

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

I have great news! We've wanted to expand confessions at St. Joseph's for a while, especially to offer confession on Sundays. Currently confession is offered before our weekday Masses and the Vigil Mass; however, many people can't make those times, especially many of our parishioners who are only in the Village for Sunday Mass or work during the day. Thus the very parishioners whom this parish serves are the ones least able to take advantage of our current confession times.

The solution is to offer confessions for a half hour before our Sunday Masses. Unfortunately, it has not been possible so far. Currently we use a small confession screen placed by the St. Joseph statue. That screen does not block sound at all, and with the church building consisting of hard surfaces, the screen is only usable when there is hardly anyone in the church. Before the Sunday Masses there are too many people in the church to use the screen in the open. Even during the week, I worry about the privacy of those confessing because sound travels so easily in the church. The solution is a real confessional.

I have to admit that I was surprised that St. Joseph's didn't have a confessional. It's a bit like McDonald's not serving fries! But that's the great news— this Monday work is starting on a new confessional.

The key issue was where to put it. I didn't want it in the nave, or main body, of the Church because there was no obvious place to fit a confessional in the nave: it either blocks sight lines or reduces seating. The solution is the narthex (the space between the main red doors and the glass wall). There is a room on the right (when facing the altar) underneath the stairs that lead to the balcony, a room that is currently only being used to store folding chairs. That space is perfect for a confessional. Therefore, a contractor will start transforming that room into a sound proof confessional.

When I outlined a plan for the parish in light of the need for renewal and reform in the Church, I mentioned having confession offered before the Sunday Masses by Advent. We may beat that deadline— once the confessional is complete we'll start offering confessions before every Mass in the parish— weekday and Sunday.

Confession is a source of great grace. It forgives sin and strengthens us to grow in virtue. One cannot advance in the spiritual life without the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). We're going to make it as easy as possible for everyone to take advantage of this wonderful sacrament. The graces that will flow from it will strengthen all of us and our parish. Take advantage of this sacrament and use it to grow closer to Jesus Christ.

God Bless,

Fr. Boniface

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Weekly Collection

October 13th & 14th, 2018

Masses Total-----	\$7,687
WeShare-----	\$450
Faith Street -----	\$4,193
Grand Total -----	\$12,330

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:

Paul Gallagher
Zoila Vallo
Victoria Ottomaneli
Barbara Rosenberg

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, OCTOBER 20

Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest; BVM

12:10 pm

5:30 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:30 am Michael & Emil Ferfaglia (Father & Son)

6:00 pm Frances Reyes

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

Saint John Paul II, Pope

12:10 am

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

12:10 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

12:10 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

12:10 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

12:10 pm

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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:

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SECOND COLLECTION

World Mission Sunday
October 20th & 21st, 2018

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin American and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers, and be generous in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

LECTIO DIVINA & CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Wednesdays, at 7-8:30 pm
Music Room of Parish House

Lectio Divina is a reflective reading of the Word of God. It is a traditional method of prayer that leads us into the deeper meaning of the Scripture and growing in relationship with Christ, making possible the transformation of our lives. Contemplative Prayer is the final phase of Lectio Divina, it is opening ourselves in silence to God's Presence and Action.



BASIC CATHOLICISM COURSE

October 2018 - April 2019
Tuesdays at 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Casserly Hall

Father Scordo will be offering a course on "Basic Catholicism" on **Tuesday nights 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!

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

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Isaiah speaks of how the Servant of God will have to give his life up for the sins of other people. Because of this suffering the Servant will receive eternal life for himself and all the people whose sins are forgiven because of him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus is considered to be the new high priest and mediator between God and his people. Fortunately, Jesus has experienced the same temptations as other people, and so he has more tolerance of our weaknesses.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Two of the disciples ask Jesus that they be allowed to sit at his right and left side when he comes into his glory. Jesus explains that they should not be concerned with their position. Instead they should concern themselves with serving others just as Jesus was planning to serve many in giving his own life for their sins.



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

Sunday

Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or
10:42-45

Monday

Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

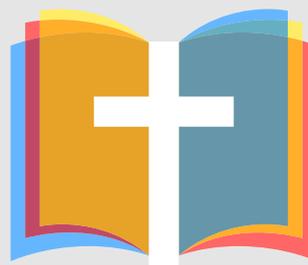
Friday

Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 21, 2018**

“Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, for he has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.”

When the Father sent the Son as our redeemer, Jesus assumed every part of our humanity, except sin. For this reason He knows and understands us, with our strengths and weaknesses, our cares and concerns. Because of His identity with us, I am able to seek Him out in my every need.

He knows my deep desire to live as a faithful disciple. He knows that when I fail, He is awaiting me with open arms. Because of His closeness to me, I go to Him without fear, as He gives me the gift of His mercy and grace.

*Hide me in the shelter
of your wings*

