



# St. Junípero Serra Parish

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MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9AM-3:00PM | FRIDAY: 9AM-12PM



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

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

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

673 Ellington Road

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Sunday Mass: 7:30 am & 9:00 am

Weekday Mass: Wednesday 8:00am

Weekday & Weekend Masses are Live  
Streamed at [www.saintjuniperoserra.org](http://www.saintjuniperoserra.org)

**FEBRUARY 6, 2022**

### ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

80 Hayes Road

South Windsor, CT 06074

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday &  
Thursday-8:00 am

Confessions: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm

Monday after 8:00am Daily Mass

Adoration & Holy Hour: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS,  
NEW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,” these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God’s Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It’s easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn’t require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God’s providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God’s presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn’t seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life



with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own “god” and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost

their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

*Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”  
When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.  
- Lk 5:10-11*

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# WELCOME TO ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

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We extend a special welcome to new parishioners. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith-life will grow. We also hope you will share your special gifts with your parish family.

Your presence, your talents and your prayers are always welcome. **Please introduce yourself to Fr. Castro**, after one of the Masses and also please formally register with the parish through our website at [www.saintjuniperoserra.org](http://www.saintjuniperoserra.org) or by contacting the office.

**The churches are open for private devotions:**

St. Francis of Assisi: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

St. Margaret Mary: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-3:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-5:30pm

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## Pastoral Staff

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Offices located at 80 Hayes Rd, Hours are Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 3 pm

Friday: 9 am to 12pm | Parish Office: 860-644-2411 Fax: 860-644-5765

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## Important Information

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**Baptisms:** Parents must attend a pre-baptismal class and sponsor certificates for the godparents must be received before a baptism can be scheduled. Please call the parish office to register.

**Prayer Line:** For prayer requests or to join the Prayer Line, please call Donna, 860-938-4864, Ida, 860-289-2826 or Mary, 860-644-0766.

**Weddings:** At least six months preparation is necessary. Please call Fr. Castro at x109

**Ministry to Those in the Hospital or Homebound:** Your parish priests, deacons and ministers are eager to help anyone who is unable to celebrate with us because of age, illness or handicap. There is no problem visiting private homes if we are notified. If you, or a relative living in the South Windsor Catholic Community would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office so that we may be of assistance.

**Winter Snow Policy:** Please check our website, channel 3 or Facebook page for possible cancellation.

**Bulletin Submissions:** The deadline for the bulletin articles is noon on Friday. Email your submissions to: [bulletin@southwindsor.cc](mailto:bulletin@southwindsor.cc)



### SATURDAY VIGIL, February 5

4:00 p.m. Aida Morales Velez by Women's Club

### SUNDAY, February 6

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Stanley & Jane Piktel  
by The Kelly Family

9:00 a.m. Andrew Fulop by Parents

11:00 a.m. Lionel Ross  
by Wife, Adelaide, Daughter, Kimberly &  
Grandson, Nicholas

### MONDAY, February 7

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Minguy  
by St. Vincent de Paul Monday Morning Volunteers

### TUESDAY, February 8

8:00 a.m. Loren J. Andreo by Ed & Kathy Sullivan

### WEDNESDAY, February 9

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
by Laura & Frank Phillippe

### THURSDAY, February 10

8:00 a.m. Nancy Peterson by Annamae Davis

### SATURDAY VIGIL, February 12

4:00 p.m. Kristina Guay by Her Mother, Irene Guay

### SUNDAY, February 13

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For the Blessings of Liesse Beloin  
by Dorothea Mikalaukas

9:00 a.m. Juliet Rodrigues by Family

11:00 a.m. Lucille Potamianos by Peg & Mark Longo

## SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for  
**LIONEL ROSS**

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn at  
St. Francis of Assisi or St. Margaret Mary Church for the  
intention of a loved one,  
please call the parish office 860-644-2411.

