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January 17, 2021
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sign up for Bible Study - "Lectio: Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible"

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During this 11 week study, author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, The Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.

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You do not have to have done the previous study to do this one!

Online registration is on our parish website. In-person registration will take place January 16/17 after all Masses. There will be in-person and Zoom options available on all meeting days, Sunday 6:30pm,

Wednesday 6:15pm, and Thursday 9:00am. Because the wrap-up videos are on-line on FORMED, there is also the option of self-study. Unfortunately, we cannot offer childcare for Sunday evenings at this time. The cost of the study is \$10 for the study guide and \$4 for the optional companion book.

Meetings will begin the week of January 31st. Contact Kathy Call with any questions at (503)349-4181.

Catholic Communications Campaign Collection this weekend

This weekend we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Archdiocese of Portland to fund local communications efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.



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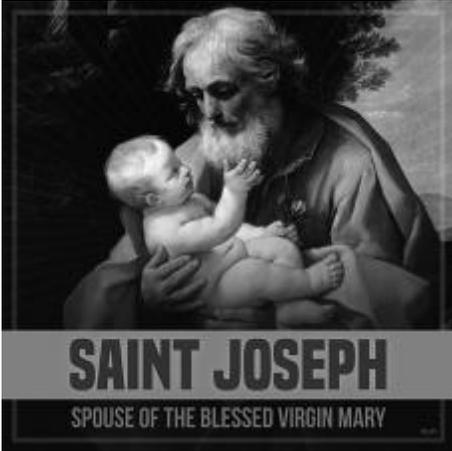
Confessions: Sat. 3:30pm | **Daily Mass Time:** T-F 8:00am

Sunday Mass Times: Sat. 5:00pm | Sun. 8:30am, 10:30am, 1:30pm (Spanish)

For Prayer Requests: email sjachurch.prayerchain@gmail.com

Pastor's Weekly Reflection – continued

1. A beloved father



Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood “by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home”.[8]

Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him worldwide, the numerous religious Institutes, Confraternities and ecclesial groups inspired by his spirituality and bearing his name, and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honor. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph.[9]

Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.[10]

Popular trust in Saint Joseph is seen in the expression “Go to Joseph”, which evokes the famine in Egypt, when the Egyptians begged Pharaoh for bread. He in turn replied: “Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do” (*Gen 41:55*). Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery because of the jealousy of his brothers

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, “at the service of the entire plan of salvation”.[7]

(cf. *Gen 37:11-28*) and who – according to the biblical account – subsequently became viceroy of Egypt (cf. *Gen 41:41-44*).

As a descendant of David (cf. *Mt 1:16-20*), from whose stock Jesus was to spring according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan (cf. *2 Sam 7*), and as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.

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SINCERE GRATITUDE TO CORINNE WELTERS: When Corinne Welters accepted the job offer as our parish office administrative assistant she was clear that she would be retiring in February of 2021 so here we are. Friends, I cannot put into words what a blessing it has been to have Corinne as our parish administrative assistant for the past two years. Her understanding heart, organizational skills, work ethics, collaborative spirit and dedication to the parish were strengths that helped us thrive in our mission and ministry. Each day of this past year was a challenge with new protocols and updates but she handled them gracefully with great poise and care. She wore many hats and was very flexible stepping up to assist with things that needed to be done. She worked more than the required work hours without accounting for them or complain, but with great excitement. Our parish was able to do so much because of Corinne and her heart to serve the people of God.

My sincere gratitude to you, Corinne, for your selfless service to the parish. It’s been a true pleasure working with you. I wish you many blessings of good health and happy retirement years with your husband, Mark.

Corinne has assured to assist us with the transition as soon as we hire the candidate. I am pleased that she will join the parish office volunteer team in the future.

The Parish Administrative Assistant job opening is posted on our website. Please pray that God will send us a right candidate who will best fit this position to serve the mission of our parish.

Many Blessings,

Rev. Maxy D’Costa
Pastor



PRAY



JANUARY 2021 - Human fraternity.

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Church Open During The Week For Prayer

The church will be open **Monday - Friday after 8:00am Mass to 4:00pm (Saturday - 8:00am - 3:00pm)** for personal prayer and reflection. Bring your family and come spend some time with Jesus. Please enter through the side door of the church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday:

All are invited to Adoration every Friday from after 8:00am Mass (about 8:45am) to 4:00pm. Please come spend some time in prayer and reflection with your family before the Blessed Sacrament.



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.

