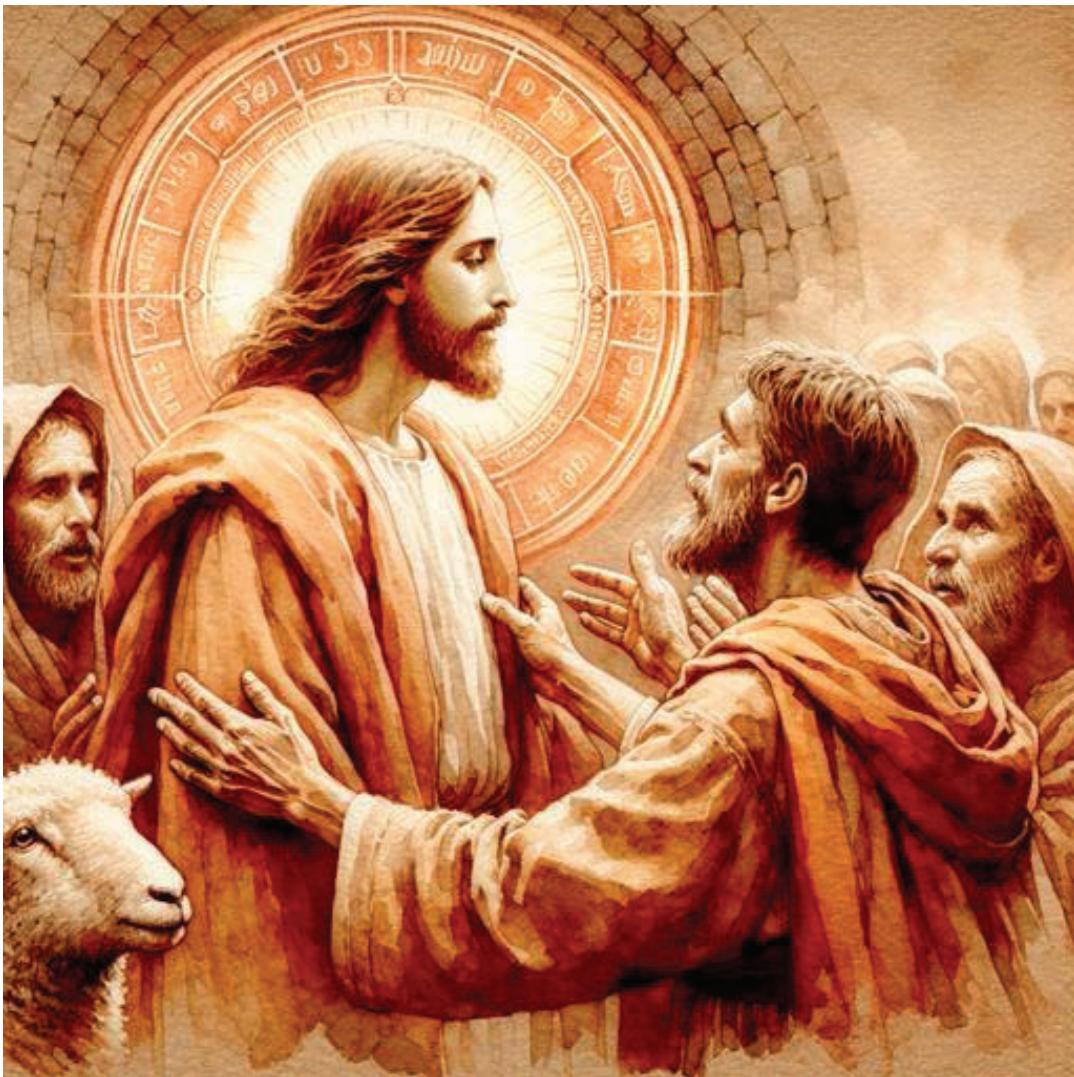


# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JANUARY 18, 2026



BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD,  
WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD...

