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October 10, 2021 - 28th Week in Ordinary Time



## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Mass ..... 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass ..... 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays ..... 9:00 a.m.

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## Exhibit on the Eucharistic Miracles Through the Centuries – The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist



at The Grotto Conference Center  
October 1 through 17<sup>th</sup>  
Monday to Friday – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
with an hour break at 12-1 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
with an hour break at 12-1 p.m.

## Exhibit on Eucharist Miracles The Grotto Conference Center October 1 to 17, 2021



## Fall Holiday Bazaar Call For Vendors!

Calling all Vendors!!! St. Joseph the Worker is having a Fall Holiday Bazaar on November 6/7. We would love to have you join us. The table cost is \$30. No commercial items. Please contact Susan Johnson @ [randsjohnson76@aol.com](mailto:randsjohnson76@aol.com), or call me at 503-706-4762. Thank you!



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I don't know what to say when someone asks me what is the difference between being Catholic and being a Christian.

I don't know what "transubstantiation" mean.  
I really need help understanding what "real presence" mean.

I don't see any difference in what happens in a Christian service and what happens in a Catholic Mass.  
I won't be able to explain when someone asks me what "sacrament" means.

I am bored or distracted when I go to Mass - to me we just repeat the same thing every week.

I am embarrassed to admit that I am Catholic because people think I am being superstitious or that I belong to a cult.

If all we need is to have a personal relationship with Jesus why do we need to go to Mass?

I think our Catholic ways are outdated and old - we need to adapt to modern times.

Catholics are becoming lukewarm and going to other churches because our Mass is not lively and entertaining enough.

I wish I could better explain why I am Catholic.

I wish I could better explain how I love being Catholic to those who would like to know more about my faith.

If you answered "yes" to most of the questions please do consider attending a come-and-see. Please call 503-256-5850 or email at [stella@sttheresor.org](mailto:stella@sttheresor.org). It is a journeying with one step at a time, one meeting at a time - and we are blessed because everyone who went to come-and-see last week is coming back. Please join - there is always room in the Lord's call for us to know him!



**Thank you, Ministers!**

Some Mass Ministers and parishioners stayed after our Patron Saint Feast Day Celebration for a simple dinner at the PSC. Fr. Jon Buffington with Bree visited with Fr. Steve on September 16th to entrust to the Parish precious relics of saints, most especially those of our Patron Saint, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. Since relics are forbidden to be sold and are often in the care of faith communities, our Patron Saint Therese truly interceded so that through Fr. Jon, she may come and find a home in her own parish. Because of this precious gift we were able to honor our Patron Saint on her Feast Day with a two-and-a-half hour Memorial with veneration, prayers, litany and Holy Mass. Special thanks to Joan, Sue and William (prayer leaders), Barb (sacristan), Titay and Hazel (Bread Ministers).

## Archdiocesan Council of CATHOLIC WOMEN

The annual Day of Recollection sponsored by ACCW will take place this year, on Wed. Oct. 13th, at St. Joseph The Worker Parish Center.

2310 SE 148th Ave. Portland, OR 97233. Fr. Tim Furlow, pastor at St. Patrick's in Portland, will lead it and his theme will be "The Healing Fatherhood of St. Joseph." The day will include the celebration of Mass and Conferences. The hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with lunch following Mass. This is a "Bring your own lunch event" (with coffee, etc. provided) The fee is \$20. All are welcome, so please do bring interested friends. To register, call Sue Anker, 503-252-2574.

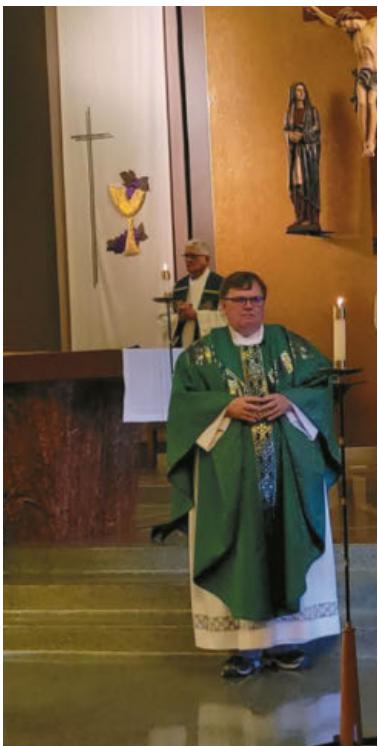
### Remembrance Scroll Submissions Deadline: October 20, 2021



