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# Women of St. Joseph

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## President's Message

*Ladies of St. Joseph,*

*I read in the newspaper, "Can't 2020 just be over, already?". First it is the coronavirus — please wear a mask and wash your hands — then it is the wildfires caused by lightning strikes, and now that we don't have to prepare to evacuate, we just have to do our best breathing the air. I hope you have all been safe the past few weeks, and weren't affected by the fires or have family that was affected. We are having trouble finding a fire insurance policy for our house near Yosemite.*

*September 1, 2020 will be the beginning of our 2020/2021 club year. It will end on May 31, with nominations of next year's officers in April, election of officers in May and installation of officers in June.*

*I hope you have enjoyed our Summer speakers. We are transitioning to the New Normal with online meetings. Some of our members that don't drive at night are hoping we keep the Zoom portion of the meeting even when we go back to the in-person meetings. I like not having to "fight the traffic" from Warm Springs to St. Joseph's Church Hall during heavy commute traffic. We have decided to have WOSJ Online this year, with no in-person meetings scheduled. There will be no yearly dues required. Kay Tierney has stepped up to find us speakers for our meetings. Our board has decided to continue for a second year so we can have a smooth transition to next year's officers. I'm very lucky to have such a committed group this year.*

*Just a reminder, WOSJ is on Facebook. Please look for Women of St. Joseph, Old Mission San Jose. It is a private Facebook account. If you have any trouble joining let me know. I've been known to put a few recipes out there, and I've seen some nice photos from others.*

*I'll be working with Sister Bernadette and Miriam Keller teaching one of the Faith Formation classes. We've been taking many classes on "how to teach online". We've learned that this year we must be flexible with regard to whether we will have in-person Masses, or Classes or even 1st Communion ceremonies.*

*So, the word for 2020 is Flexibility. I look forward to seeing you all on September 15 for our next meeting. Stay safe and you are in my prayer.*

*Judy Huckabay*  
WOSJ, President

## Membership Notes

*No dues will be collected for now.* If you need contact information for someone in WOSJ, please contact Canice McLaughlin at 510-490-0737 or email at [canice@comcast.net](mailto:canice@comcast.net).

## Anti-Racism Committee

A new anti-racism committee is forming at St. Joseph. Our church teaches us to treat everyone with dignity and respect. Our society is wrestling with the realities of systemic racism and government failures to live up to our ideals of equality and justice.

Fr. Mark will participate in the committee which we hope will reflect the diversity of our parish. The members will set goals and create an action plan which Fr. Manny will review. If you are interested, please contact Canice McLaughlin at 510-490-0737 or email at [canice@comcast.net](mailto:canice@comcast.net).

## Having Trouble Zooming?

Those of you that have been unable to join us on Zoom for our monthly meetings, please email us, and we will find someone that can help. Kay Tierney at [wordsbykay@comcast.net](mailto:wordsbykay@comcast.net) knows Apple computers. If someone is on a PC, maybe they can offer to help.

## Follow Up on Our Last ZOOM Meeting with Lauri Kaefler



I was visiting with Judy today and she suggested that I list a few of the books that I spoke of at our ZOOM meeting last. At the meeting I talked about Betty Before X by Ilyasah Shabazz. The fictionalized biography of Betty Shabazz's childhood in Detroit and later married Malcolm X.

Here are a few others you or a student you know might enjoy and become more aware reading: Little Rock Nine is a graphic novel by Marshall Poe that touches on the lives of two teens in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957. William is white, Thomas is black and the Supreme Court rules to desegregate the high school they will attend – together for the first time. No one is prepared for the upheaval the boys live through. On the same lines and in the same place, but through the eyes of a pre-teen girl, is The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine, and if you like non-fiction there is Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Beals who writes a memoir of her days at Central High School in Little Rock the first days of integration.

Keeping in the theme of school integration, but not in Little Rock, there is Yankee Girl by Mary Rodman which takes place in Mississippi and Alice who white and tries to befriend a new black girl in her class. My last suggestion takes place right here in Los Angeles in the 1970s, Armstrong and Charlie by Steven Frank.

And totally off the subject, but a book that is so interesting that it began as an adult novel and was adapted for students: An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff is the true story of a young woman in New York who passed a black boy on the sidewalk begging for food, walked half a block past him before returning to him and taking him to McDonalds for dinner. Their story is an "if only more people would do this" one that could change the world.

**WOSJ and Men’s Club “fun meeting” using Zoom?**

Ashley Weerpass, President of St. Joseph’s Men’s club suggested the WOSJ try to do a “fun meeting” with the Men’s club. One suggestion was a Mystery Dinner via Zoom. If anyone is interested in coordinating this let me know at [kcuhj@yahoo.com](mailto:kcuhj@yahoo.com) . If there are any other ideas for meetings or ways we can meet during the next few months, let us know. We have a large membership, and I think people would be willing to pitch in. You can also post your suggestions on Facebook.



**\*\*\*\*\*Save the date:**

**The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>**

Sister Gladys of the Holy Family Sisters will be our guest speaker—sharing some reflections on the feast as well as her personal journey of faith. As many of you know, the Holy Family Sisters Motherhouse is directly across the street from St. Joseph Church. Sister Gladys is the past president of the Holy Family Sisters. She currently lives in San Francisco. She is a dynamic speaker, and you will certainly enjoy—and be enriched—by spending the evening with her.

**Candidates and issues for November Election**

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>**

Miriam Keller will speak on the candidates and issues for our November election. The reason for the change is so that those who elect to vote by mail can benefit from her presentation. We are so gifted to have Miriam in our parish. She does a great job of presenting the issues while remaining objective and non-partisan.



*Happy Birthday to those born  
in September*

Martha Magana	Sept 4	Liz Hormel	Sept 5
Jessica Hur	Sept 9	Colleen Perez	Sept 16
Dawn Skala	Sept 23	Jan Giovannini-Hill	Sept 28

The pope's intention for September is "respect for the planet's resources" and that we may use them wisely.

### **Prayer to Saint Joseph (recommended after a rosary)**

*To you, O blessed Joseph,  
do we come in our tribulation,  
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,  
we confidently invoke your patronage also.*

*Through that charity which bound you  
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God  
and through the paternal love  
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,  
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance  
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,  
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.*

*O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,  
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;  
O most loving father, ward off from us  
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;  
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us  
and from heaven assist us in our struggle  
with the power of darkness.*

*As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,  
so now protect God's Holy Church  
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;  
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,  
so that, supported by your example and your aid,  
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,  
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.  
Amen*

*Donna Phair*

*Spiritual Chairperson*