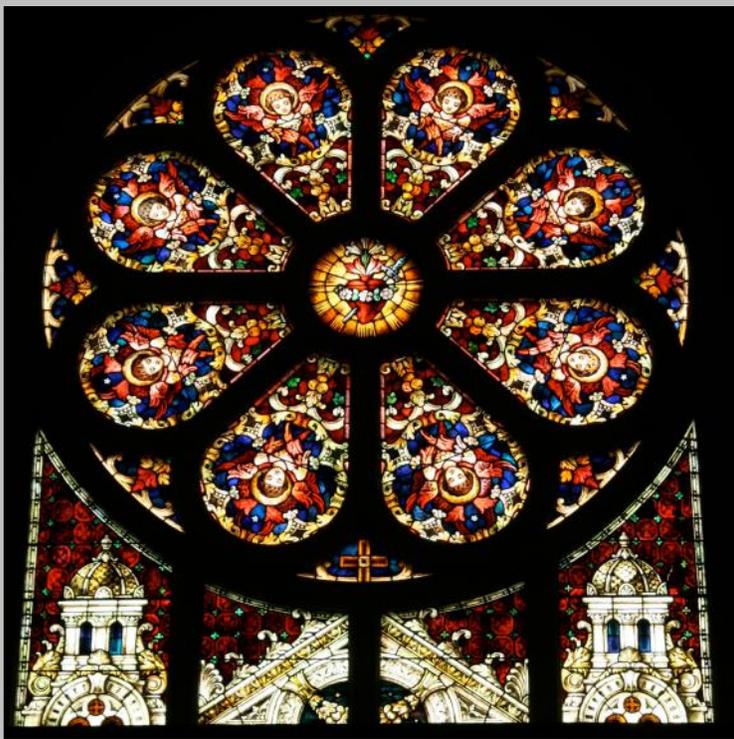




St. Joseph the Worker

Beautiful Liturgy - Reconciliation – Healing

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - OCTOBER 21 2018



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm
(Closed 12 Noon—1:00 pm for lunch)

MONDAY-SATURDAY

Mass: 9:00 am

SUNDAY

Mass: 8:00 am

Confessions: 9:45 am

Mass: 10:00 am

Mass: (Spanish) 11:30 am

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Confessions: 6:00 pm—6:45 pm

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

IMPORTANT WEEKDAY MASS NOTICE

The Diocese of Oakland Priests will be attending a priest convocation with Bishop Barber starting on the evening of Monday, October 22nd thru Wednesday, the 24th. Due to lack of priest availability, **a morning Mass will not be offered at St. Joseph on Tuesday October 23rd and Wednesday October 24th.**

NOTICE—OFFICE CLOSED

Please note, the Parish office will also be closed on Tuesday, October 23, 2018.

On Wednesday Evenings

Holy Hour, Confessions and Rosary Prayer Group

Every Wednesday evening we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from **6:00 – 7:00 pm** with Confessions available from **6:00 – 6:45 pm.**

The Rosary & Devotion Prayer Group meets at **7:00 pm**, following the Holy Hour.

All are welcome.

Sant' Egidio Community

The Community of Sant' Egidio meets **every Thursday** at 7:00pm for prayer in our church chapel. All are invited to join for prayer and for some Christian fellowship.

Feeling Spiritually Harassed or Oppressed?

Join Us

Saturday, October 27, 2018 - 5:00pm



Fr. Kenneth Nobrega will be offering this special Sunday Vigil Mass for all present who may be suffering Spiritual Oppression

Prayer over individuals will be offered by Fr. Nobrega following the conclusion of Mass.

SUNDAY MASSES - October 21, 2018

8:00 am – Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi
10:00 am – Fr. John Gribowich
11:30 am (Spanish) – Fr. Pham Hung

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	October 21st
8:00 am	Tony Carvalho +
10:00 am	Jim + and Jean +
11:30 am	Bertila Diaz +
Monday	October 22nd
9:00 am	Rachel's Vineyard Retreat
Thursday	October 25th
9:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	October 26th
9:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	October 27th
9:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory

Would you like to have a Mass offered in honor or memory of someone?



It is easy, stop by our parish office or email Gloria Maldonado, our parish secretary at: gloria@stjosephtheworkerchurch.org

If you have a particular date in mind, let us know and we will try and accommodate you. The suggested donation is \$10.00.