Attend Weekend Mass without Signing Up:

St. John the Apostle Parish will not require weekend Sign-ups. Just show up by the side entrance we have been using at least ten minutes before mass begins and our Hospitality Ministers will lead you to your seat.

The following requirements are still in place:

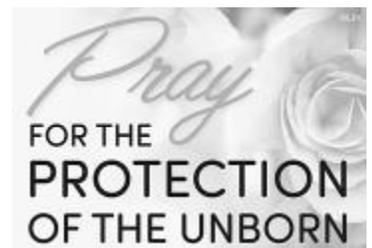
- Face masks to be worn over nose and mouth while in the church
- Physical distancing must be maintained
- No hand shakes, hugs etc except within your own household
- Sanitizing after Masses

And the dispensation from attending weekend Mass is also still in place.

9 Days for Life novena is for the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22.

The multi-faceted centerpiece novena for the respect of human life will occur Thursday, January 21 - Friday, January 29, 2021. Each day, a different intention will be highlighted, along with a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information.

Get more information and prayers at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-2021-novena-english>



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Mass Intentions

<i>Sat</i>	<i>Jan 16</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Jeff Paulson †</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Jan 17</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>All Parishioners</i>
		<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Tony Mascarenhas †</i>
		<i>1:30pm</i>	
<i>Mon</i>	<i>Jan 18</i>		<i>Simmon Mariani INT</i>
<i>Tues</i>	<i>Jan 19</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>Joy Reeves †</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>Jan 20</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>Shirley Endres INT</i>
<i>Thur</i>	<i>Jan 21</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>Sue Ann Jones †</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>Jan 22</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>Carol Dickey INT</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>Jan 23</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Matt McNiece †</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Jan 24</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>All Parishioners</i>
		<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Brendan Adams †</i>
		<i>1:30pm</i>	

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

In December, we served 129 families, 425 people. This week's need is soup.

Welcome Cafe

Welcome Cafe continues to distribute sack lunches on the 3rd and 4th Sundays.



Sacraments and Services

About Baptism Formation: To begin the process, contact Ryan Mainard, Pastoral Associate: Phone 503-742-8228
Email: r.mainard@sja-catholicchurch.com.

Marriage: Couples that plan to get married, please contact our Parish Priest for Marriage Formation Classes 9 months prior to the desired wedding date. (pastor@sja-catholicchurch.com)

Funeral Mass / Service: Please first contact Rev. Maxy D'Costa at 503-742-8200 to plan a funeral service at St. John the Apostle for your loved one at your earliest convenience. If you would like your loved one buried in the St. John the Apostle cemetery, please contact Gary Avery at 503-655-7148 to make those arrangements

Family Member that has moved to assisted living/care facility/hospice: If you have a family member that has moved to a care facility, please inform the parish office so we can arrange for pastoral care and we will note the address in our records.

Assisted Hearing System: We have an assisted listening system to help facilitate better hearing for all of our members. Contact the office.

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Online Faith Formation Content.
Visit sja-catholicchurch.formed.org to register.

Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin Announcements due on the Friday, nine days before the Bulletin publication date. bulletin@sja-catholicchurch.com

Food Bank volunteers needed

The Food Bank is in need of additional volunteers. If you may be available, contact Dave at 503-732-7326 or Joane at 503-680-5028.

Weekly Offertory

Week of December 20	\$ 15,522.36
Week of December 27	\$ 18,492.99
Week of January 3	\$ 10,039.83
Week of January 10	\$ 11,827.33
YTD Budgeted	\$ 363,295.40
YTD Received	\$ 343,564.22
Difference	\$ (19,731.18)

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Pastor's Weekly Reflection

WITH A FATHER'S HEART

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

WITH A FATHER'S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus and that is how God our heavenly Father loves each one of us.

In this Sunday's Gospel we reflect that our encounter with Jesus Christ brings out in us a longing for relationship with him. "Where do you live, Rabbi?" the disciples ask. "Come, and you will see," the Lord responds. In essence, today's texts address the theme of "vocation." God calls us in Jesus to a specific vocation in life and we must discern what that vocation is by the light of faith and by our relationship with Jesus Christ. That's what Samuel did, and the apostles, and many other men and women of faith. May our parish respond to God's call guided by the Holy Spirit.

WITH A FATHER'S HEART – PATRIS CORDE: *(Continued from last week)* Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as *Patron of the Catholic Church* by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (*Mt 12:34*). My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we

experienced, amid the crisis, how "our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all".^[6] Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

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