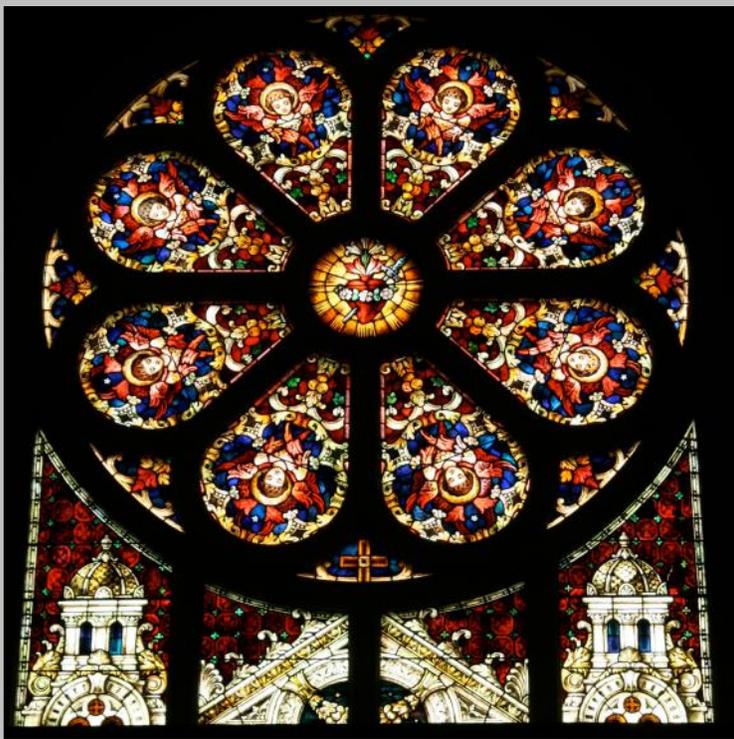




St. Joseph the Worker

Beautiful Liturgy - Reconciliation – Healing

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - NOVEMBER 18, 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

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no gathering for the Holy Hour, Confessions and no Rosary Group Meeting on this coming Wednesday evening, November 21st.

*We will resume on the following
Wednesday, November 28th.*

The Parish Office **will be closed** on Thanksgiving Day,
Thursday, November 22nd.

10:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass



Thursday, November 22, 2018

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



A prayer to our Lady for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Holy Mary, Mother of Mercy, I offer you, most Holy Mother, the souls suffering in purgatory, in particular I pray for: name(s) and for those poor souls for whom no one particularly prays for. I beg you to be so kind as to look upon them with your merciful eyes and ask for their release from their torments. Through your hands, O Holy Virgin, I offer to the Lord this act of love, asking His mercy for the souls that are being purged. Amen.

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

SUNDAY MASSES - November 18, 2018

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	November 18th
8:00 am	Isidro + and Ana Teope +
10:00 am	Rachel's Vineyard Ministries
11:30 am	Bertila Diaz +
Monday	November 19th
9:00 am	Jennifer Wong +
Tuesday	November 20th
9:00 am	Mary Ellen Quinn
Wednesday	November 21st
9:00 am	Nicole Shigara
Thursday	November 22nd
10:00 am	SJW Parishioners & Thanksgiving Day Guests
Friday	November 23rd
9:00 am	Diana Reggie
Saturday	November 24th
9:00 am	Legion of Mary Deceased Members +

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:

If you have been blessed by your visit to St. Joseph, please consider blessing our parish with a gift.

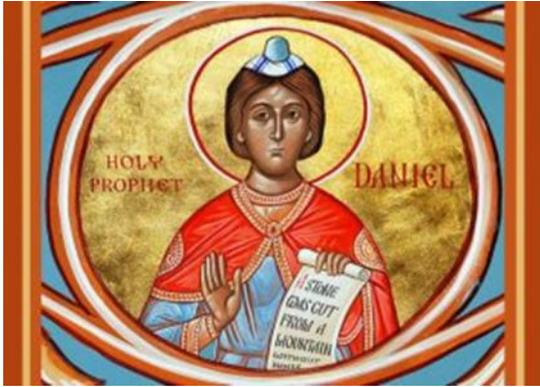
Through generous donations by faithful people like yourself, we intend on restoring this historic church back to its former glory, little by little.