Dear Visitors and Guests:

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SJW If you have been blessed by your visit to St. Joseph, please consider blessing our parish with a gift.
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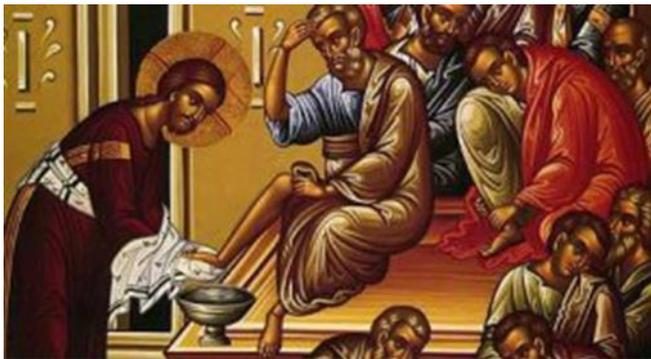
Through generous donations by faithful people like yourself, we intend on restoring this historic church back to its former glory, little by little.

You can make a safe, fast and easy one (1) time donation or a recurring donation with the ease of your smart phone through PUSHPAY. Follow these steps below:

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“Imitate Him”

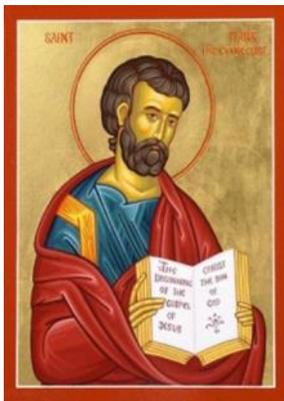


Our readings today are wonderfully consoling and wildly challenging. If we take them to heart, they just might change our lives. For they should call us to profound gratitude for all that God has done for us and inspire us to live lives of thanksgiving and obedience to Him in response to His overwhelming love and mercy.

In the Gospel Reading, from Mark, Jesus tells us in His own words how we can thank Him and how our lives can reflect greatness in His eyes — we can imitate Him. He tells us, “Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Our God has ransomed our lives. In truth, this “ransom” means our lives are not our own but belong to God. We must do what He asks us to do with them. And He has told us clearly what to do — serve others in love as we have been served in love by Him.

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Over the course of the next week, take these readings to heart. Reflect on the remarkable love God has shown for you. Then look carefully at your daily life. Is it an imitation of the servant-love of your Brother and Savior? What changes do you need to make, perhaps just in attitude, or perhaps to the trajectory of your life as a whole, to live in grateful service to the One who loves you so?

Novena of Masses for Holy Souls in Purgatory



is being offered by
Fr. Nobrega
Beginning Thursday,
October 25th and
culminating with the
Friday, November 2nd
7:00pm
All Souls Requiem Mass.

All Souls Offering Envelopes with names of deceased loved ones will be placed on the Altar throughout the Novena Masses

All Donations will go to support St Joseph the Worker.

All Souls Candlelight Requiem Mass Friday, November 2nd at 7:00pm

Join Father Nobrega for a beautiful and solemn Candlelight Requiem Mass. Invite your family and friends for this very special evening of prayer for our deceased loved ones.

Memorial Table



Throughout the Month of November, we will be honoring, remembering, and praying for our beloved dead.

You are invited to bring framed photographs of your deceased loved ones and place them on our memorial table in the church.

FOR YOUR NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Thursday, November 1, 2018 - All Saints Day

Mass Times:

9:00am 7:00pm

(Holy Day of Obligation)



Friday, November 2, 2018

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Mass Times: 7:00pm Solemn Candlelight Requiem Mass
(There will not be a 9:00am on this day.)

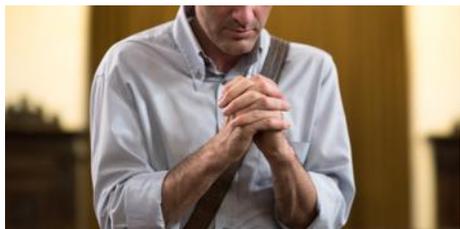
Thursday, November 22, 2018

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass Time: 10:00am

(There will not be a 9:00am Mass on Thanksgiving Day)

A Prayer Before Mass



Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness.

May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation.

May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, and its reality and power.

Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so be received into His mystical body and numbered among His members.

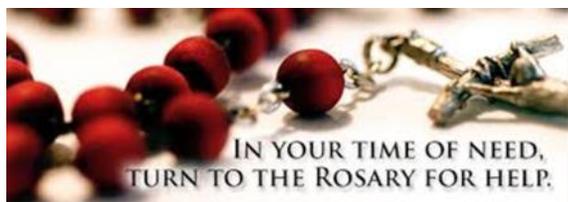
Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You for ever. Amen.

- Saint Thomas Aquinas

Glorious, St. Joseph



Pray for us.



IN YOUR TIME OF NEED,
TURN TO THE ROSARY FOR HELP.

October is Rosary Month-Pray yours today.

How Much Should I give?

Many people **recommend** that Catholics consider working toward biblical tithing: 10% of your gross income. Fr. Kenneth Nobrega supports and recommends the venerable practice of tithing 5% to the parish church and 5% to worthy charities.

