

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Signs

Luke 21: 5-19

ST. JOSEPH PARISH/PARROQUIA SAN JOSÉ

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses..... 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12 Noon Spanish

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH/PARROQUIA SAN JOSÉ

Mission Statement/Misión Parroquial

St. Joseph Parish is a welcoming Catholic community called to live, proclaim and foster God's steadfast love in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

La Parroquia de San José es una comunidad católica acogedora llamada a vivir, proclamar y fomentar la misericordia de Dios en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

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Parish Finances

November 9, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 4,003
Loose Cash	1,335
Mail	275
Online	<u>2,755</u>
Total	\$ 8,368

Military Services **\$ 1,865**

Hurricane Relief **\$ 231**

Collection this weekend:

Campaign for Human Development

Upcoming Collection:

11/23 Monthly

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection this weekend!

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd

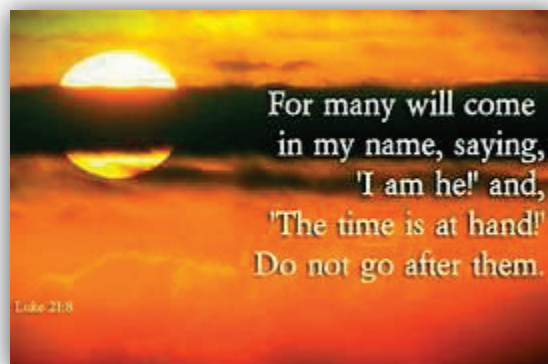


Welcome

Today is Hospitality Sunday!

Please join us in Guild Hall for donuts and coffee after Mass!

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2025



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

3:00PM CONFESSIONS
4:00PM LUCIEN MARTIN REQ BY FAMILY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

8:00AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH
10:00AM CLAUDA LAVERTU REQ BY TIM & CAROLYN PERKINS (FAITH FORMATION GR. 8 IN ATTENDANCE)
12:00PM ANA MARIA AGUIRRE REQ BY MARIANA AGUIRRE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025 – ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

9:00AM NO INTENTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

9:00AM NO INTENTION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

9:00AM IN THANKSGIVING
6:00PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
7:00PM NO INTENTION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

9:00AM MYLES GOSSELIN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

NO MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

3:00PM CONFESSIONS
4:00PM AMELIA & PAUL MAZZONE REQ BY FAMILY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

8:00AM PHILIP & MARY SERAFINO REQ BY FAMILY
10:00AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH
12:00PM DOMINGO BASORA REQ BY MARIA PEREZ, DAUGHTER

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings offer a sober reminder that this life is not our aim and that God's justice will triumph in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in order, putting God above all else as his faithful stewards.

Our Lord brings home the urgency of right priorities in our Gospel passage from Luke, reminding the people around him who were looking at the temple nearby, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Our Lord reminds us that all in this world is passing. We must keep our focus on eternity.

Yet before the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tried and tested. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name."

Sounds scary. But if you are living a stewardship way of life, there is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place. All you need to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with your talents, and through your use of treasure. This way of life is not easy. But Jesus promises it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him. "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives."

Onward, Christian stewards, the struggle is worth the joy that awaits!

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REFLEXIÓN DE LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Al acercarnos al final del año litúrgico, nuestras lecturas nos recuerdan con sobriedad que esta vida no es nuestro fin y que la justicia de Dios triunfará al final. Ahora es el momento de ordenar nuestras prioridades, poniendo a Dios por encima de todo como sus fieles siervos.

Nuestro Señor recalca la urgencia de tener las prioridades correctas en el pasaje del Evangelio según San Lucas, recordando a quienes lo rodeaban, que contemplaban el templo cercano: «Todo lo que ven aquí, llegará el día en que no quedará piedra sobre piedra; todo será derribado». Nuestro Señor nos recuerda que todo en este mundo es pasajero. Debemos mantener nuestra mirada fija en la eternidad.

Sin embargo, antes de la dicha eterna del cielo, debemos esperar ser puestos a prueba. «Antes de que todo esto suceda, los prenderán y los perseguirán; los entregarán a las sinagogas y a las cárceles, y los llevarán ante reyes y gobernadores por causa de mi nombre».