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:

Step 1) Enter the number: 77977
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“Keep Calm and Steward On”

Today’s readings are in stark contrast to the joy of the holiday season that is fast approaching, warning us instead of dark times ahead and our inevitable judgment day.



The first reading from the prophet Daniel describes a time “unsurpassed in distress since nations began” and warns that “many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, and others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.” The second reading, from Hebrews, speaks of Christ who “waits until his enemies are made his footstool.”

However, when we firmly establish for ourselves as individuals — as a family and as a parish that we will give to God the first and best portion of our Time, Talent, and Treasure — the warnings we read in the Scriptures today should be no cause for alarm. In fact, we can view these words as encouragement — “Keep Calm and Steward On,” no matter what comes our way.

One of the blessings of a stewardship way of life is that in challenging times, whether in our homes or workplaces or even our beloved Church itself, we can take great comfort in knowing we have a concrete plan to keep our priorities in right order. And, when we put God first in all aspects of our lives, we will experience the peace that He gives that surpasses all understanding.

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.

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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"Be Satisfied With Me"

by
St. Anthony
of Padua

Everyone longs to give themselves completely to someone, to have a deep soul relationship with another, To be loved thoroughly and exclusively.

But to a Christian, God says, "No, not until you are satisfied, Fulfilled and content with being loved by Me alone, With giving yourself totally and unreservedly to Me. With having an intensely personal and unique relationship with Me alone.

Discovering that only in Me is your satisfaction to be found, will you be capable of the perfect human relationship, That I have planned for you. You will never be united to another until you are united with Me. Exclusive of anyone or anything else. Exclusive of any other desires or longings. I want you to stop planning, to stop wishing, and allow Me to give you the most thrilling plan existing . . . one you cannot imagine. I want you to have the best. Please allow Me to bring it to you.

You just keep watching Me, expecting the greatest things. Keep experiencing the satisfaction that I am.

Keep listening and learning the things that I tell you. Just wait, that's all. Don't be anxious, don't worry Don't look around at things others have gotten Or that I have given them. Don't look around at the things you think you want, Just keep looking off and away up to Me, Or you'll miss what I want to show you. And then, when you're ready, I'll surprise you with a love far more wonderful than you could dream of.

You see, until you are ready, and until the one I have for you is ready, I am working even at this moment To have both of you ready at the same time.

Until you are both satisfied exclusively with Me And the life I prepared for you, You won't be able to experience the love that exemplified your relationship with Me. And this is perfect love.

And dear one, I want you to have this most wonderful love, I want you to see in the flesh a picture of your relationship with Me. And to enjoy materially and concretely the everlasting union of beauty, perfection and love that I offer you with Myself.

Know that I love you utterly. I AM God. Believe it and be satisfied.

Pray St. Gertrude the Great's powerful prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory



According to tradition, many souls would fly to heaven when this prayer is prayed with heartfelt devotion.

St. Gertrude the Great was a holy mystic of the 14th century, who began receiving heavenly visions at age 25 while living in a Benedictine community. Among her mystical visions was a glimpse into Purgatory.

There she saw a man she was praying for and his soul appeared as a toad, suffering from the sins he committed on earth. After reciting a short prayer for him, she asked Jesus if it had any effect. He replied by saying, "Certainly, the souls in Purgatory are lifted up by such supplications, but also brief prayers that are said with fervor are of even greater benefit for them."

The Church has always taught that it is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the souls of the faithful departed, imploring God to purify the souls of the dead "by the fire of his charity" and to bring them at last to their Heavenly Home.

During one of these visions Gertrude was given a prayer by Jesus for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. It is piously believed that 1,000 souls are released from purgatory by praying this prayer with the heart.