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are ill Thomas Russo, Giacomo Ghasa, Scott Mosher, Anne Mosher, Rosemary Saad, Lydia Mele, Barbara Mansini, Tammy Cross, Mary Caswell, Linda Pratson, Beth Jamieson, Helen Palmer, Teresa Foran, Marie Donnelly, George Rousseau, Charles Flick, Joyce Abrahams, Kay Vuono, Pat Hendrickson, Carmen Rosa Chilicki, Karen Cerrato, Bertha Brasfield, Mark Weyrauch, Robert Billig, Adam Johnson, Taina Marquez-Johnson, Luca and Nicolas Marquez-Johnson, Simone Tedford, Frances P. Medina, Paula Musgrave, Richard Mazur, John Ferrante, Michael Chappell, Rebecca-Lynn Scullion, Dylan McBreen, Susan Degennaro, Lisa Feinstein, Sylvia Gonsalves, Louise Hynes, Ginette Collin. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

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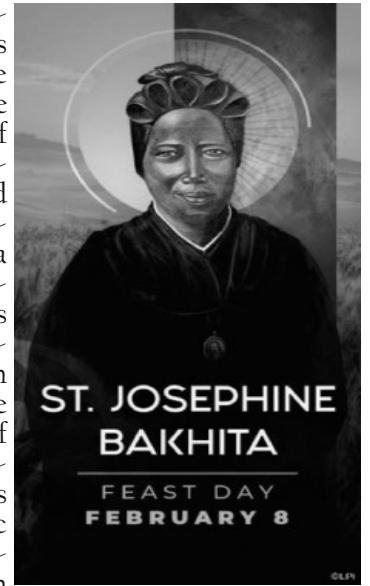
## NOVENA TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

February 8th is the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was enslaved and received her freedom with the support of the Canossian Sisters.

Invoke the intercession of St. Bakhita for all those involved in human trafficking and an end to this societal ill by participating in a novena. **Beginning Feb. 8** the link to the daily prayer will be posted on OCSJM's Facebook channel, the Archdiocesan website - <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/> and the Archdiocesan YouTube page. Please follow or subscribe to one of these outlets to pray with us.

A written copy of the novena will be available. **Contact the Office at [lynn.campbell@aohct.org](mailto:lynn.campbell@aohct.org)** to receive a copy. Perfect for praying after daily Mass.

Saint Josephine, affectionately known as Bakhita ("fortunate one"), was born in the southern Sudan region of Darfur. She was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery, eventually working in Italy as a nanny for a wealthy family. It was during this time that she was introduced to formal religion and came to know the Daughters of Charity of Canossa, or the Canossian Sisters. Bakhita was drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized in 1890 and given the name Josephine. Six years later she entered the Canossian Sisters convent in Schio, Italy.



At her canonization ceremony on October 1, 2000, Pope John Paul II said of St. Josephine: "In today's world, countless women continue to be victimized, even in developed modern societies. In St. Josephine Bakhita we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation. The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence, and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights."

Bakhita knew the reality of being a slave, an immigrant, and a spiritual seeker. Even while she was outwardly denied freedom and human dignity, her spirit was free. It was that freedom of spirit that allowed her to follow her heart and live her true vocation.

*Spend some time reflecting on areas of your life where you are not free. What is it that enslaves you? How might God be calling you to greater freedom in this area?*

**If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today... The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone... we must be compassionate!**

**St. Josephine Bakhita**



**THANK YOU**  
FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Junipero Serra for your donations to the

St. Vincent De Paul blanket and bedding drive. Your generosity enables us to provide beds and warm bedding to those in need!

The food collection for February will take place on the weekend of 2/26 and 2/27/2022. Bags will be given out at the Masses the weekend of 2/19 - 2/20/2020. This



month our donations will go to Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester, our regular clients and Sacred Heart Church in Hartford.

**Want to know more about volunteering or attending a meeting?**

Please email [president@societyhelpline.org](mailto:president@societyhelpline.org). Have kitchen items or good used furniture to share? Please post your donation at [www.societyhelpline.org](http://www.societyhelpline.org)

Need help or know someone else who needs help? Post a request for assistance on our website [www.societyhelpline.org](http://www.societyhelpline.org) or call 860 648-0216.

