



St. Joseph Catholic Church

Mission San José, Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph

St. Joseph Catholic School

Mission
Statement

Our St. Joseph family is living the mission with
Christ through the works of faith, mercy and charity.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026



ST. FRANCIS, THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD, AND THE GIFT OF OUR LIFE



Dear St. Joseph Family,

October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year, his feast day has a special tone, for we celebrate the **800th anniversary of his death.** Eight hundred years have

passed since Francis left this world, but his life continues to speak to us very powerfully today. In February 2025, I had the privilege of visiting **Assisi**, the hometown of St. Francis. Walking through the streets where Francis once walked, praying at the places where he lived and worshipped, and visiting the Basilica of St. Francis, I found myself asking a simple question:

What made this young man so different that, 800 years later, people from all over the world still come to Assisi to remember him? Francis had everything that many young people desire. He came from a wealthy family. He was popular. He enjoyed friendship, parties, beautiful clothes, and the possibility of a comfortable future. But one day, Francis encountered Christ who told him to go and rebuild his Church. Since then he discovered something very important: **His life did not belong to him. His life belonged to God.**

This connects beautifully with today's Gospel. Jesus tells us the parable of a landowner who planted a vineyard, surrounded it with a wall, dug a winepress, and built a tower. Then he entrusted the vineyard to tenants and went away. When harvest time came, the owner sent his servants to collect the fruits. But the tenants refused. They beat one servant, killed another, and stoned another. Finally, the owner sent his son, thinking, *"They will respect my son."*

But the tenants killed him too. Jesus was speaking about the people of God, but the parable also asks us a very personal question: **What have we done with the vineyard God has entrusted to us?** We are not the owners. **We are the tenants.** Someone said: *Our life is a gift from God. What we do with it is our gift back to Him.* So the question is: **"What fruit have I produced?"**

When I visited Assisi, I was struck by how simple Francis's life eventually became. To me, the great lesson of Assisi is not simply to admire beautiful churches or historical places. It is to ask: **What am I holding onto that God is asking me to surrender?** Perhaps it is money. Perhaps it is pride. Perhaps it is anger. Perhaps it is the need to control everything. Perhaps it is an old wound. Perhaps it is simply the desire to live according to my plans rather than God's plans.

So, as we celebrate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis's death, perhaps we should not simply ask, "What did Francis accomplish?" Instead, let us ask: **"What fruit is God expecting from my life?"** If God has given me a family, what fruit am I producing? If God has given me another day of life, what fruit will I give back to Him? May the Lord give us the grace to be faithful tenants—so that when the Master comes, we will not come empty-handed, but with the fruits of **faith, love, mercy, generosity, forgiveness, and holiness.** And may the prayer of St. Francis become our prayer: **"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."** Amen.

Fr. Thi Văn Hoàng, Pastor

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WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH

WELCOME

TO ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH/
MISSION SAN JOSÉ, DIOCESAN SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH.

As a devoted parishioner, new to our community, or cherished guest, we warmly receive you into our sacred home, where faith and fellowship unite us in the infinite love of Christ. We are privileged to connect with you personally for support and guidance on your spiritual journey.

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Please observe reverent silence and pray the Rosary before Mass.

