A Stewardship Prayer
Dear Lord, I pray that You give me the wisdom to guide
me on this faith journey of stewardship. Help me to
understand that everything I have is a gift from You.
Open up my heart and my mind so that I may use these
marvelous gifts to give back to You here on earth. I pray
Lord that You welcome me into Your kingdom at the end
of my life and that You are pleased with what I have done
with all Your gifts. Amen.

St. Joseph Church & School

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I am the vine, you are the branches (Jn 15:5)

Year of Mercy (Dec. 8, 2015 - Nov. 20, 2016)
- Church & School Mission Statement
- Overview of Ministries
- Contacts & Schedules
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- Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy

St. Joseph Church & School
Ministry Guide
Advent 2015
St. Joseph Church and School is a Catholic community of believers and a spiritual family called by God to live out the message of Christ in love and service to all people. “To know Christ better and to make Him better known” is the mission statement of the Diocese and also the goal of our parish. The heart of St. Joseph Church is the faith, work and generosity of good people bringing God’s presence into the world.

“We, the people of God of St. Joseph Parish Community, are united by our faith in Christ Jesus, our Baptism, and our love for one another. We are called to follow the Gospel in the way we share our individual gifts of time, talent and treasure and serve others in their spiritual and material needs. Our many diversities are acknowledged and valued. Each of us is challenged to respect, build upon, and be enriched by these diversities. We resolve to promote the dignity, growth and welfare of our parish and to maintain a positive influence in our surrounding community.”

-Parish Mission Statement, established 1992

School Mission Statement:

St. Joseph School is a Christ-Centered Community of life-long learners. Each child is valued and respected as a unique individual and as a member of God’s family. St. Joseph School is committed to providing a well-rounded education for our students. We promote the Christian growth of each child as he/she develops spiritually, morally, intellectually, technologically, socially, culturally, and physically.

**School Mission Statement:**

**St. Joseph Church & School**

- **Asociacion Guadalupana**
  Member of the Catholic Federation of Guadalupana Associations in the Oakland Diocese.
  **Contact:** Rosamaria Legier 233-9706

- **Bereavement & Caring Ministry**
  Ministers to those grieving; emotional support in safe environment.
  **Contact:** Sr. Celine 741-4900 ext. 203

- **Cursillo**
  Supporting Christian Community, a
  **Contact:** Carl Schober 223-1003

- **Eucharistic Adoration**
  Supports devotion to the Blessed Sacrament through daily adoration.
  **Contact:** Fr John 741-4900 ext. 206

- **Quinceanera**
  Prepares young ladies for growth in their faith, marked by a celebration as she turns 15.
  **Contact:** Reyna Maria Touriel 669-9659

- **Respect Life Ministry**
  Dedicated to educating others about the Church’s teaching on the care and preservation of human life from natural conception to natural death.
  **Contact:** Fr John 741-4900 ext. 206

- **San Lorenzo Ruiz Society**
  Supports devotion to Alliance of Two Hearts, Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Fatima & Perpetual Help, Simbang Gabi & Santo Nino.
  **Contact:** Fr Dante 741-4900 ext. 207

- **St. Joseph Seniors**
  Attends monthly Mass, socials and excursions first Thursday of each month.
  **Contact:** Susan Gahan 741-1756

- **Stewardship Committee**
  Four core values: Identity, Trust, Love & Gratitude. Helps parishioners to share God-given talents with others.
  **Contact:** Cindy Steffinich 724-6838
Pray for the living and the dead
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.  Amen.  Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you, save souls.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Admonish the sinner; Instruct the ignorant
"If your brother sins, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Mt. 18:15)

Counsel the doubtful; Comfort the sorrowful
"Jesus said to him, 'If you can!' Everything is possible to one who has faith.' Then the boy's father cried out, 'I do believe, help my unbelief!'” (Mk 9:23-24)