Household Income	3%			5%			10%		
	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
\$20,000	600	50	12	1,000	83	19	2,000	167	38
\$30,000	900	75	17	1,500	125	29	3,000	250	58
\$40,000	1,200	100	23	2,000	167	38	4,000	333	77
\$50,000	1,500	125	29	2,500	208	48	5,000	417	96
\$60,000	1,800	150	35	3,000	250	58	6,000	500	115
\$70,000	2,100	175	40	3,500	292	67	7,000	583	135
\$80,000	2,400	200	46	4,000	333	77	8,000	667	154
\$90,000	2,700	225	52	4,500	375	87	9,000	750	173
\$100,000	3,000	250	58	5,000	417	96	10,000	833	192
\$120,000	3,600	300	69	6,000	500	115	12,000	1,000	231
\$150,000	4,500	375	87	7,500	625	144	15,000	1,250	288
\$200,000	6,000	500	115	10,000	833	192	20,000	1,667	385

Please Contribute as much as possible to the material needs of St. Joseph the Worker so that we can continue to keep our doors open and be a refuge for those seeking spiritual help and healing. Your help is needed and important - Together we can restore our beautiful church to its original glory.



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Parish Office Hours

Gloria Maldonado, our office secretary is ready to welcome and assist our parishioners and visitors. St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office Hours are from **Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm** (closed noon to 1:00 pm for lunch).

The Power of Confession



“A thorough Sacramental Confession, God’s gift of mercy is more powerful than an exorcism;

it’s the primary means for restoring Sanctifying Grace to the soul, maintaining a friendship with God, and is crucial for spiritual healing and the breaking of demonic strongholds.

- Fr. Kenneth Nobrega

Illuminate our church with devotion and prayers.



Your votive candle is a silent but visible sign of prayer and devotion.

Need A New Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or Marriage Certificate?

Sacramental certificates from St. Joseph the Worker can be obtained from our parish office usually within one or two business days. We kindly ask for a \$25 donation for each requested certificate which will go towards the support of St. Joseph the Worker Church.

Please contact Gloria Maldonado our parish secretary at (510) 843-2244 or email gloria@stjosephtheworkerchurch.org

Prayer to St. Joseph after the Rosary during the Month of October



To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness;

and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect Gods Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;

shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die holily, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



This prayer to Saint Joseph—spouse of the Virgin Mary, foster father of Jesus, and patron saint of the universal Church—was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, Quamquam Pluries. He asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary, especially during the month of October, which is dedicated to the Rosary.

The prayer is enriched with a partial indulgence (Handbook of Indulgences, conc. 19), and may be said after the customary Salve Regina and concluding prayer. It may also be used to conclude other Marian devotions.

What the sacrifices of moms at Mass can teach the rest of us

- Michael Pakaluk



Like other professional men, if I want to attend weekday Mass, I have a choice between an early Mass in my parish and a mid-day Mass near my work. I love seeing colleagues at the later Mass, and the thrill of the sacrifice, which comes specifically from putting work aside for the moment and giving that time directly to God. But at the morning Mass I have the great blessing of being instructed in Christian wisdom by the moms there with little children.

My parish is St. Jerome's in Hyattsville, celebrated as a strong community in a "Benedict option" sort of way. Many families live within walking distance of the church. On any weekday, there can be ten or fifteen moms at Mass. Most have one child with them, but some bring two or three – perhaps one in a sling, another in a stroller, and a third getting around on his own steam. If the family is homeschooling sometimes older children, too, get up early and lend a hand.

At most parishes there will be a couple of moms like this, not always the same ones at every Mass. In a city, where there are many parishes, and people improvise to catch the most convenient Mass, these moms with children will come to know one another, forming a kind of secret conspiracy of real Catholic devotion.

I mentioned being schooled in Christian wisdom, first of all – paradoxically – by the example of the husband and father, who is not there. These moms are mainly homemakers, although some, of course, will have jobs on the side. The point is that the husband has not insisted that they go out into the workforce full time, as many do. He is willing to accept the cares and occasionally large sacrifices that go along with raising a family on a single income. That is, he is a highly noble figure in our day. The mom and the father together testify to the priority of their children over wealth and security.

Secondly, I am instructed by the heroism of the mom. It's important to emphasize that it is heroism, "above and beyond the call of duty" (more shortly on "duty"). How heroic? Morning Mass is a deeply ordered act, which the mom manages to set up at the start of the day, at a time of life that inherently resists order. Her presence at that service has all of the character of a beachhead on Iwo Jima; the consecration and her Communion, a raising of the flag.

To get there at all, she's wrestled a child to change a diaper, and wrestled with a couple others too, or pleaded and cajoled, to get them dressed. In winter, there are layers of clothing, potentially depressing to put on, knowing that they have to come off and be put away in an hour. Always there is the principle of household entropy at work, the tendency to disorder.