SATURDAY VIGIL HOLY MASS	5:30 PM	Main Church
	8:00 AM	Mission
	10:00 AM	Main Church
SUNDAY HOLY MASS	12:00 PM	Main Church
	3:00 PM	Main Church, Vietnamese
	5:00 PM	Main Church, Mandarin
AD ORIENTEM	7:00 PM	Mission <i>First Sunday of the Month</i>
ST. JOSEPH DEVOTION	7:00 PM	Main Church <i>First Wednesday of the Month</i>
SACRED HEART OF JESUS	8:00 AM	Main Church <i>First Friday of the Month</i> 24-hour Adoration
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	8:00 AM	Main Church <i>First Saturday of the Month</i> (Mission: May 2027) <i>Anointing of the Sick</i> January, April, July, October
HOLY MASS IN SPANISH	7:00 PM	Mission <i>Second Sunday of the Month</i>
ST. JOSEPH DAY	8:00 AM	St. Joseph Chapel of Healing <i>The 19th of Every Month</i> <i>If the 19th falls on a Sunday or March 19th</i> (Feast of St. Joseph), Mass will be held in the Mission Church for space reasons.
Rosary	7:30 AM	Mission
Daily Mass	8:00 AM	Monday–Saturday
Divine Chaplet	8:30 AM	Main Church First Friday & subsequent Saturday
Adoration Monday–Friday	8:00 AM–8:00 PM	Adoration Chapel
*Wednesday	10:30 AM–8:00 PM	
St. Joseph for Life Holy Hour	1:30 PM	Adoration Chapel, Monday
Holy Hour	5:00 PM	Main Church, Thursday
Vespers, Benediction	6:00 PM	
Mass in Vietnamese	7:00 PM	<i>Anointing of the Sick, First Thursday</i>
CONFESSION	7:30 AM	Mission, Wednesday–Friday
By appointment, call 510-656-2364	4:00 PM –5:00 PM	Main Church, Saturday

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Thursday | **Friday**
9:00 AM–4:00 PM | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM



LEARNING, BELONGING, SERVING

ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST

YOUR JOURNEY, OUR FAITH
DISCOVER · BELONG · GROW



FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRY

O.C.I.C.
(Order of Christian Initiation for Children)

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First Holy Communion
Confirmation

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SAVE THE DATE

— 3RD ANNUAL — HARVEST of HOPE Gala

BENEFITING THE
**NEEDS BASED
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, FREMONT



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026



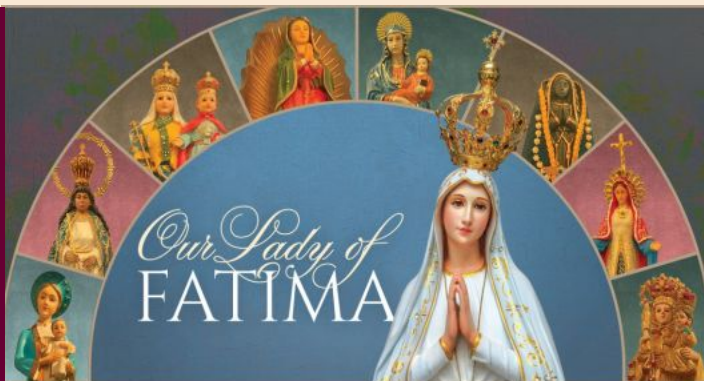
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by Hilton Milpitas – Silicon Valley

Together, we harvest hope and change lives.



St. Joseph School
The School with a Mission

COMMUNITY • FAITH • EDUCATION • SERVICE



Our Lady of
FATIMA

OBSERVED ON THE 13TH OF EACH MONTH
FROM MAY THROUGH OCTOBER

MONDAY JULY 13	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Rosary Procession Holy Mass
THURSDAY AUGUST 13	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Rosary Procession Bilingual Mass (Vietnamese/English) <i>There will be light hospitality following the Mass.</i>
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13	11:30 AM 12:00 PM	Rosary Procession Family of Faith Mass
TUESDAY OCTOBER 13	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Rosary Procession Closing Mass <i>There will be light hospitality following the Mass.</i>

TO HELP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Greta Lazaro: 510-304-3900, gretalaz@gmail.com
Visit our website: www.saintjosephmsj.org/lady-of-fatima/

