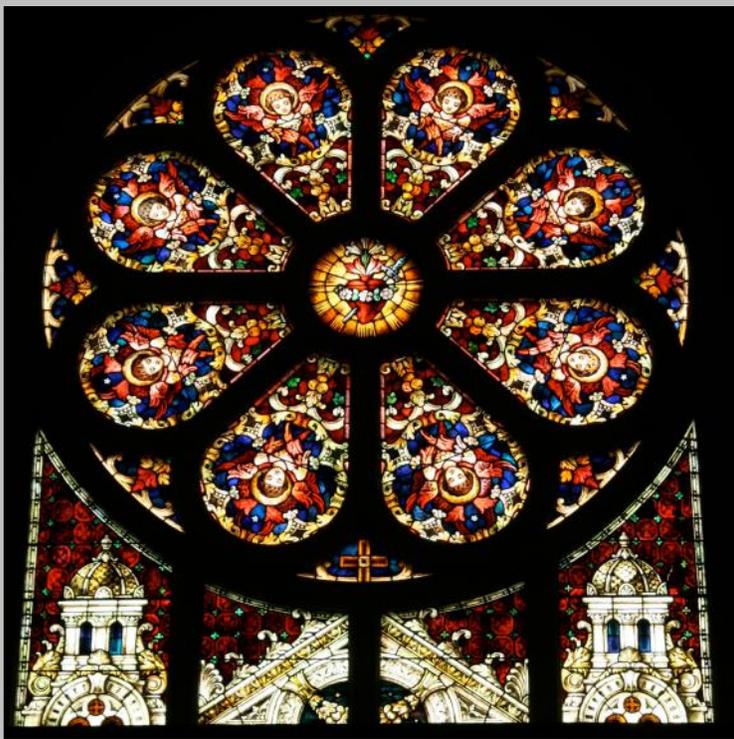




St. Joseph the Worker

Beautiful Liturgy - Reconciliation – Healing

Second Sunday of Advent - DECEMBER 9, 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:

Starting December 12,
we will not have Adoration or Confessions on
 Wednesday evening during the month of
 December through January 2, 2019.
We will resume our normal schedule on
January 9, 2019.
 We hope to see you then.
 God bless you.

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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration



December 12, 2018

5:00am

Traditional songs, prayers and stories
(Spanish)

6:00am Mass
(Spanish)

9:00am Mass
(English)

SUNDAY MASSES - December 9, 2018

8:00 am – Fr. Bruce Lamb

10:00 am – Fr. Kenneth Nobrega

11:30 am (Spanish) – Hugo Franca

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday

8:00 am
10:00 am
11:30 am

December 9th

Benjamin Ortiz +
Serna Family
Familia Perez-Campos

Monday

9:00 am

December 10th

Linda Kline

Tuesday

9:00 am

December 11th

Cristina Hernandez

Wednesday

9:00 am

December 12th

Francisco Gonzalez Martinez+

Thursday

9:00 am

December 13th

Kim Fuentes

Friday

9:00 am

December 14th

Christine Watkins

Saturday

9:00 am

December 15th

Mary Ely

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.

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Second Sunday of Advent



The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge during this brief but important season of the liturgical year. Recall from last week that the purpose of this season is reflection on and preparation for the two “comings” of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder of that God has already triumphed over sin and death and that we, His faithful disciples, will live in the light of His glory one day. “Up, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God... For God has commanded that every loft mountain be made low...that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God... for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.”

Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal

life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents and our treasure now.

In the Second Reading, the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, Paul gives us a pep talk as we make our journey, and we modern-day disciples can take heart in his words. He tells us, “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Paul reminds us of two important realities that should greatly encourage us. First, that the disciple way of life is very much a journey. We don’t have to have every aspect of our life perfectly nailed down; we are all “works in progress” called simply to take one step at a time closer to Christ. Second, it is God who started this good work in us — on the day of our Baptism — He cares deeply about this journey of ours and He will give us all the grace and strength we need to stay faithful to Him and continue growing in love and imitation of Christ.

The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God’s love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ’s coming among us. We are told the precise time, place and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. Through John, we are told how to celebrate to the fullest this first “coming” on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

This Advent let’s turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept in to our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the Catholic way of life is all about —moving ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.

When you are tempted to commit a sin, pray this prayer.

- Philip Kosloski



The prayer invokes the intercession of the Blessed Mother to protect and deliver in the midst of temptation.

As humans, we are tempted to commit sins on a daily basis. Often we resist these temptations, but there are days when our will is weak and our strength to persevere in virtue is lacking.

The Virgin Mary is a perfect intercessor for such an occasion. She is our Heavenly Mother and can easily stretch out her motherly arms to embrace us and deliver us from a particular temptation.

Here is a prayer composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori that asks the Blessed Mother's intercessions and places our souls into her loving hands.

Most holy Virgin Immaculate, my Mother Mary, to thee who art the Mother of my Lord, the queen of the universe, the advocate, the hope, the refuge of sinners, I who am the most miserable of all sinners, have recourse this day.

I venerate thee, great queen, and I thank thee for the many graces thou hast bestowed upon me even unto this day; in particular for having delivered me from the hell which I have so often deserved by my sins.

How Much Should I give?