End of year contribution statements for parishioners who participate in our envelope system or online giving have been *automatically* sent via email or mail, if there was no email of record. If you did not receive a statement and would like to, please contact Ginger at [ginger@southwindsor.cc](mailto:ginger@southwindsor.cc) or call the office at 860-644-2411 x101.

The Knights of Columbus and St. Junipero Serra Parish are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall. Make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Any questions call Kevin Paradis @ 860-212-9661.



**KNIGHTS HELPING NEIGHBORS**, a program supported by the Knights of Columbus at St. Junipero Serra Parish, is designed to support those in our community with help that they cannot otherwise provide for themselves. Some examples might include general yard cleanup, light tree and shrub trimming, correcting safety issues in the home or points of entry, or moving furniture or help in decluttering. If you or someone you know could use help of this kind, please contact the Knights at 860-648-0216; or send us an email at [knightshelpingneighbors@yahoo.com](mailto:knightshelpingneighbors@yahoo.com).

**INCREASE YOUR FAITH**

Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. No need to study anything, just come and see what it's all about. We start off the evening with The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Spiritual Rosary and finish the night sharing our Faith and discussing The Divine Mercy message. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 8th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel.* For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

Divine Mercy Cenacle



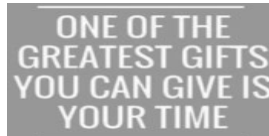
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Total Offertory including Online Giving: 1/30/2022 Weekly Collection \$5,945.00  
These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Leadership Team Needed  
ST. JUNIPERO SERRASUMMER BIBLE CAMP**



Leadership Team of 3 Individuals Needed to lead and coordinate other adult and teen volunteers for the Summer Bible Camp of 2022 .

If interested please call or email or call the Faith Formation Office [faithformation@southwindsor.cc](mailto:faithformation@southwindsor.cc) 860-644-2549 ext. 107

St. Francis Church Hall | July 11 - 15  
9:00 am - 12 noon (for Children Ages 5 - 10)

**FRIDAY KNIGHTS BINGO  
at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall  
Doors & Kitchen open at 5:00pm  
Bingo starts at 7:00pm**

Higher payouts - play for \$25 - all games. Help support local charities, have loads of fun and eat some delicious food when you come to Friday "KNIGHTS" Bingo.

**CARE AND SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS** We are supporting the Underground New England's mentorship to victims and survivors in their recovery. We have developed the *Care and Prayer Support for Mentees* program to create volunteer opportunities for members of the Archdiocese to participate in the anti-trafficking movement. Gather a small group of parishioners or members of your religious congregation and participate! You will be paired with a mentor to provide the following for the survivors: prayer, encouragement notes, holiday cards, holiday gift and food items, and unmet material needs (clothing, household items) as agreed upon. **To become a partner please contact the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry, Lynn Campbell, Director at [lynn.campbell@aohct.org](mailto:lynn.campbell@aohct.org)**



### USE IT OR LOSE IT!

There was an old Polish priest who used to start the Mass saying in a thick accent *Use it or lose it!* He would hold up the missalette and shake it like a stern Father. The sparse church showed the decline of faith in the area, and our wide-eyed acceptance of his words - awkwardly grabbed at the missals in the pew in front of us.

Though some would say his discipline was harshly said, I wondered if he had managed the Church's balance sheet those weeks and months and found that though there was great value in having the word of God to read along with the priest, it largely sat like a shiny new guitar, that a child wished for, but then abandoned after realizing how difficult it would be to learn.

**Saint Augustine says, "Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and times shall be good. We are the times: Such as we are, such are the times."**

It may be now, that there are less missals, that there are less priests, less Masses, less churches, less holy books, and more and more of that which is unholy in the world. But there are still many things that we have. We still have daily Mass. We still have our rosaries. We still have the freedom of religion. We still have the Sacraments. We still have a voice to teach our children. We still have live streamed Masses, homilies, and talks.

And so like the wise, old Polish Priest would say - USE it or LOSE it!

### II. HUMAN FREEDOM IN THE ECONOMY OF SALVATION

1739 Freedom and sin. Man's freedom is limited and fallible. In fact, man failed. He freely sinned. By refusing God's plan of love, he deceived himself and became a slave to sin. This first alienation engendered a multitude of others. From its outset, human history attests the wretchedness and oppression born of the human heart in consequence of the abuse of freedom.

