

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph's Parish Family,

I've heard from numerous people in the parish that many are feeling a sense of anxiety and worry about the state of the Church. I too am worried about all that has been revealed this summer. The best way to handle that worry is to not place the weight of the whole Church, or even just the Church in America, on your shoulders. It is Christ who looks after the Church— fortunately our responsibility is much smaller! We must do what we can with what is in front of us. We must seek holiness and virtue in our lives and actions. We must seek to love those whom God has placed in our lives, and let Christ deal with what is beyond our control. Placing the weight of everything on our shoulders will only crush us.

Although we cannot fix everything ourselves, there is much we can do. We can pray for the wider Church, we can fast and undertake penance for the Church, and we can help our small corner of the Church thrive. I keep my focus on St. Joseph's parish— on all of you who make up this parish. Let us keep each other and all the parish in our prayers, and seek to live a life of charity, and God's grace will help all of us be the people God created us to be— to be saints.

Another question that has come up a lot concerns the small changes in the sanctuary. You may not have even noticed, but I did make some changes. I switched out the priest's chair in the sanctuary simply because the older white one was terribly uncomfortable. I asked the other friars and all agreed that it was one of the most uncomfortable chairs they had ever sat in! A parishioner even told me that all the priests he's ever seen sit in the chair always looked uncomfortable in it. That chair is not proportionated to human sizes, meaning that the backrest is so far back that to use it one's legs don't touch the ground. It also was unsteady, such that when one didn't stay perfectly still it would rock from side to side, make a loud 'clunk-clunk' sound. So I switched it with the older celebrant's chair that was in the sacristy.

I also placed a crucifix on the altar. I did this to remind myself what I am doing at Mass. It is easy when facing the congregation to subconsciously slip into performance mode. Most of the priest's words during Mass are prayers to God. They are not words spoken to the congregation, but prayers made on behalf of the congregation. The crucifix helps me to stay focused on prayer rather than slipping into performance.

Also, I started to use a burse and chalice veil. These are the cloths placed over the chalice. They came with a new set of vestments we ordered and so I believe we should use them since we have them.

Finally, I've been working with contractors to repair the church building. You may have noticed the leak in the roof over the St. Joseph statue. It's quickly growing— a bad sign. There are also issues with the roof, gutters, exterior paint, and many other instances of delayed maintenance. We're working towards getting all of that taken care of.

God Bless!

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P.

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SECOND COLLECTION

**September 29th - 30th
St Joseph's Seminary**

Weekly Collection 

September 22nd & 23rd, 2018

Masses Total -----	\$8,109
WeShare-----	\$520
Faith Street -----	\$853
Grand Total -----	\$9,482

FAITHSTREET

To give effortlessly online, just click the "**Give Online**" button on the home page of our website - www.stjosephgv.nyc

WESHARE

To create online giving account, please visit stjosephgv.churchgiving.com and click "**Give Online**".

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for:

- Victoria Ottomanelli
- Barbara Rosenberg
- Arthur Bifulco
- William Jayne
- Carol Gershkowitz
- Irena Malashenkova
- Brendon Burlich



If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names.

Names on the prayer list will be on for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, Weekdays 9AM - 5PM.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

12:10 pm

5:30 pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 am

11:30 am Catherine Greene

6:00 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

12:10 am Sr. Anny Li

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

12:10 pm J. Patrick Kennedy

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

12:10 pm Alexander Granello

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

Saint Francis of Assisi

12:10 pm Jim Sentilles

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

12:10 pm Colleen Carney

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UPDATE PARISHIONER INFORMATION

If you have not updated your parishioner information in the last two years, please log onto our website and update your information. Please be sure to include your sacraments and family information as well. We have a number of registered parishioners with outdated or no important information. If you are not sure you have registered as a parishioner, please call the office or email **secretary@stjosephgv.nyc** to check your status.

FLOCKNOTES

Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way! This tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive – via email or text message – from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. There are two easy ways to connect:

Visit our church at

www.flocknote.com/SJGV (or)

Text SJGV to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.

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CATHOLIC CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

The following changes are effective immediately:

The south side of the Catholic Center | Lobby access to main offices, Meeting Room (Rm. 190B), Student Office, Kitchen, and Common Room

- *MONDAY to THURSDAY* from 9 am to 10 pm
- *FRIDAY* from 9 am to 6 pm

The north side of the Catholic Center | Lobby access to the Chapel

- *MONDAY TO FRIDAY* from 9 am to 6 pm

The north lobby access to the Chapel side of the building will be locked at 6 pm daily.

- *MONDAY to THURSDAY* by request for private prayer during evening hours: 7 pm to 9:30 pm.

Please ask Chaplain or a FOCUS missionary for access.

- *MONDAY to THURSDAY* for students praying Compline from 9:30 pm to 10 pm.
- *SUNDAY* for St. Joseph Young Professionals and In Vino VERITAS participants praying Compline from 9 pm to 9:30 pm.

There should be no student use of the Catholic Center after 10 pm.

BASIC CATHOLICISM COURSE

October 2018 – April 2019
Tuesday Evenings at 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Casserly Hall

Father Scordo will be offering a course on "Basic Catholicism" beginning **Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:30 pm**. These classes will run each Tuesday evening - with some exceptions.

The subject matter will cover what Catholics believe starting with the existence of God and carrying through the History of Salvation to the present day.

This course is intended for adults who desire a stronger understanding of their Catholic faith; whether you are new to the faith or have been on this journey for some time.

Come and join your fellow parishioners, neighbors and friends as we grow in faith together!

CHILD PROTECTION MESSAGE

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact **Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P at 212-371-1000 x 2949**. She may be reached via e-mail at **victimassistance@archny.org**. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, **www.archny.org**. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesize, and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not the people.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on judgment day.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name, but he does warn them that anyone who tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. Jesus also discusses personal failing and the importance of taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
DAILY READINGS**

Sunday

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday

Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

First Friday

Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

First Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 30, 2018**

“The Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses: Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the Lord bestowed it on the seventy elders, and as the spirit came upon them they prophesied... ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord would bestow his spirit on them all. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.”

On the day of our baptism, when we were anointed with the Holy Chrism we were told that we participate with Jesus as - priest, prophet and king. A prophet is a spokesperson for God. We read from the Major Prophets in the Old Testament, and know the teaching of the minor ones, as Micah, Amos, Hosea and others. Some say the age of prophets ended at the close of the first testament.

No, that is not true. Because we too are called to witness to Christ, we too are spokespersons for the Lord, His prophets today. We speak as witnesses by our actions. We speak as teachers of His word. We bring the call to conversion to a needy world. We find the witness of prophets in Saint Archbishop Oscar Romero, Blessed Stanley Rother and the religious martyrs of El Salvador. They are the prophetic voices, calling out for justice, an end to oppression, as agents for peace.

‘Would that the Lord would bestow...’ He has, now it is our turn.