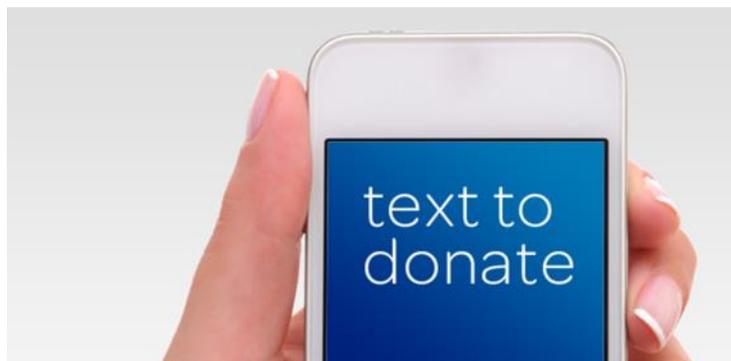
Many people **recommend** that Catholics consider working toward biblical tithing: 10% of your gross income.

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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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.

God's Covenant with Noah



Genesis 9: 1-17



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



Parish Office Hours

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There Is Renewed Interest in the End Times

- Russel Shaw



As I stood in line waiting to go to confession recently (yes, I still do that), a man who'd lately exited the confessional approached me and in a confidential tone of voice said, "I'm beginning to believe we are in the End Times. Do you think that might be true?"

This is not a question I get asked every day. "I guess there's some evidence for it," I said. "Anyway, we'll all find out soon enough." I might have added, but it didn't occur to me just then, "In a sense, we're always in the End Times, and I suppose we always will be."

There's a lot of interest today in the End Times—the appearance of the Antichrist, the Second Coming of Christ, the Last Judgment, the end of the world, the inauguration of a "new heaven and new earth," and associated events. As you might expect, a casual check of the internet shows many sites dealing with the subject. I chose one at random, and the first thing I saw was the flat-out statement, "There can be no doubt that we are living in the last days."

Reading that, I wondered how the writer could be so certain. After all, Jesus in the gospel tells his disciples when they're fretting about these things, "Of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven" (Mt 24. 36). It must be pretty gratifying to have the inside scoop on something not even the angels know.



Make no mistake, interest in the End Times is hardly new. It is sometimes associated with millenarianism (or millenarism, if you prefer), which concentrates on thousand-year intervals. Think of the hubbub that accompanied the run-up to the year 2000, as well as the disappointment in some circles that the world didn't end as they'd apparently been expecting when the ball dropped in Times Square on New Year's Eve.

Historically, the End Times have had their share of prophets. One notable figure was a Baptist preacher named William Miller who, based on his study of the Bible, predicted that the Second Coming was going to arrive in 1844. The time came and went, and the Second Coming failed to occur. Some of Miller's followers morphed into the Seventh Day Adventists, who retain

the original interest in the Second Coming but set no specific date for it.

The End Times also appear now and then in literary sources. A notable instance of that is Robert Hugh Benson's 1907 apocalyptic novel *Lord of the World*, which is a favorite with Pope Francis. The story, set in a dystopian world of the not so distant future and featuring an Antichrist figure, makes disturbing reading. This is the only novel I know of in which, at the conclusion, everything really does come to an end.

Most of the speculation about the End Times is accompanied by a certain amount of fear and trembling, and up to a point there's nothing wrong with that. But the Catechism of the Catholic Church also offers the consoling thought that the Last Judgment will show "that God's love triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death" (CCC 1040).

As for getting ready for the great event, the best advice has always been Jesus': "Watch therefore, for you do not know at what hour your Lord is to come" (Mt 24.42). Which, truth to tell, is one reason I was standing in that confession line.

Why Light a Votive Candle?



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Prayers to St. Monica for Wayward Children

- Nick Rabiipour



St. Monica is the patron saint of wives, difficult marriages, widows, mothers, disappointing or wayward children, and victims of adultery and abuse. Most of what is known about this devout and patient saint is from her much-loved son, St. Augustine of Hippo. In his book *Confessions*, he relays much detail of Monica's life.

Monica was married to a pagan man of violent temper and her son, Augustine was practicing the heretical Manichaeism sect along with leading a very immoral life. This caused Monica great anguish and pain.

Through her great patience and constant prayers along with her examples of kindness, Monica was blessed with the conversion to Christianity of both her husband and son.

In today's world of instant gratification, Monica is a sterling example of patience and intercessory prayer. Her many years of prayer and her unflinching trust in God's will were richly rewarded.

Below are prayers to this great saint, asking her assistance in obtaining the grace of conversion for wayward children.



PRAYERS TO ST. MONICA

Exemplary Mother of the Great Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son, not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray. Amen.

Dear St. Monica, troubled wife and mother, Many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine. Grant me that same fortitude, patience and trust in the Lord.

Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, for *(mention your petition here)* and grant me the grace to accept his will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Blessed Monica, mother of St. Augustine, we give thanks to our Father in Heaven Who looked with mercy upon your tears over your wayward son. His conversion and heroic sanctification were the fruit of your prayers.

Dear St. Monica, we now ask you to pray with us for all those sons and daughters that have wandered away from God, and to add your prayers to those of all mothers who are worried over their children. Pray also for us that, following your example, we may, in the company of our children, one day enjoy the eternal vision of our Father in Heaven. Amen.