1740 Threats to freedom. The exercise of freedom does not imply a right to say or do everything. It is false to maintain that man, "the subject of this freedom," is "an individual who is fully self-sufficient and whose finality is the satisfaction of his own interests in the enjoyment of earthly goods."<sup>33</sup> Moreover, the economic, social, political, and cultural conditions that are needed for a just exercise of freedom are too often disregarded or violated. Such situations of blindness and injustice injure the moral life and involve the strong as well as the weak in the temptation to sin against charity. By deviating from the moral law man violates his own freedom, becomes imprisoned within himself, disrupts neighborly fellowship, and rebels against divine truth.

1741 Liberation and salvation. By his glorious Cross Christ has won salvation for all men. He redeemed them from the sin that held them in bondage. "For freedom Christ has set us free."<sup>34</sup> In him we have communion with the "truth that makes us free."<sup>35</sup> The Holy Spirit has been given to us and, as the Apostle teaches, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."<sup>36</sup> Already we glory in the "liberty of the children of God."<sup>37</sup>

1742 Freedom and grace. The grace of Christ is not in the slightest way a rival of our freedom when this freedom accords with the sense of the true and the good that God has put in the human heart. On the contrary, as Christian experience attests especially in prayer, the more docile we are to the promptings of grace, the more we grow in inner freedom and confidence during trials, such as those we face in the pressures and constraints of the outer world. By the working of grace the Holy Spirit educates us in spiritual freedom in order to make us free collaborators in his work in the Church and in the world:

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### FOR HAITI

Did you know that you can put many of your old household items in the St. Vincent de Paul bins at SMM and they will be collected and sent to Haiti? These items do not have to be new, but they should be in good condition. For example:



- Baseball caps
- Decks of cards, match cars, jump ropes Frisbees
- Embroidery floss and small sewing kits
- Hand lotions, shampoos and hand sanitizers (trial size from hotels)
- Flannel backed tablecloths (used for birthing pads)
- Jewelry, earrings and bracelets (given as reward in classes)
- Nail clippers
- Pillowcases (used to carry foods)
- Towels (even torn ones are cut up to make wash-cloths)
- Sheets (used to make diapers and baptismal dresses)
- Tackle boxes (used by midwives to carry supplies)
- Shower caps (used to cover foods), and
- Old suitcases **NO FABRIC SUITCASES (soft)** sent to Haiti packed, and after are used by people to hold their belongings.

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To learn more or to schedule an informational tour for your family, please reach out as follows:

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<https://saintbridget-school.com>

#### Saint James School:

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### EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Our enrollment process is in full swing. Accepted students will start scheduling classes for the next school year on February 8th. New students are still inquiring and filing applications. We are planning the entrance exam for them on Saturday, February 26th. Families interested in our school always have a chance to schedule a private tour. We also will have a Parent Preview Night (mini-open house) on Tuesday, March 1st. The pre-registration for this event becomes available on our website in the near future. GoEagles#

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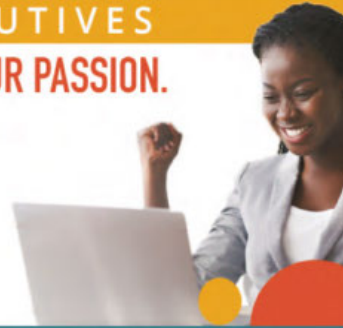
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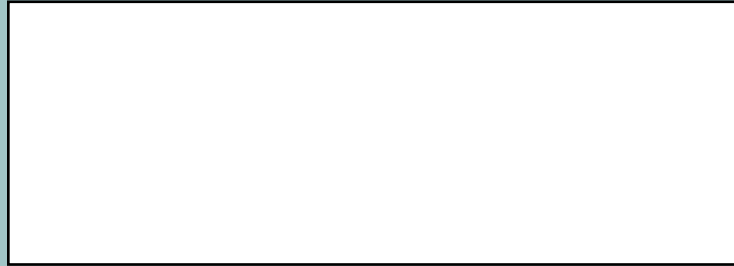
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