Her path goes all uphill. The church will be cold in the winter and hot in the summer. Most likely the homily will be uninspiring: she's grateful if it doesn't knock her back ("women don't have to breed like rabbits") or promote a heresy, like the one she was arguing against with a Protestant friend at a book club last week. Don't discount the small mortification of often appearing in public not "put together." (In that sense she did give up the heels and lipstick, as in the abortion ad.)



But above all there is the repeated mortification involving the "main show," the reason she is there at all, to pray and worship. Her children are fussy or asking her for things. They can't sit still and run all over. She has to take them to the back, yet again. She sits on a chair in the vestibule, plays give-and-take with her toddler, and can barely hear anything in the sanctuary.

It's far from the romantic ideal of peaceful communion with God. What is the point of this? It's not even clear she's improving in anything, she thinks.

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In simply getting to "the place of grace" in the morning, she is standing beside the Cross with Mary and becomes, like her, a "spiritual vessel, vessel of honor." She cannot "feel" the grace that she gains at the Mass, and that flows out from her to her family, relatives, friends, and prayer intentions, but as an exercise of faith she trusts that it is so.

We live in a society where people are afraid to praise anyone (but in personal life only) for fear of seeming to criticize everyone else. I know that. Let's be plain then: there are many moms who want to get to weekday Mass but can't manage it, or who started and couldn't continue. Likewise, there are couples where the mom would love to stay at home and can't, or in conscience before God believes she can and should work full time. I am not criticizing these brethren in the slightest, not by a long shot.

I say, instead, for Christians the strange "logic" of a parable seems at play. Remember the workers who were hired at the last moment but got the same payment as

those who bore the brunt of the day's work? Yes, there are degrees of glory, but that parable would seem to hold for more than differences in time. Who knows how the Lord will repay in his generosity?



But that moms at Mass are heroes of the faith, among others not at Mass, that is a sure thing.

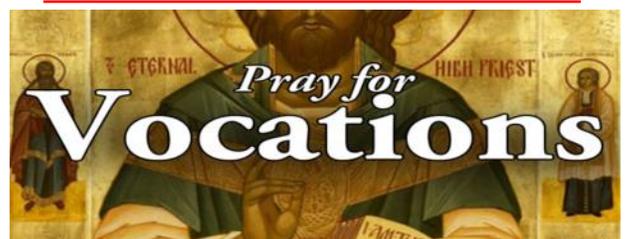
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Unlike a regular purchase, a votive candle donation is an "offering" made to God through the intercession of the Saints which also helps support our St. Joseph the Worker Church's mission of beautiful liturgies, reconciliation and healing.

Your prayerful votive offerings are "lighting up" our church with beauty and prayer. Thank you, and may God bless you.



Tarot cards: The dark truth behind the popular trend.

- Philip Kosloski



Sales are up and the highest they have been in 50 years.

The past few years have seen a dramatic increase in tarot card sales, with searches for tarot cards trending on Etsy and general sales of decks at the highest they have been in 50 years.

According to a tarot card reader interviewed in the New York Times, “There used to be this idea of tarot being connected to that chick in a shop behind a neon sign who’s going to take you for a ride and tell your future ... That’s different now. Witchcraft and feminist spirituality, especially in our political climate, are having a moment. Tarot is part of that.”

Tarot cards are being used in a number of new ways and more people are quitting their jobs to become readers. While generally believed to have originated from playing cards in ancient Egypt, most tarot cards today trace their origin to the 18th century and were used for occult purposes. (As a note, there do exist tarot playing card games that are not occult in origin, but use similar images and are closely related.)

Tarot card readers typically use these cards to reveal something about a person’s future, which is also called “divination.” The Catholic Church teaches strongly against such practices in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to “unveil” the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone. (CCC 2116)

Using tarot cards for the purpose of gaining “hidden knowledge” is never a good idea and opens up a person to the demonic. It represents a desire for power and a rejection of God’s providential care over creation.

Jesus instructed his disciples to not worry about the future and to trust in God, “Do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ... Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day’s own trouble be sufficient for the day” (Matthew 6:25-26, 34).

Using tarot cards can also attract the attention of various demons and evil spirits. An ex-tarot card reader admitted after she broke away from the practice, “It was after getting rid of them that there were several strange happenings, I began to feel the presence of a spirit, which kept visiting me between May and August. I realized the cards had actually connected me with ‘something,’ as I started to feel a presence which kept coming to me, very often, almost weekly. It came at any time ... because I had finally broken the connection, and it was trying to keep it.” Ultimately the devil is behind anything that tries to drive us away from God and distrust his loving care of us. This was what happened in the Garden of Eden, when Satan tried to give Adam and Eve “hidden knowledge,” saying that God was keeping something from them.

Let us trust God and keep the words of the prophet Jeremiah close to our heart, “For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11).