Suena aterrador. Pero si vives con responsabilidad, no hay nada que temer. Tienes un plan. Solo necesitas seguirlo. Pon a nuestro Señor en primer lugar en tu tiempo, con tus talentos y mediante el uso de tus recursos. Este estilo de vida no es fácil. Pero Jesús promete que conducirá a la salvación eterna y al gozo de la unión con Él. «Serán odiados por todos por causa de mi nombre, pero ni un cabello de su cabeza se perderá. Con su perseverancia salvarán sus vidas».

¡Adelante, siervos cristianos! ¡El esfuerzo vale la pena por el gozo que nos espera!

Career Opportunity

**Program Coordinator
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The Office of Missionary Discipleship is seeking a *Program Coordinator* to assist with the operations of the New England Catholic Biblical School and the Lay Ministry Formation program. The *Program Coordinator* is responsible for supporting the mission and objectives of the Office of Missionary Discipleship by assisting with essential operational and administrative tasks including customer service, student account management, event planning, written, digital, and spoken communication in both Spanish and English language. Capacity to use online tools for marketing and program coordination including social media. This role requires strong organizational skills and an ability to communicate effectively. Excellent faith-centered work environment. For a complete job description email: Jason.rinaldi@aohct.org or see <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/career-opportunities/>

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Keep listening. We will be...

Sounding Joy!



*Praying for All the Faithful Departed –
November Remembrance*

The month of **November** holds a special place in the heart of the Church. It is a sacred time when we remember and pray for **all the faithful departed** — our beloved relatives, friends, and all souls who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

The Church teaches that our prayers, sacrifices, and especially the **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** bring great spiritual help to those in **Purgatory**, aiding them on their journey toward the fullness of life in Heaven. By praying for the dead, we express both our love for them and our deep faith in the **Communion of Saints**, which unites the Church on earth, in heaven, and in purgatory.

We invite you to **offer a Holy Mass** for your departed loved ones during this month of remembrance. Each Mass celebrated in November will include a special intention for all souls.

You are encouraged to **write the names of your deceased relatives and friends** on the **All Souls envelope** and place it in the **collection basket**. These names will be remembered in prayer throughout the month.

Mark Your
CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:30AM SCH FAITH FORMATION K-8
11:00AM GH SPANISH CHOIR REHEARSAL
1:00PM ENCUESTRO-MOVIMIENTOS MATRIMONIAL
CATOLICO

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:30PM PC BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

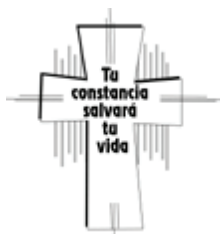
12:00N GH SENIOR LUNCH
7:00PM PC CHANCEL VOCAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

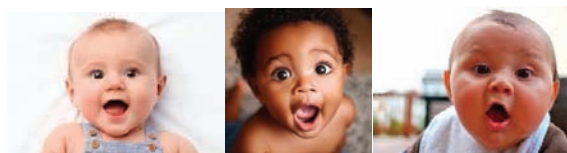
5:30PM SCH FAITH FORMATION K-8

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:30AM SCH FAITH FORMATION K-8
11:00AM GH SPANISH CHOIR REHEARSAL
1:00PM SP. OCIA IN FAITH FORMATION OFFICE



PRO-LIFE CORNER



Catholic = Pro-Life

Catholics are called to be pro-life because the Church teaches that every human life is sacred from the moment of conception until natural death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms that “human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception” (CCC 2270). Each person is created in the image and likeness of God, and no one has the authority to destroy an innocent life. To be pro-life, then, is to uphold the truth that every life—no matter how small, weak, or vulnerable—has infinite value and purpose. In defending life, Catholics live out Christ’s command to love one another and to see His presence in all people.

St. Joseph Pro-Life Ministry: Questions? text/call 858-663-2794
or email jewel4one@gmail.com



Relics at St. Joseph Parish

Our parish has received a **precious gift — 17 relics of the saints and one relic of the Holy Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ**. These sacred relics remind us of

our deep communion with the saints, who intercede for us before the throne of God. Through their witness, we are strengthened in faith and united more closely to Christ and His Church.