Below is this powerful prayer, one that trusts in the unfathomable mercy of God, poured out for us on Calvary.

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family.

Amen.

Pray this prayer for your deceased parents

- Philip Kosloski



The prayer asks God to permit that we may see them again in the "joy of everlasting brightness."

The death of our parents can be a difficult cross to bear, as they were the first ones to teach us love and compassion. Yet our faith tells us that death is not the end and our duties as obedient children continue.

One way to honor our parents after their death is to pray for the repose of their souls on a regular basis. It is not only an act of charity, praying that they may reach their heavenly homeland, but it is also a way to fulfill the 4th Commandment (Honor your father and mother).

Here is a traditional prayer from the Roman Missal, taken from the opening prayer of the Mass for the Dead.

O God, who hast commanded us to honor our father and our mother, in Thy mercy have pity on the souls of my father and mother, and forgive them their trespasses, and make me to see them again in the joy of everlasting brightness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Pray Together

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

Every now and then



you just gotta take a time out.

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).

5 Reasons Satan loves pornography

- Tom Hoopers



You might say he is its biggest fan.

Each year in my Christianity and Mass Media class at Benedictine College, we cover pornography — the 21st-century mass media juggernaut.

And each year the pornography problem grows worse. The latest: The two most popular online video streaming services are featuring pornography-friendly marquee programs — a documentary and a biopic.

I haven't (and won't) watch either one, but speaking to exorcists recently (after writing about them before) has made me realize something about this phenomenon: Satan is pornography's biggest fan.

Why?

First: Satan loves pornography because he hates freedom.

When we renew our baptismal promises the Church asks: "Do you reject Satan, so as to live in the freedom of God's children?"

To use pornography is to say: "I do not." Pornography militates against freedom. The science of it is well known: The human brain, when aroused by erotic images, dumps chemicals into the bloodstream that push the throttle of the viewer to full-speed "give me more" mode. Idle online curiosity quickly becomes addictive obsession. Dabbling with pornography is like opening the window of a pressurized airplane at a high altitude. It pulls you in and spits you out.

The same thing happens to women involved in the pornography industry. Women seeking modeling careers, or

a brief injection of cash in tough times, quickly find themselves in the clutches of a degrading industry, with images of themselves that they regret circulating forever online.

A recent pornography scam is not unlike what happens anyway to "legitimate" pornographic actresses: Lured by money, they find themselves in the clutches of men who only want to use them.



Which is a second reason Satan loves pornography: It is the ultimate structure of sin.

When we lie, or cheat, or steal, we commit a sin that implicates each of us, alone. When we involve others in our sin, that's worse. But what about a sin that helps create, perpetuate and supercharge international syndicates of sin?

Using pornography churns a vortex of sin that Satan uses to drag whole groups of people — performers, programmers, sellers, and unsuspecting bystanders — down to his lair.

Third: Satan loves disfiguring the image of God.

Satan's ultimate target isn't us: It's God. He can't touch God — but since we are made in the image and likeness of God, we are the next best thing.

If we understood how immense our souls are, and how beautifully they mirror the Trinity, we would shudder with the responsibility. Satan understands, and he lunges at every opportunity to shatter that image. In fact:

Fourth: The demons love to make human beings look like animals.

In Chapter 12 of Revelation, it is the vision of a woman — a flesh and blood human being — clothed with the

sun and crowned with stars which infuriates the disobedient angels.

Demons, creatures of pure spirit, cannot abide a material creature being made higher than them. The very thought disgusts them. So they delight in showing just how disgusting these human creatures really are.

An exorcist described to me how victims of possession will often imitate animals — grunting or arching their backs. Demons don't possess more people because we save them the trouble. We choose to imitate animals on our own.

Fifth: The devil loves to destroy the innocence of children.

When the apostles argue who is the greatest in the 18th Chapter of Matthew, Jesus places a child in their midst. Then, a few verses later, he adds that anyone who causes a child to sin would be better off thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck.