Every November of each year we honor and remember our loved ones who have passed away by inscribing their names in our Remembrance Scroll. If you have loved ones who have passed away within the last year (between November 2, 2020 to current) and would like them to be included in the Remembrance Scroll, please call the office 503-256-5850, email [info@stthereseor.org](mailto:info@stthereseor.org) or drop by the office during office hours. They did not have to be Catholics, nor had their funeral Mass at Saint Therese.

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– Saint Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*



## Fr. Steve's Homily

### The Indissolubility of God's Love; October 3, 2021

Marriage, like all other human institutions, has been deeply corrupted by the Fall. As Genesis makes clear and as our Lord emphasizes in today's Gospel lesson, from the beginning man and woman were created to join together in body and spirit, that they may become one flesh. As one body, the couple, in conjugal union, is rendered open to God's gift of life, becoming pro-creators with Him. Simultaneously, united in spirit, the couple at a deeper level is also opened to God's gift of divinization, with and through each other and the grace of the sacrament.

This potential was all but destroyed at the ancient Rebellion and although marriage survived, it became something decidedly different in operation; contractual rather than covenantal. For sure, men and women still come together for the good of forming a family and out of a stated love for each other, but frequently, vows notwithstanding, the result is often polluted by any number of post-lapsarian ills: overweening self-interest, domination, violence, infidelity, divorce, etc. By Jesus' time, Mosaic law had been deeply compromised, resulting in a deteriorating divorce regime trivialized and skewed to the benefit of those enjoying positions of power and prestige within the community.

Since the death and resurrection of Christ ushered in a new creation, it is correct to assert that Jesus redeemed marriage itself, making of the moribund institution of his day a sacrament of God's love for his people. For all Christian married couples, this is a very high calling, for under this new dispensation, divorce ceases to be something available, becoming rather impossible on its face. A sacramental marriage cannot be dissolved by operation of civil law since the love of God for his people can never be undone. It is for this reason that Jesus says the startling words we just heard: *"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."*

These words seem harsh to the modern mind both ignorant of sacramental reality and all too accustomed to seeing divorce as a solution to human failings. In truth though, divorce is not the cardinal issue here – remarriage is. It is the common belief that, following a divorce, one is free to marry again. This is simply not so and such a societal and cultural attitude is both profoundly misleading and morally dangerous. Sacraments bind, and the sacrament of marriage binds for life. There might indeed be prudential reasons for a couple to separate, but the existence of these nonetheless does not free one to remarry. Though human relationships might degenerate to the point of a practical dissolution, man simply cannot alter sacramental realities.

There are no exceptions to the indissolubility of sacramental union since God's love itself, to which the sacrament is conformed, is eternal. No sacramental marriage can ever be dissolved, but some might be annulled. An annulment is the recognition that, from the beginning of the union, the consent of the spouses was deficient or the marriage itself was otherwise illicit. As a consequence of such a canonical finding and pursuant to a decree of nullity, it is as if the union never existed. Hence, in the rare case that a marriage should be so annulled, the parties thereto might be free to enter into marriage with another. In general though, marriage is indeed, as all the romantic stories put it "until death do us part."

*"The earth is filled with harmony and trust when the alliance between man and woman is lived properly. And if man and woman seek it together, between themselves, and with God, without a doubt they will find it." - Pope Francis*