PRAYER, DEVOTIONS, HOLY DAYS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	10/03	5:30 PM	+Angel Herrera, +Kevin McCabe, Intentions of Gemma Ferrer
Sun	10/04	8:00 AM	+Corrine Cornejo, +Loreto Estrada Balcita, Intentions of Mary & Amy Lightholder
		10:00 AM	+Dr. Will Wyman, +Felisberto Da Cruz, Intentions of the Unborn
		12:00 PM	+Robert Benya, +Intentions of Joseph Coronel, Intentions of Ethan Coronel
		3:00 PM	+Phero Maria Phan Hiep, +Teresa Maria Nguyen Sang
		5:00 PM	People of St. Joseph
		7:00 PM	+James & Diana Skokan
Mon	10/05	8:00 AM	+Felisberto Da Cruz, +Loretta Murphy, +Anne Phuong
Tue	10/06	8:00 AM	+Felix Wang, +Theresa Anh-Quyen, +Renato Suario Laguador
Wed	10/07	8:00 AM	+Diep-Tai, +Rosario Herrera, +Mary Daniels
Thu	10/08	8:00 AM	+Joseph Quynh, +Malcolm Whitman, +John & Jim Jr. Mason
Fri	10/09	8:00 AM	+Anne Thuy, +Morris & Alvirda Hyman, Intentions of Andrew Agcaoili
Sat	10/10	8:00 AM	+Fr. Matthew Vellankal, +Joan O'Burne, +Luisa Del Rosario

Oct 2 | **First Friday**

Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 AM | Main Church

24-Hour Adoration

Oct 3 | **First Saturday**

Immaculate Heart of Mary

8:00 AM | Main Church, Anointing

Oct 4 | **First Sunday**

Ad Orientem

7:00 PM | Mission Church

Candlelight Mass

Oct 7 | **First Wednesday**

St. Joseph Devotion

7:00 PM | Main Church

Vespers | Thursdays | EN 6:00 PM

VN Mass 7:00 PM | Anointing

Main Church

Oct 11 | **Second Sunday**

Misa en Español | 7:00 PM | Mission

FUNERAL | MEMORIAL

Dolores Newbern | Oct 3 | 10 AM

Shirley Fernandez | Oct 23 | 12 PM

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

<https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/liturgy/sacraments-2/funerals/>

Call 510-656-2364 to schedule.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Young Adults Group—Thursdays

7 PM | St. Joseph's Workshop

For young adults in their 20s and 30s seeking Catholic community. Join us for prayer, fellowship, dinner, and opportunities to grow in faith and friendship. Contact Jeff de Jesus at youngadults@saintjosephmsj.org or visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/young-adult-group/. Join us Thursday and bring a friend!



Pray for the Sick—Devin Heinze, Darwin Erfe, Linda Raimundo, Fiona Hong, Roseanne Marra, Brian Hawks, Hernan Jamir, Maryann Carlin, Pete & Cece DeLisi, Iu Ming Thomas Ho, George Hernandez, Yolanda Paulson, Hang Le, Lourdes Verosa, Dorijan Ilijic, Gary Bozaich, Gerry Fulks, Todd & Dianne Goings, Alda Petersen, Marilyn Perry, Tom Truong, Angie Heywood, Luisa Del Rosario, Luis Eduardo Castiblanco, Shirley Nolan, Axel Briskin, Carolina Reyes, Jessica Fluent, Barbara Schaub, Art Noeth, Mariam Wyman, Chris Benya, Gary Asher, Susan Alioto, Anna Wang, Yuk Ying Chan, Theresa Martin, Gary Whiteley, Jayson Watkins, Monique Morsette, Mary Costello, Zeny Lacey, Michael Roseman, Arlene Zulawski, Rey Rara. Requests: 510-656-2364 or www.saintjosephmsj.org/discipleship/prayer-team-ministry/.

PRECIOUS LIFE, GREAT AND SMALL

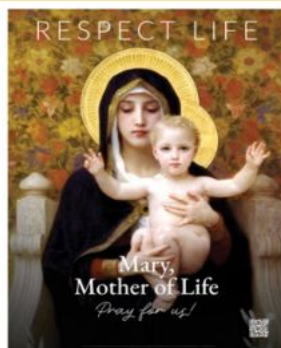


WALK WITH ST. FRANCIS!
 Sunday, October 4, 2026
 | Feast of St. Francis |
DAY PILGRIMAGE IN THE FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR



EXPERIENCE FAITH.
 HONOR ST. FRANCIS.
 BE PILGRIMS OF HOPE.
 A day of grace, reflection, and
 community in the Franciscan spirit.