*JOHN 1:29:34*

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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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School Home Page.....<http://school.stjosephbristol.org>  
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Deacon.....Jason R. Rinaldi  
School Principal/Director de la Escuela.....Eric C. Frenette  
Religious Education Director.....Kimberlee A. Donahue  
Music Ministry Director.....Roberta H. De Fiore  
Parish Office Manager.....Katherine A. Young



### Parish Finances

**January 11, 2026**

Envelopes	\$ 4,987
Loose Cash	1,467
Mail	1,080
Online	2,436
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,970</b>

Monthly Collection: **\$2,113**

**Collection this weekend:**

Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools

**Upcoming Collection:**

2/7 Meals for the Needy



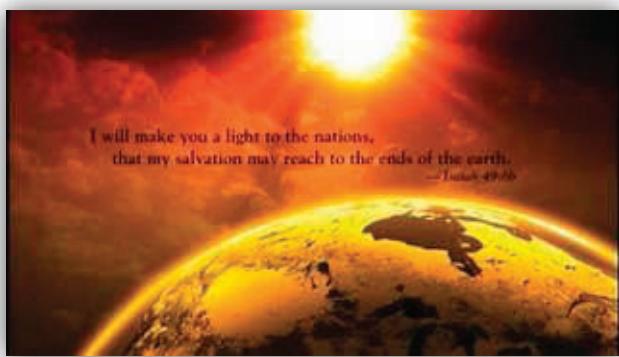
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**Annual Catholic High School Collection**  
**This Weekend**

January 18 -19 is our annual **Catholic High School Collection**. Funds from this special collection provide vital support to our Archdiocesan Catholic high schools. Proceeds enable our high schools to provide tuition assistance, technology enhancements to protect student privacy, curricular improvements, marketing and so much more. This collection is the primary way that every parish can truly make Catholic high school education a mission of the Universal Church.

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**January 18, 2026**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026**

3:00PM CONFESSIONS  
4:00PM BEVERLY HINES REQ BY KRIS SQUIRES

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026**

8:00AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
10:00AM CARL A. MATHIEU REQ BY  
MATTHEW, CORTIGIANO & SHAMPER FAMILIES  
(FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE)  
12:00PM LUIS & JUAN RODRIGUEZ REQ BY  
RODRIGUEZ FAMILY

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026**

9:00AM WILLIAM VASQUEZ REQ BY  
VLADIMIR SANCHEZ ESCOBAR

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**

9:00AM JULIA & BARTOLO BASORA REQ BY MARIA PEREZ

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026 - ST. AGNES,  
VIRGIN & MARTYR**

9:00AM ROBERT KELLY REQ BY TOM & CHRIS WARD  
6:00PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS  
7:00PM DOMINGO CASTILLO REQ BY CASTILLO FAMILY

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026**

9:00AM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR LINDA REQ BY  
MARY JANE MAMED

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026**

NO MASS

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026**

3:00PM CONFESSIONS  
4:00PM MARYLOU ZIMBOUSKI REQ BY  
PAT & MURDO SMITH

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026**

8:00AM LORETTA TEEVAN REQ BY ELEANOR WILSON  
10:00AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
(ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE)  
12:00PM ANA MARIA AGUIRRE REQ BY MARIANA AGUIRRE



*In Loving Memory*

This week's Sanctuary candle  
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information 860-583-1369.

## REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples, and stewards.

John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John was, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love, and mercy. Therefore, He truly does "rank ahead" of us; he deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same.

### Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first?

† Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession, and time with my family "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar?

† Do I use my talents, skills, and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God's kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions?

† Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God?

Challenge questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be?

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**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**There is NO Senior Lunch in January.**  
**The next SENIOR LUNCH**  
**is February 10. Postcards will be mailed**  
**in a couple of weeks.**

All parishioners age 64+ are invited. If you did not receive a postcard in the mail for the last Senior Lunch, call the Parish Center 860-583-1369 and ask to be added to the mailing list.



## REFLEXIÓN DE LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Las lecturas de hoy nos ofrecen recordatorios claros e inspiradores del aspecto más fundamental de nuestra identidad: la de siervos de nuestro Dios altísimo y santo, sus discípulos de hoy y administradores de sus dones.

Juan el Bautista reconoció la santidad de Jesús y la reverencia que se le debía cuando se encontró con Cristo en persona el día que se conocieron en el río Jordán. Su respuesta, que leemos en el pasaje del Evangelio de San Juan, fue: «He aquí el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo... Este es de quien yo dije: "Después de mí viene un hombre que es anterior a mí, porque ya existía antes que yo"».

¡Qué descripción tan poderosa de nuestro Señor y del lugar que legítimamente debe ocupar en la vida de cada uno de nosotros! Él es verdaderamente nuestro Salvador, el único que puede liberarnos de nuestros pecados. Dependemos total y completamente de su poder, amor y misericordia. Por lo tanto, Él verdaderamente está «por encima» de nosotros; merece ser el primero, por encima

de todas las demás prioridades y planes en nuestras vidas. Examinemos nuestra vida diaria y animemos a nuestros hijos a hacer lo mismo.

