

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 19, 2026

"'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them.

Matthew
13:29-30

Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

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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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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

July 12, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 4,992
Loose Cash	1,099
Mail	1,314
Online	<u>2,326</u>
Total	\$ 9,731

Upcoming Collection: 7/26 Monthly Collection



Vacation Bible School

When: July 20 - 24
Time: 9:00 - 12:00
Where: St. Joseph Church
Cost: \$30 per child

Children bring their own snack and water.

Life can be wild sometimes – but we have great news at VBS in our rainforest, scheduled for the week of July 20th. Join us for fun and faith-building activities as we explore God's creation.

When this happens, we will turn to God.

God knows everything. "WOW GOD"

Registration forms are available in the entrance to the church or print a registration form out and fill it in

<https://stjosephbristol.org/faith-formation/vacation-bible-school>

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2026



PARABLE OF THE
WHEAT AND
THE WEEDS

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

3:00PM CONFESSIONS
4:00PM SPECIAL INTENTION REQ BY KATHY YOUNG

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

8:00AM PAULETTE THERIAULT REQ BY
RICHARD THERIAULT
10:00AM GRACE J. DUCHARME REQ BY KIM MELLEKAS
12:00PM LUIS & JUAN RODRIGUEZ REQ BY
RODRIGUEZ FAMILY

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

9:00AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF
ST. JOSEPH PARISH

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

9:00AM NO INTENTION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026 – SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

9:00AM NO INTENTION
6:00PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
7:00PM NO INTENTION (SPANISH MASS)

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

9:00AM NO INTENTION

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

9:00AM NO MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

3:00PM CONFESSIONS
4:00PM DENNIS CALLNAN REQ B WIFE

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

8:00AM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR
QUINCY KINIRY REQ BY DAVID AMARA
10:00AM VIRGINIA & JAMES MCLAUGHLIN
AND TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN REQ BY FAMILY
12:00PM JUAN XXIII MOVEMENT



This week's sanctuary candle
is burning

**In Loving Memory of
Esther Rubio**

Requested by Her Daughter
July 19 – July 25, 2026

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

Today's Gospel passage from Matthew contains several parables that offer both challenge and encouragement to the Christian steward as Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven and our role in helping to build it.

First, He compares the Kingdom to a field where both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. Only then are they separated — the wheat gathered into the sower's barn and the weeds destroyed. It is a sobering reminder that our choices matter and that God, in His justice, will one day call each of us to account for how we have lived and used the gifts He has entrusted to us.

But Jesus also offers great encouragement. He compares the Kingdom to a mustard seed, the smallest of seeds, which grows into a large plant. He also compares it to a small amount of yeast that quietly transforms an entire batch of dough.

These images are especially consoling for Christian stewards. So often, the prayers we pray, the service we offer, and the gifts we share can seem small compared to the needs around us. Yet Jesus reminds us that God works powerfully through even the smallest acts of faithfulness.

God sees and treasures our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. When placed in His hands, they can bear far more fruit than we could ever imagine.

In gratitude for all He has given us, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of His Kingdom.

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*"Because of
Jesus, a Mustard
Seed of Faith
Could Change
the World"*

(Mt 14:31-32)

REFLEXIÓN DE LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy, tomado de san Mateo, contiene varias parábolas que ofrecen tanto un desafío como un aliento al cristiano que vive la corresponsabilidad, mientras Jesús describe el Reino de los Cielos y nuestro papel en la construcción de ese Reino.

En primer lugar, compara el Reino con un campo donde crecen juntos el trigo y la cizaña hasta el tiempo de la cosecha. Solo entonces son separados: el trigo es recogido

en el granero del sembrador y la cizaña es destruida. Es un recordatorio serio de que nuestras decisiones tienen importancia y de que Dios, en su justicia, un día nos pedirá cuentas de cómo hemos vivido y de cómo hemos utilizado los dones que nos ha confiado.

Pero Jesús también nos ofrece un gran motivo de esperanza. Compara el Reino con un grano de mostaza, la más pequeña de las semillas, que crece hasta convertirse en una gran planta. Asimismo, lo compara con una pequeña cantidad de levadura que transforma silenciosamente toda la masa.

Estas imágenes son especialmente consoladoras para quienes viven la corresponsabilidad cristiana. Con frecuencia, las oraciones que elevamos, el servicio que prestamos y los dones que compartimos parecen pequeños frente a las enormes necesidades que nos rodean. Sin embargo, Jesús nos recuerda que Dios obra con poder incluso a través de los actos más pequeños de fidelidad.

Dios ve y valora nuestras ofrendas de tiempo, talento y tesoro. Puestas en sus manos, pueden dar mucho más fruto del que jamás podríamos imaginar.

En gratitud por todo lo que Él nos ha dado, permanezcamos fieles a la misión que nos ha confiado para la edificación de su Reino.