October is Respect Life Month



“In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the **mother of life**. Mary’s acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Pray for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Pray the **Respect Life Month Novena** with thousands of Catholics nationwide, **Thursday, October 22 – Friday, October 30**. Sign up or download at www.respectlife.org

Party on Canvas—Thank you to Jeffrey de Jesus for guiding our budding artists at Party on Canvas on September 19 in the Mission Patio Garden, and to the Young Adults Ministry members who assisted. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this fundraiser for Mission San José!



Solar Illumination—Mission doors open Sunday, October 4, at 5:30 PM for the annual autumn solar illumination. Sunlight enters through the western window, travels along the nave and illuminates the tabernacle and main altar—a remarkable alignment reflecting the historic church’s orientation to the

sun. Peak illumination is expected at approximately 6:15 PM. Join us for Ad Orientem Mass at 7:00 PM in the Mission Church. www.saintjosephmsj.org/solar-illumination/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check our parish website closer to the dates for times and full event details: www.saintjosephmsj.org

2026

	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
	Franciscan Day Pilgrimage
OCT. 4	Blessing of the Animals
	Fall Solar Illumination
OCT. 11	St. Joseph Festival
OCT. 13	Rosary Procession, Holy Mass, Our Lady of Fatima
NOV. 1	All Saints
NOV. 2	All Souls
	Senior Luncheon
NOV. 13	St. Joseph School Harvest of Hope Gala
	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
NOV. 22	Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs, 10 AM Mass
	Bà Mẹ Công Giáo
NOV. 26	Thanksgiving Day
NOV. 29	New Liturgical Year B First Sunday of Advent
DEC. 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
DEC. 14	Parish Advent Reconciliation
	Las Posadas
DEC. 15-23	Simbang Gabi
DEC. 24	Christmas Eve, Nativity Play, Midnight Mass
DEC. 25	Nativity of the Lord
DEC. 27	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

2027

JAN. 1	Solemnity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
JAN. 9	Jubilee Year of St. Francis Closing Mass
JAN. 27	Epiphany of the Lord
MARCH 12-13	Fifth Annual St. Joseph Conference
APR. 30 –MAY 1	Third Annual Vietnamese St. Joseph Conference
JUNE 12	230th Anniversary of the Mission San José and Gala Dinner

Magnifica Humanitas — Pope Leo XIV

www.saintjosephmsj.org/magnifica-humanitas/

See page 8 of today’s bulletin.



SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS
ONLINE RESERVATIONS
www.saintjosephmsj.org/mission-field-trips



SERVING, GATHERING, GROWING



Refugee Ministry Update— Fathers Moving Up

Our Afghan fathers share the same goal: a good education and future for their children. Many were doctors, journalists, and lab technicians in Afghanistan, but now work in warehouses or drive for Uber. Mir has worked at Tesla in Fremont for three years, but in

Afghanistan he was a graphic designer for Sesame Street. He is taking classes to return to the field he loves. Mohammady is taking mechanic training after work, hoping for a better position at Tesla when he finishes in October. **Please pray for them.** To help, contact Don at donaIdkaefer@gmail.com. For information about this ministry, visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/refugee.



St. Vincent de Paul—For the first time in seven years, St. Vincent de Paul will hold a “Friends of the Poor” Walk on October 17 at Lake Elizabeth. Funds raised will help provide 150 families with large bags of groceries for Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards for 60 families with children. As food costs continue to rise, we also remain committed to helping our neighbors with essential needs, including partial rent and utility assistance. Contact Barb Fuhs at eabmom@comcast.net to sponsor a walker. Thank you for your generous support of our recent 2nd collection! Visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/st-vincent-de-paul/.

donuts, muffins for morning; cookies, brownies, cakes or pies for later. List your donation on Lauri’s sheet and bring it to the Baked Goods Booth next Sunday after 8:00 AM. *Turn in raffle tickets today in the Mass collection basket or at the Parish Office this week. Next Sunday is too late to do it this way. *Help set up or clean up. Contact Lauri at lkaefer@comcast.net.