To properly honor these holy relics, we are inviting **18 families** to prayerfully consider **donating a reliquary** for their display and veneration. Each reliquary will become a visible sign of our parish’s devotion and gratitude for the heavenly intercession of the saints.

*We are deeply grateful to the families who have come forward with a donation for a reliquary to hold one of these precious relics. If you have been prayerfully considering participating in this project, we have a number of reliquaries still available. Please **contact the parish office** for more information.*

St. Joseph Food Pantry Thanksgiving Needs

Gift Cards
Turkeys
Large Gravy (glass jars)
Rice (1-2 pound bags)
Frozen Pies, Cool Whip
Tea, Coffee
Potatoes (white or sweet)
Mayonnaise, Sugar, Butter



If you wish to give a helping hand to our families in need this Thanksgiving, you may drop off any items at the Parish Center, Mon-Fri, 8:30AM – 4:00PM **before or by Nov. 14.**
“And for all of you, we are truly grateful.”



Calling all Youth of the Parish!!

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

It's time for some
Fun, Food and Fellowship! No
commitment needed. Come see
what it's all about!

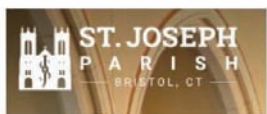
What? Youth Ministry

When? Tuesday, Nov 18th, 5-6:30 in SJS

Who? Middle school students, Gr 6-8

How? Fill out the survey using the QR code

We will be having our first youth group meeting on Tuesday, November 18th, AKA Pizza Party and a Movie! All are welcome! Pre-registration is required via the online survey. Please contact Lisa Santiago with any questions at lisadance@sbcglobal.net. If there is a problem with the QR code please email me your information!



SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁵ APPEAL UPDATE



To date we have received **\$54,629**. We truly appreciate your generosity and care for your Parish. We could not do all we do without you. Thank you.

If you did not receive an appeal envelope, you may pick up Fr. Ivan's letter and attached response envelope on the table in the entrance. Or call the Parish Office 860-583-1369 and we will be happy to mail one to you. Our Annual Appeal will continue through December 31st.



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays in the Chapel

6:00 – 7:00PM

before the 7:00PM Spanish Mass

Face to Face and Eye to Eye:

A Reflection on Eucharistic Adoration

by Father Justin Kizewski, MS, MA, PhL, STD

“We can use an image of a mother and child to help us if we find from time to time that during Adoration our minds wander. We may sit in silence in Adoration without much actually happening. This silence for us may seem empty, or boring, or absent. However, ‘God’s silence is never ambiguous’ (Acklin and Hicks, Personal Prayer: A Guide for Receiving the Father’s Love, Steubenville: Emmaus Road, 2019, 73).

“His silence isn’t awkward, or a silent treatment. He isn’t mad at us. Remember, his gaze is always one of love. His silence is like the silent gaze of a mother upon her sleepy newborn. Acklin and Hicks offer this image as one describing God’s silence in our prayer (cf. Acklin and Hicks, 64-65; 72), but it is also helpful in thinking about our wandering minds. I think it can be easy for us to get down on ourselves for not paying attention in Adoration to the love and person truly present in the Eucharist. However, this might be because we don’t really understand his love.

“I think his love, reflected here in the relationship between mother and child, is more abiding. Imagine the mother gazing at her sleeping baby. The baby stirs, opens its eyes, and makes eye contact with her mother. Eye meets eye. The mother is understandably thrilled. Her heart leaps: ‘My baby looked at me!’

“I imagine those times where the Lord brings our attention back to him or we are able to focus, if ever so briefly on him in the Eucharist. It is like the baby opening his eyes and catching the eyes of his mother. I imagine a similar metaphorical excitement on the Lord’s part. He looked at me. Remember, the Lord loves. He loves passionately. Why wouldn’t he get excited when the one he loves takes notice of him?”

Excerpt from: <https://adoremus.org/2023/01/face-to-face-and-eye-to-eye-a-reflection-on-eucharistic-adoration/>



In Loving Memory

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