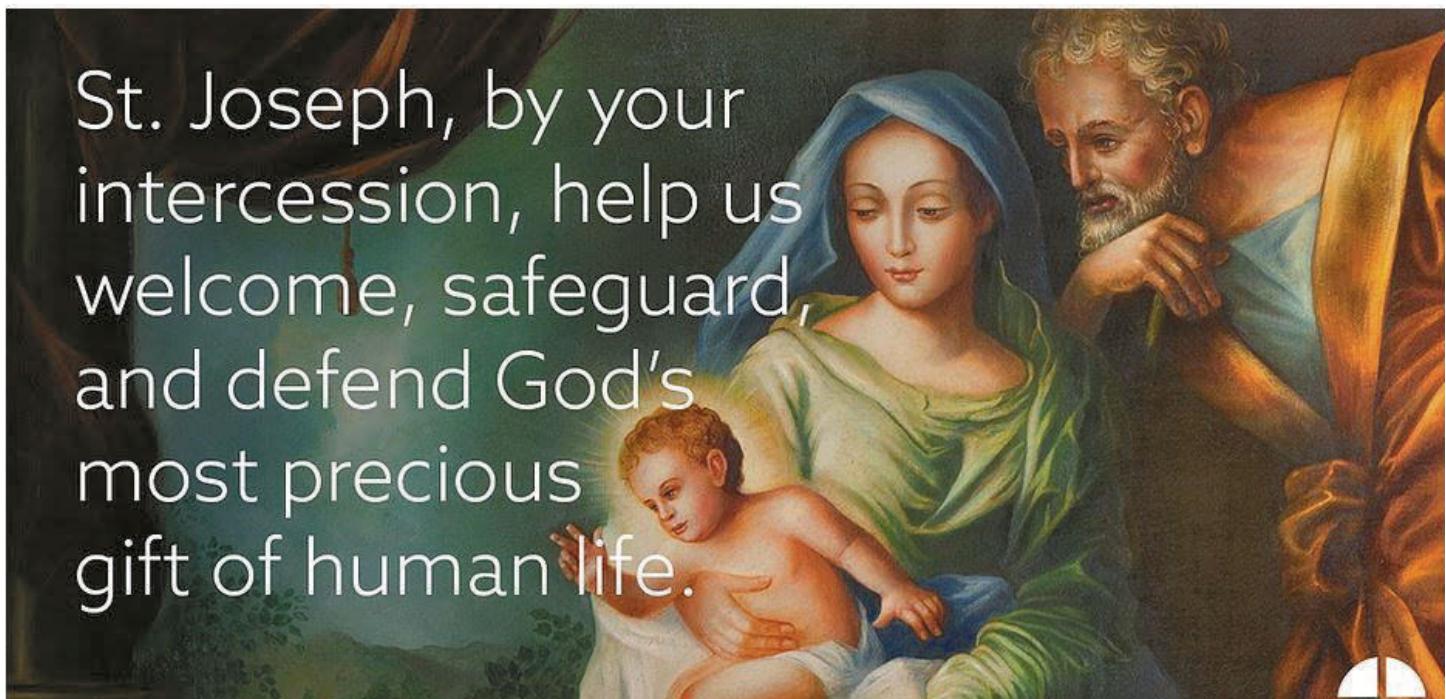
## RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

October 2021



Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman,  
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities

The month of October brings with it our annual observance of Respect Life Month. As part of the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, this year's celebration highlights the example of that great saint. As the faithful protector of both Jesus and Mary, we find in St. Joseph a profound reminder of our own call to welcome, safeguard, and defend God's precious gift of human life. Despite the mysterious circumstances surrounding Mary's pregnancy, St. Joseph took her into his home at the word of the angel. He guided their journey to Bethlehem, found shelter, and welcomed the infant Jesus as his son. When Herod threatened the life of the Christ Child, St. Joseph left his homeland behind and fled with Jesus and Mary to Egypt. Like St. Joseph, we are also called to care for those God has entrusted to us—especially vulnerable mothers and children. We can follow in the footsteps of St. Joseph as protector by advocating against taxpayer-funded abortion, which targets the lives of millions of poor children and their mothers here in the United States. We can imitate his care and provision by helping to start Walking with Moms in Need at our parishes, "walking in the shoes" of mothers experiencing a difficult pregnancy, especially low-income mothers in our communities. At times, we may feel uncertain of our ability to answer the Lord's call. But He invites us to faithfully respond, despite our own fears or weaknesses: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9). May we imitate St. Joseph's faithful trust and courage as we work to uphold the dignity of every human life. St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us! To learn more about preventing taxpayer-funded abortion, visit [www.notaxpayerabortion.com](http://www.notaxpayerabortion.com). To walk with moms in need through your local parish, go to [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com). To join in prayer for the intercession of St. Joseph, defender of life, visit [www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)