HOM Urgently Needs Donations—

Modess and Yardley toiletries, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, women’s underwear sizes 8-12; used men’s jeans sizes 30–40; used women’s jeans sizes 6-12; T-shirts M–XXL; belts and socks. Drop donations in the yellow bins outside the HOM Office on Sundays from 11:00 AM–12:00 PM or Thursdays from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM. Contact Debra Meinecke at 510-378-0753 or Joanne Kemp at 510-386-5470. www.saintjosephmsj.org/homeless-urgent-needs. Thank you for your generous support.



Next Sunday is FESTIVAL!

Sign up at the Registration Station in the Hall during Hospitality today! *Volunteer at the NOP Baked Goods or Raffle Ticket Booths. *Donate baked goods:



Respect Life Sunday—As Catholics, we are called to cherish and protect every human life, from beginning to end. Through prayer

and acts of kindness, we can offer care and support to those who are most vulnerable. Today, reflect on the dignity of each person while enjoying refreshments provided by the Respect Life Ministry. Stop by the Registration Station to buy Festival raffle tickets or volunteer. Contact Lauri Kaefer at lkaefer@comcast.net.



The St. Joseph Men’s Ministry invites all men of the parish to a fellowship night on October 6 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Pastor Father Thi Văn Hoàng will discuss parish news and upcoming events. Light food and beverages will be provided. Join us!



Charitable bequest: a lasting expression of faith and stewardship. Remember the Church and its ministries in your estate plans. Help sustain Christ’s mission. Call Gina Mehta 510-656-2364.

How to Give Online—OSV <https://www.osvhub.com/saintjosephmsj/giving/funds>. Charitable giving = tax benefits, parish support. Set up your EFT or ACH today.



24-HOUR ADORATION SIGN-UP

www.saintjosephmsj.org/24-hour-eucharistic-adoration



Living the Mission
with Christ:
Through Works of
Mercy

2nd Collection: Catholic Voice

	9/20/2026	9/27/2026
	\$ 21,097.51	\$ 18,229.11
Family of Faith 9/27	\$	\$ 3,114.00

MISSION SAN JOSÉ, HERITAGE, FAITH

From the Finance Council

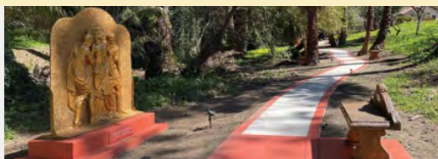


**Second Quarter
2026 Financial
Statement** is now

available. It provides a clear overview of parish finances, including income, expenses, ministry support, and operating needs. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful stewardship in support of St. Joseph Catholic Church/Mission San José, Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph. Visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/q2-2026-finance/.



Leave Your Mark at St. Joseph—Engraved bricks are



half price at the St. Joseph Festival—only \$125, regularly \$250! Add your

family's story to our parish grounds with a brick along the paths surrounding the Outdoor Stations of the Cross. Honor a loved one, remember someone special or celebrate your family with up to two lines of engraving, 15 spaces per line. Order at www.saintjosephmsj.org/brick. Please join us at the Festival on October 11, 2026.



Games Are Back at the St. Joseph Festival!

Game winners will earn tickets to redeem at our prize booth. Help us stock it with toys, stickers, stuffed animals, notebooks, keychains, candles and other fun prizes.

Donations may be brought to the Parish Office during business hours.

Visit www.saintjosephmsj.org/festival -games to donate or sign up to work in a game booth. Questions?

Contact Nancy Flores-Mai at nflores@saintjosephmsj.org or 510-656-2364.



ST. JEROME LIBRARY FAITH ON THE MOVE

Sunday, October 4, 2026 • Parish Hall

Discover faith-centered, family-friendly books from our Faith Formation Campus Library.



Contact Nancy Flore-Mai
nflores@saintjosephmsj.org



www.saintjosephmsj.org/st-jerome-library



Blessing of the Animals—Sunday, October 4 following the 12:00 PM Mass, Holy Family Picnic Area. Bring your pets for a special blessing in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. This beloved tradition reminds us to give thanks for God's creatures and care for them with kindness. All pets, large and small, are welcome! We give thanks for the companionship and joy our pets bring to our lives.