### ¿Refleja la forma en que uso mi tiempo que Dios es lo primero?

† ¿La oración y la Misa semanal, la confesión regular y el tiempo con mi familia tienen prioridad sobre todo lo demás en mi agenda?

† ¿Utilizo mis talentos, habilidades y energía para servir a mi familia, parroquia y comunidad en acción de gracias y reconociendo que el reino de Dios tiene prioridad sobre cualquier otra meta o ambición?

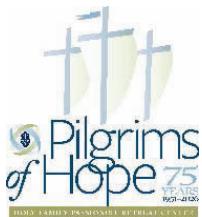
† ¿Gasto mi dinero y uso mis bienes materiales para glorificar a Dios?

Preguntas desafiantes, sin duda. Pero preguntas dignas de nuestro alto llamado como siervos cristianos, a quienes se nos ha confiado una gloriosa misión al servicio de nuestro Señor y su reino. ¿Cuál será nuestra respuesta?



### St. Joseph Prayer Line

To activate or to join the St. Joseph Prayer Line please call any time: Pat: 860-503-5547  
Danielle or Matthew: 860-276-7886



## Women's Retreat

### Scholarship Assistance Available!

Our Parish's retreat weekend is **January 23-25**. If that weekend does not work for you, there are four additional Women's Retreat Weekends. This year's theme is **Pilgrims of Hope**.

**Faith is a journey!** Last year, just months before his passing, Pope Francis called for a jubilee year, and he announced the theme would be *Pilgrims of Hope*. As "pilgrims of hope," we must be willing to take risks, to make the effort to understand God's call, and to grow in our faith. The pilgrim doesn't travel aimlessly but allows God to be the North Star, leading us to discover that God is at the heart of our journey.

Together, as part of God's beloved creation, we can pursue that blessed goal – life with God as beloved companions and pilgrims of hope.

We hope you will give this beautiful gift to yourself. Come away and rest, relax, and rejuvenate after the busy holiday season while strengthening your faith and sense of hope.

For more information contact: Diane 860-689-3224, Gloria 508-330-3859 or call Holy Family at 860-760-9705.

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### St. Joseph Food Pantry Needs for January

Help us stock our food pantry for the winter.



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- PASTA SAUCE
- CEREAL

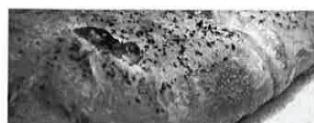
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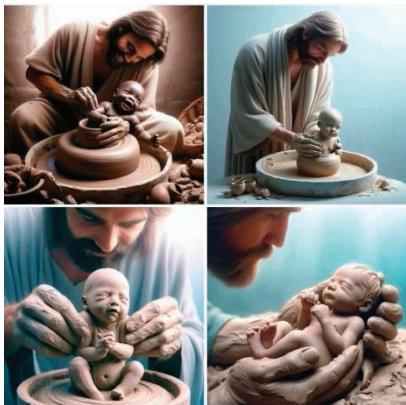
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## PRO-LIFE CORNER



"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth."

Psalm 139:13-15

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

Jeremiah 1:5

### SMILE! GOD LOVES YOU!

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

### Mark Your CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

**9:00AM-12N BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER FOR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY – NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

5:00PM SCH YOUTH GROUP MEETING  
7:00PM PC CHANCEL VOCAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

5:30PM SCH FAITH FORMATION K-8

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 10:00AM - 11:00AM**

8:30AM SCH FAITH FORMATION K-8  
11:00AM GH SPANISH CHOIR REHEARSAL  
1:00PM GH OUR LADY OF ALTAGRACIA CELEBRATION  
1:00PM SP OCIA IN FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

**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!  
All middle school students welcome

**What? Youth Group Meeting  
When? Tuesday, Jan 20th, 5-6:30 in SJS**

**Who? Middle school students, Gr 6-8**

We will be having our January Youth Group meeting on Tuesday, January 20th, AKA Pizza and a Movie! All are welcome! Our theme will be **New Year, New Purpose; Goal Setting with Faith!** Please contact Lisa with any questions or to sign up [lisadance@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisadance@sbcglobal.net).



**Breakfast Fundraiser  
To Benefit  
St. Joseph  
Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**Tickets Available at the Door  
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**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**Guild Hall**

**9:00AM – 12:00PM**

**Adults \$10 ~ Children 12 & under \$5**

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