy 863-6271 or Katy 863-2734 (SJ) Call Erin 224-8811 Thrift Shop, St. Joseph's Closet: temporarily closed

Visit our Website: <http://www.rcda.org/churches/stjosephstfrancis>

**St. Joseph Mass Intentions****Sat (19) 4:00 pm**Eric Jones + Joe & Pat Cardone  
Tom Walkowicz+Pat, Rick & Dan Fallis**Sun (20) 10:30 am**Vito Ottati + B & L Spencer  
Stanley Person + B & L Spencer  
Patti Valiente + Murray family**Monday (21) 8:30 am**

Rev. Martin C Stanton

**Friday (25) 8:30 am**Rev. Nicholas A Schmitz  
Rev. John Fitzgerald**Sat (26) 4:00 pm**Millie & Joseph Floria + Pifko Family  
Francis Motyl, Jr. + Family  
Joseph Furman Jr+Barb & Joe Furman**Sun (27) 10:30 am**Healing of Rose Bazan + Penny & Lisa  
Eric Jones + Dave & Mary Esperti  
John Gibbons + Marilyn Gibbons**St. Francis Mass Intentions****Sun (20) 8 am**Athiya Ganaden + Myrna Lyons  
Sidney Junquera + Jackie & family  
Matt Driscoll + Ginger Driscoll**Tuesday (22) 8:30 am**

Sidney Junquera + Marlene Junquera

**Thursday (24) 8:30 am**

Roy &amp; Esther Edwards + William &amp; Cynthia Cromie

**Sun (27) 8 am**Loida Ganaden + Myrna Lyons  
Ted Szal + Rob & Judy Morrison

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day** "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near," Isaiah counsels us in the first words from today's first reading. We come together today to seek the Lord in word and sacrament, knowing that he can be found in scripture, in the Eucharist, and in each other. We call to him now, lifting our voices in song and prayer, aware of his closeness as we are gathered two or more in his name.

**RESPECT LIFE** ~ "Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)\*." \*NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** ~ Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, where "The last will be first" is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers", who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION** ~ If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay. ©LPI

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ Think for a moment about the most special person in your life. Why do you love them? Many people will answer that question noting character traits they admire about the person, pointing to an indescribable compatibility that exists and describing a deep sense of connection and intimacy or even a sense of rightness about the relationship. In relationships that are authentic and true, rarely are the personal benefits gained from the relationship noted as motivating factors for its pursuit. If we truly love someone we do so simply because it is right and good to do so and not for some other self-serving reason. Why do you love God? The sense of happiness and the gift of mercy that come from that relationship are God's to give, regardless of when in life we come to Him. God's ways are different than ours. ©LPI

**Readings for the week of September 20, 2020** ~ Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a; Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13; Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21; Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6; Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9; Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22; Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45; Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

SJ Lector: 9/26: C Pifko

SF Lector:

9/27: D Jankowski

9/27: Y Gifford

MASS SCHEDULE

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH** Sunday 8:00 AM

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH** Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 10:30 AM

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place, so those who are vulnerable or even simply uncomfortable attending a public liturgy are encouraged to remain at home and view Mass via livestream, which will continue as scheduled. Parishioners should bring/wear their own masks and, if possible, a bottle of hand sanitizer for use upon entering, before receiving Communion, after receiving Communion, and after exiting the church. Catholics should plan on restricted seating, a change in the reception of Communion in order to ensure social distancing, exit strategies to ensure social distancing, etc. Visit <http://rcda.org/coronavirus> and follow diocesan social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for the latest updates on the return to public Masses and other COVID-related information.

St. Francis 50/50 raffle winning ticket was worth \$1,207! Congratulations to our winner.

Pope Francis asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, helping Christians in the Holy Land. Together, our churches collected \$245. For more info about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday). Thank you for your generosity.

**The National Collection for the Catholic University of America Serving the Church and Nation September 26/27, 2020** ~ Your gift to the second collection will support Catholic University of America students who go on to serve the nation and transform the world. Catholic University serves dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as the Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the current crisis in the Church, an online Child Protection Certificate Program, a Master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Please be generous.

Your Parish needs your support more than ever during this challenging time. Please send your offertory by mail or drop it in the office. Thank you for your generosity.

**ST. JOSEPH'S THANKSGIVING DAY RAFFLE**

\$1,000 Grand Prize; One \$500 Prize; Two \$250 Prizes; Ten \$100 Prizes

Drawing November 26, 2020 after 10:30 am Mass

For the benefit of St. Joseph's Church  
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**REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:**  
Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living & deceased and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of anniversaries, birthdays or other special occasions.

The Faith Formation program at both churches is in the planning stages of this year's Faith Formation Program. We are in need of volunteers for the planning committee & volunteers to be catechists. There is self-directed online catechetical formation available. Please let Katy Ryan know if you are interested in volunteering at [momryan6@hotmail.com](mailto:momryan6@hotmail.com) or 518-863-2734.

**Fr. Jun is live streaming Masses:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/tas.yo.9>  
8:30 am Mass  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri  
Wednesday 8:30am Exposition/  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
8 am Sunday Mass

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

**DIOCESAN APPEAL**  
July 1, 2020- July 30, 2021  
**St. Joseph's Goal \$21,882.00**

For we walk by **faith**, not by sight.

Total Rec'd: \$1,532

Please remember when wearing a mask that it should cover your nose and your mouth. Continue to wash your hands, practice social distancing & don't touch your face.

**DIOCESAN APPEAL**  
July 1, 2020- July 30, 2021  
**St. Francis Goal \$24,699.00**

For we walk by **faith**, not by sight.

Total Rec'd: \$3,240

**OUR GIVING**

To meet expenses, the following amounts are needed weekly:  
**\$2,516.00 at St. Joseph's; \$2,612.00 at St. Francis.**

	Attend	9/6/20	9/13/20	Holy Land	Candles	Poor Box
<b>SJ 4 pm</b>	31	\$3,128.01	36 \$1,041	\$60	n/a	n/a
<b>SF 8 am</b>	36	Reported next week	36 \$2,061	\$55	n/a	n/a
<b>SJ 10:30</b>	33	\$1,299	37 \$1,606	\$130	n/a	n/a

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