**PRAY:** "Saint Joseph, Defender of Life: [A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life | Respect Life](#)

**ACT:** Join Catholics across the country in observing [Respect Life Month | Respect Life](#) Email [prolife@usccb.org](mailto:prolife@usccb.org) or call 202-541-3070. **JOIN** your local Oregon Right to Life by calling (503) 463-8563 or go to their website at [Oregon Right to Life: Because Everyone Deserves an Advocate \(ortl.org\)](#). **VOLUNTEER** at Gresham Pregnancy Resource Center [\(503\) 666-6527](tel:(503)666-6527)

**READ:** On the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the patron of the universal Church, Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter entitled [Patris corde \(With a Father's Heart\)](#). In this letter the Holy Father offers his personal reflections on this great saint: [Apostolic Letter Patris Corde of the Holy Father Francis on the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church \(8 December 2020\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)



The item of the month is **canned vegetables**. The food barrel can now be found in the handicapped entrance. All donations of non-perishable food are welcome.  
Thank you!



To Volunteer: Call Shasta Hatter 503-253-7566 or email  
[shastahatter@gmail.com](mailto:shastahatter@gmail.com)

## Help Wanted by St Vincent de Paul - Looking For Volunteers!



We need people to help count the collection. This is done once a week, usually on Monday; the volunteer counts the money with our Treasurer.

We need reliable volunteers to read the faxed food requests, call families, and confirm each family's needs. This is currently done on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the afternoon.

Packers are needed to fill the boxes. This is currently done on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the afternoon.

Shifts are usually  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour to 1 hour. This is currently done on a rotating basis with most volunteers coming in once every three weeks.

Delivery drivers are needed. This is currently done on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The driver is also responsible for packing the refrigerated and frozen items in the box before taking the order to the family. We need more drivers to have this done on a rotational basis; currently only Saturday deliveries are done on a rotating basis.

We need Saturday morning dispatchers. This volunteer gives the Saturday morning drivers their orders. Currently this is being done on a rotational basis. This is a great job to do with your spouse or teenage child.

Someone has to get the boxes. This job involves going to stores we have a relationship with, mostly liquor stores, and picking up empty boxes.

We need more volunteers to pick up our food bank order. Currently we have enough volunteers so that each volunteer is going to the drop site every other week. We would like to add more volunteers, and need substitutes for times when our regular food bank volunteers are on vacation. Volunteers need a pick-up truck or van.

We need volunteers to unload the truck when it returns from the food bank. This job is done on Wednesday mornings at around 7:30ish. Please consider volunteering!

Please Mark Your Calendar!

**ROSARY COAST TO COAST** will take place this year on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Catholics across the United States will simultaneously pray the Rosary as an Act of Reparation. We will call upon God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady, Queen of the Rosary, to heal our country and assist it in this time of great difficulties. Please join the St Henry and St. Joseph the Worker Fatima prayer cells in praying the Rosary and a Litany to the Blessed Mother. We will meet at **St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, 2310 SE 148<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland**, in the parking lot near the statue of St. Joseph at 12:15 pm. We will process with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima from St. Joseph to the **Planned Parenthood facility at 14601 SE Division St.** (about 2 blocks from St. Joseph the Worker Church). The Rosary will be recited at 1:00 pm on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood facility. (Please do not post to Facebook.) Questions: Jerry McAfee @ 503-260-8995 or Mary Nordlund @ 503-914-8411.



Until October 15, **REGISTRATION** for First Communion and Confirmation classes

**October 12, First Communion and Confirmation**

Classes. 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Every Tuesday

**October 13, Wednesday, Mass with school at 9:00 a.m.**

**October 13, Wednesday, ACCW Annual Day of Recollection.**

**October 15 at 10:00 a.m. LECTIO DIVINA** at the PSC.

Every Friday

**October 15, and every Friday at the PSC, RCIA**

Inquirers' Session. Please call Office 503-256-5850  
or email [stthereseor.org](mailto:stthereseor.org)

**October 1 to 17. Exhibit on Eucharistic Miracles, at The Grotto Conference Center**

**October 14, Thursday, East Portland Vicariate Meeting at St. Peter Church.**

**Ongoing until October 20, submit names of loved ones who have passed away to be included in Remembrance Scroll.**



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