ST. JOSEPH FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 11, 2026

ENTERTAINMENT

9:15 AM	Dulay Rock Band
10:15 AM	Alliance Performing Dance Team
11:15 AM	Hula Dance
11:45 AM	Indonesian Catholics in the Bay Area
12:15 PM	Laudate Ringers, Handbell Ensemble
1:15 PM	Vietnamese Dance Group
1:45 PM	Line Dancing • Audience Participation
2:15 PM	Filipiniana Dance Group
2:45 PM	Chinese Community of St. Joseph Parish
3:15 PM	Indian Community — Cultural Dance
3:30 PM	¡Viva Mexico! — Folkloric Ballet Group
4:00 PM	Hispanic Liturgical Group
4:15 PM	Harpist Salvador Vazquez
4:45 PM	Bird Show
5:45 PM	Raffle Drawing

MASS TIMES

8:00 AM • Mass	2:00 PM • Vietnamese Mass
10:00 AM • Mass	4:00 PM • Chinese Mass
12:00 PM • Mass	7:00 PM • Spanish Mass

YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

ENCYCLICAL LETTER **MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS** OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The wisdom of the word of God in dialogue with the human sciences

23. The Church regards all who sincerely seek “truth, goodness and beauty” as companions on the journey, and considers them as “precious allies” [12] in defending the dignity of every person and in caring for creation. Adopting the pastoral approach of the Second Vatican Council, which invites us to listen, discern and interpret the signs of the times, and enlightened by the wisdom of the word, the Church is not afraid to encounter human knowledge. Indeed, the word of God provides reliable standards for establishing paths of justice and opening ways of reconciliation and peace among peoples. When it comes to applying these standards to the complex situations of our time, the contributions of philosophy and of the human and social sciences is essential. These disciplines help us understand and analyze cultural, economic and political dynamics more deeply. Saint John Paul II recalled that the Church welcomes the contributions of the social sciences in order “to draw from them concrete insights that help her carry out her magisterial office.” [13] A dialogue with such kinds of knowledge does not diminish the power of the Gospel. On the contrary, it makes it possible to identify with greater clarity what genuinely fosters the lives of individuals and communities. Following this perspective, Pope Francis emphasized that when dealing with many specific questions, the Church does not claim to offer “a definitive opinion,” [14] but recognizes the importance of listening to scientific research and of encouraging a serious and honest debate among experts while welcoming a diversity of opinions.

24. Nourished by this fruitful dialogue between the Gospel and human knowledge, the Church has progressively developed her Social Doctrine, cultivating in history a wise patrimony marked by theological and anthropological coherence rooted in the Christian understanding of the person. Precisely because this patrimony arises from faith and a corresponding vision of reality, it does not amount to a repertoire of technical solutions or an economic or political model to be set against others. Instead, it belongs to a different order, [15] namely that of the principles that guide the interpretation of events and sustain an evangelical understanding of historical processes and the choices these entail. Herein lies the proper function of Social Doctrine, which does not claim to supplant the responsibilities of politics or institutions, but offers itself as a foundation for collective discernment, helping to recognize and promote whatever serves the dignity of persons, the vitality of communities and the common good.

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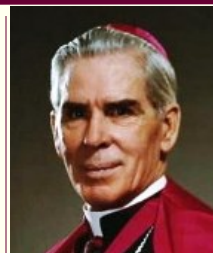
2026 ST. JOSEPH FESTIVAL Festival Volunteers Needed!

Have you found a volunteer spot for our St. Joseph Festival on October 11? Help organize/display Silent Auction items, announce winners, work in a booth, or assist with set-up and clean-up. Donate items to the Silent Auction or Baked Foods Booth. Don Kaefer at donaldkaefer@gmail.com or Jeffrey DeJesus at deJesus.y.Jeffrey@gmail.com. Don't forget to return your raffle tickets!

2026 Diocesan Bishop's Appeal \$72,000 (Goal)
Actual of as of 8/31/2026: \$62,769.00 ~ 87% of Goal!

Thank you for your generous support!

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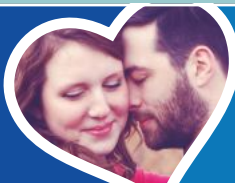
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