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2025

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am
St. Joseph's
Tuesday & Thursday | 8:30
St Francis

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis
10:30 am St Joseph's

Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8 am St Francis
Or by appointment

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Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community
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Faith Formation and Service to others.

Trustees

SJ	SF
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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (25)

Virginia Krajewski
Mary Lou Lockyer

+Barbara Jones
+Christina Lockyer

Sunday (26)

Tom Lewis
Nicky Griffin

+SJ Thrift Store Staff
+Larry & Sean Tate

Monday (27)

Healing of Nenita Chvilicek

Friday (31) SJ Parish

Saturday (Nov. 1)

ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday (Nov. 2)

ALL SOULS DAY



The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize our candle at either parish for a week for a deceased loved one, a living person or a special intention. The Intention and Donor's names will be published in our weekly bulletin.

The suggested donation for the 7-day candle is \$20.

All submissions must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the week you are requesting to accommodate bulletin printing deadlines. Please call the office for scheduling requests.



ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (26)

Harriet Schroder
Max Imgruth

+Marlene Junquera
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Tuesday (28)

Ginger Neal Pisanti

+Mary Pisanti

Thursday (30)

Rev. John E. Place; Msgr. Vincent J. Gorski
Rev. John W. Keefe

Saturday (Nov. 1)

ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday (2)

ALL SOULS DAY

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We are a needy people. We each stand before God as someone in need.

No matter how well off we are, how healthy we are, or how satisfied we are with our lives, we are all in need of God's saving mercy. If we look at ourselves honestly, we see that we are far from perfect, that we in fact are sinful and always in need of forgiveness. May we, like the tax collector in today's Gospel, be aware of our neediness so that no matter our situation in life we too may humbly pray, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:9-14

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified." There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble ac-

Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-

Observances for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: All Hallow's Eve

Saturday: All Saints

Next Sunday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day);

Daylight Saving Time Ends

St. Joseph

Mass Intentions:

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by stopping into or calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing; Masses provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

Pastoral Care:

If you know of someone who is ill & needs to have communion at home or in hospital, please call the office, so a pastoral minister knows to visit them.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8 am pray the Rosary
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 1 pm Rosary Society Meeting
Each Wednesday - SF 2 pm Prayer Group in John Paul II Hall
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Oct. 16 ~ Finance Council Meeting : SF: 4 pm; SJ: 7pm
Oct. 23 ~ Joint Pastoral Council Zoom Meeting : 7 pm
Oct. 31 ~ Rosary for the Jubilee Year, St. Francis Church at 6:00 PM
Nov. 7, 2025, Jan. 2, 2026, Mar. 6, 2026—Adoration, SF at 6:00 PM
Dec. 5, 2025, Feb. 6, 2026—Adoration at SJ Church at 6:00 PM
Jan. 31 ~ Filipinos Sponsored Gathering: Mass 11 am, pot luck follow
July 16, 17, 18 2026 ~ SJ Annual Summer Festival

St. Francis

Join us for the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary for the Jubilee Year of Hope on October 31st at 6:00 PM, Saint Francis of Assisi Church.



Diocesan Appeal

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

"With the light and strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love that proclaims the word and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

"Pope Leo XIV, Inaugural Mass May 18,

LENDING LIBRARY NEWS

ALL SAINTS (Nov. 1) There will be books on all saints- There will be some short overviews and books that detail the Saints life.

ALL SOULS DAY (Nov. 2) We commemorate the faithful departed. Those who have gone before us. Grief support books and materials for those who have lost loved ones.

ADVENT (1st Sunday of Advent: Nov. 30) Advent meditation, reflection and prayer books will be available during Advent. They will help us as we journey and prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Mission Does Not End with October

As we conclude World Mission Month, we remember that the Church's missionary work is ongoing. Our baptismal call to share the Gospel continues beyond this season, inviting us to remain engaged-through prayer, storytelling, and generous action. The first World Mission Sunday was celebrated nearly a century ago in 1926. The need today remains urgent: missionaries still serve in remote villages, conflict zones, refugee camps, and urban slums. They bring more than aid-they bring Jesus Christ.

As St. Paul VI reminded us 50 years ago in his historic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*: "The Church exists in order to evangelize" (14). We are grateful for your support this October-and we invite you to continue the journey. Subscribe to Mission Magazine, join us in praying the World Mission Rosary year-round, and stay connected to the Pope's missions through www.pontificalmissions.org.

Hope does not disappoint-and the world still needs hope.

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*"Remember where your treasure is,
your heart is also."*

Matthew 6:21

CORRECTION:

9/27 & 9/28	SJ 4/ 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	72 / 112	119
Contribution	\$1,113.00 / \$860.00	\$2,603.00
Poor & Votive	\$20.00	\$15.00
10/4 & 10/5	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF Feast 5:30 / SF 8:30
Attendance	67 / 110	44 / 123
Contribution	\$1,163.00 / \$1,196.00	\$438.00 / \$3,146.00
August e-giving	\$1,092.30	\$1,175.43
Poor & Votive	NA	\$73.00

Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God,

You are the one who finds a way in the darkness, and clears the path for those You love. Help us to trust in Your call, and to answer generously to the unknowns we face, knowing You will never leave us alone.

Amen.

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