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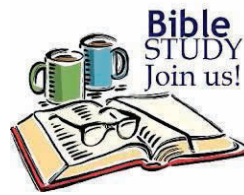
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Fetus, Infant, Teenager, Adult, Elderly...all stages of Human Development, all precious in God's eyes...all deserving respect and dignity.

"Lord, teach us to love each other from the moment of conception to natural death and remember that YOU are the author and giver of life...in sickness and in health, in suffering and flourishing...help us to cherish each and every moment of life." AMEN!

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



Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgment

Begins August 17
6:30-8:30pm
in the Parish Center

Our final Scripture/enrichment study for 2026 is
Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgment

The Last Things Are Not the End— They Are the Beginning

Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgment is a five-session mini-study designed for today's busy lives. Presented by: Ascension Press, Dr. Jeffrey Morrow and Dr. Edward Sri

Each session combines **clear teaching, meaningful reflection, and practical application** to help you understand what the Church teaches about death, judgment, heaven, and hell.

The four last things aren't just theological concepts. They shape the way we live and love right now.

This study explores what the Catholic Church teaches about death, judgment, heaven, and hell—the last things. Rooted in Church teaching, this study reflects on life's ultimate realities and dives into why it is important to live each day in light of eternity.

This five-session study offers a clear and faith-filled understanding of what awaits us beyond this life. It guides you through Scripture and the Church's teaching on the four last things with short readings, reflection questions, and space for prayer. It's perfect for those seeking spiritual depth without overwhelming homework, helping you live each day in light of your eternal destiny.

With powerful videos, easy-to-follow readings and our small group discussions, you'll **gain lasting insight into the last things** and discover how living with eternity in mind gives everyday life deeper meaning and purpose.

Our study begins Monday-August 17th through September - 21st from 6:30 until 8:30 pm. We meet downstairs in the Parish Center, 149 Goodwin St.

No previous knowledge of Scripture is necessary, just a desire to know and love God more deeply. The workbook for this study is \$17.50, which includes shipping and handling (workbooks will only be ordered for those who pre-register).

**For additional information or to register contact
Linda at 203-213-0275 or e-mail maryheart@gmail.com.**

Hope to see you there!



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****EARLIER START TIME!!****

The St. Joseph Parish Bereavement Ministry is beginning a new session of the New Day program; A Journey from Grief to Healing, starting August 20th from 4:00PM – 6:00PM. This 10-week program is designed to work through the “tasks of grief” while mourning the death of a loved one from any cause. During each meeting, participants work through an element of the grieving process using prayer, reflection and sharing.

*“The 10 weeks flew by!”
“This group made me realize I am not alone,
and that it is ok to cry.”*

All attendees must register by August 13th.
Please contact Julie 858-663-2794 for any questions and to register. Unfortunately, there is no handicap access.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JULY



**Pasta Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup
Macaroni & Cheese
Coffee
One Dish Meals (Rice a Roni)
Boxed Potatoes
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Powdered Drink Mixes for Kids**

Thank you to our Food Pantry workers and supporters who are contributing to the Food Pantry during the summer months. Summertime places an additional burden on families when children are not receiving lunch at school.

*Thank
you* ❤️



We Welcome into the Saving Waters of Baptism

Please pray for these new members
of our parish and their family.

Sawyer Joseph Whitney
Hadlee Joanna Wiegart

Archdiocese of Hartford 2026 Mission Co-op Appeal Next Weekend



The Catholic diocese of Pathanamthitta was established in March 2010 and it is one of the newest dioceses in the church. It lies at the southernmost part of India. As we are in the initial stage, we are making every effort to build this diocese up both spiritually and temporally. The diocese currently has hundred parish/mission stations and 120 priests.

-- One of the most urgent needs of the diocese is to promote vocations to priesthood and religious life which will in turn contribute to the overall development of the region. The diocese has to meet all the expenses of seminarians during their formation as most of their families are not in a position to do so.

-- Special attention for the well-being and care of the marginalized of the society. Homes run by the diocese for the mentally challenged and a home for the physically challenged help the downtrodden from the area by giving them hope and showing them mercy

-- Our diocese has started the mission of providing adequate shelters for those families without proper shelter by 2030. We found that 485 families need proper housing.

-- Our diocese has started a mobile palliative care unit which aims to enhance patient support through innovative mobile solutions. This initiative seeks to provide comprehensive care, improve accessibility and ultimately ensure dignity for patients facing serious illness who live in remote rural villages.

The needs are huge and the resources are very few. We hope that our Lord will provide all that we need to build up this new diocese. We envision, the return of the mission preaching, to be used for supporting the seminary formation of our candidates for priesthood and for helping the poor people in our area. Whatever financial support you could extend to this cause will be deeply appreciated.

Rev Lijo Thomas

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