The demons have already chosen the millstone. Now they want to cause as many children to sin as possible. Along with abortion, history will condemn our times most, I think, for our refusal to protect children from pornography. Even a notorious male pornographic actor is disgusted at how children experience pornography. The reason for our failure here is obvious: Adults want easy, anonymous access to pornography. We care more about protecting that access than we do about protecting our kids.



Demons are like predatory insects.

They single-mindedly care about one thing: Boring into your soul and turning you against God. Using pornography is like breaking open their hive right there on your desktop.



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

3 Little-known details about Purgatory

- Daniel Esparza



What happens to souls of the "Church Penitent" after they die

While 20th-century contemporary philosophy and political theory have profusely used categories and theoretical frameworks drawn from Catholic eschatology (literally, the study of the “end things”) — in surprising and truly admirably fruitful ways — the same thing cannot probably be said of some of our contemporary ecclesial theological reflections. Eschatology does not seem to occupy too much of a privileged seat nowadays.

However, that does not mean that, in the Catholic tradition, eschatology has not been the subject of arduous, intense and often erudite reflection. Actually, it is quite the contrary. And recently, Shaun McAfee published a list of ten things you most likely do not know about Purgatory. Of these, we have selected the three we thought were the most interesting, in order to start, if possible, a conversation about these issues here, in our “comments” section.

Those in Purgatory are already united to Christ

The souls in Purgatory are part of the “Church Penitent,” also known as the “Church Suffering” or the “Church Expectant” (Ecclesia Poenitens, Ecclesia Dolens or Ecclesia Expectans). Tradition recognizes that the faithful are, so to speak, grouped into three major states: the “Church Militant,” the “Church Suffering” and the “Church Triumphant.” Let us check out what the Lumen Gentium has to say about it:

“Until the Lord comes clothed with majesty and accompanied by his angels and, once death is destroyed, all things are submitted to Him, some of his disciples are pilgrims on earth (Militant Church); others, who have already died, are being purified (Church Penitent); others, finally, are enjoying the glory (Triumphant Church), clearly contemplating clearly God Himself, triune as He is.”

If the souls in Purgatory are part of the Church Penitent — which we could be part of as well, in the midst of our sufferings as Church Militant — then they are obviously part of the Mystical Body of Christ and, therefore, remain united to him.

Suffering in Purgatory is voluntary

This deserves a somewhat more detailed explanation. As we read in the post Shaun McAfee shared on EpicPew, in her *Treatise on Purgatory*, Saint Catherine of Genoa explained that, seeing what awaits her in Heaven, the soul voluntarily throws herself into Purgatory. Purgatory is voluntary not because someone could choose not to go, but because one willingly submits to it. In this regard, St. Thomas Aquinas says exactly the same.

In Purgatory there is also joy

Generally, Purgatory is thought of as a place of suffering, albeit temporary. But in reality, as explained by St. Catherine of Genoa, Purgatory is not without its joys: just as Christ himself consoles the souls of the Church Militant, so does He with the Church Suffering, and just as we can cheer each other during our life on Earth, we can do so in Purgatory.

But wait, there’s more. Saint Catherine explains:

“The fire of God’s love is precisely what consumes all rust or stain of sin in the soul. The suffering of purgatory is therefore above all the pain of loss, much more than the pain of sense, that is, much more than ‘any other penalties that may be found there’ (15b).

Indeed, the most terrible thing for the soul is the inner tear produced by a love that, because of these still not completely annihilated impediments, sees his perfect possession of God delayed. And the more purification, the more intense the love and, hence, the cruelest the pain. Love and pain appear and grow in purgatory in an accelerated progression.

Purgatory is thus a crescendo of love and pain that leads to heaven, the perfect happiness. The souls in purgatory do experience great joy, similar to that of the Heavens, and and also experience an immense pain, similar to that of Hell; and one does not remove the other.”