Bear wrongs patiently; Forgive all injuries
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Fr John Direen, Pastor, ext. 206
Fr Dante Tamayo, Parochial Vicar, ext. 207
Fr Peter Son Vo, Parochial Vicar, ext. 202
Arlene Marseille, School Principal
Kathy Brunstein, School Vice Principal & 8th grade, ext. 111
Sr. Celine Pathiaparambil, Pastoral Minister, ext. 203
Carol Lujan, Director of Religious Ed for Children, ext. 204
Teena Posas, Director of Religious Ed for Youth, ext. 210
Sr. Christine Le, Office Assistant, ext. 209
Rodney Esperanza, Office Assistant, ext. 208

St. Vincent de Paul Services (510) 691-1813
Diocese of Oakland (510) 893-4711
Office of Vocations (510) 267-8356
Catholic Charities (510) 768-3100
Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (510) 234-2012
The Catholic Voice (510) 893-5339
Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together (510) 267-8358
Order of Malta Clinic (at Cathedral) (510) 587-3000
One-Stop Social Service Guide, dial 211

St. Joseph Church & School
Overview of Ministries

St. Joseph Church
Established in 1947, our parish thrives on the collaboration of all members. Everyone has something unique and important to contribute and we all benefit from one another’s participation.

ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS
The Parish Council is the consultative parish body to the pastor. It provides service and leadership for the parish and its staff. Its purpose is to discern the needs - both temporal and spiritual - of the parishioners and the surrounding community. It then helps to find the resources to meet identified needs. The council encourages coordination and mutual assistance between organizations and ministries in the parish. In all matters, the Council tries to facilitate and implement the goals of the Parish Mission Statement.

The existence of the Finance Council is mandated by Canon Law (Canon 537) which requires that each parish is to have a finance council to assist the pastor in fulfilling his responsibilities in the administration of the parish goods and finances. Its function is, for the most part, to provide transparency to the whole parish, to serve as guardian of the parish finances and, in some instances, to advise the pastor on the validity of a financial action.

These councils meet once a month. If you are interested in serving the parish in this capacity, please contact one of the members or any of the parish priests.

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<td>Keith Allison 724-0242</td>
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<td>Flo Rodich 758-2766</td>
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<td>Sr. Celine 741-4900 ext. 203</td>
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<td>Juvenile Hall Ministry</td>
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<td>Ken Cordier 799-3327</td>
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<td>Young Ladies Institute</td>
<td>Ann Petrich 223-2152</td>
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Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry; Give drink to the thirsty
The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25, versus 31 to 46, reminds us of how important it is to our faith in Christ that we show mercy, knowing that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for Christ.

Clothe the naked; Shelter the homeless
“It’s why the Son of God was stripped naked by the agents of Satan as he hung upon the cross. To make someone, to strip them publicly, is universally understood as taking away their human dignity.” Mark Shea, National Catholic Register, 5/31/2014

Visit the sick; Visit the imprisoned
Pope Francis washed the feet of a dozen inmates at a juvenile detention center Holy Thursday. He told the detainees that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples on the eve of his crucifixion in a gesture of love and service. “This is a symbol, it is a sign – washing your feet means I am at your service.” Pope Francis, 2013.

Bury the dead
“The care with which we bury the dead expresses our faith in the victory over everlasting death which Our Lord Jesus Christ has won in our human nature by His own Death and Resurrection. We bury the dead in the sure hope of the resurrection of the body, when their mortal bodies will share fully in the glory of the Risen Christ.” Raymond Cardinal Burke

St. Joseph School provides quality Catholic education in the parish family setting for children in grades TK-8. In order to ensure adequate attention to our students, we need volunteers who can serve as office help, readers (to read books to the children), and artists (to do art projects with the children). In addition, we would appreciate helpers for science, math, social studies, English, music, dance, and drama. Volunteers will be provided with information on school requirements and procedures. After school day care is available until 6 pm.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL BOARD
This group advises the Pastor and Principal in areas such as finance, policy-making construction, and various other functions pertaining to St. Joseph School. Volunteers are needed who are dedicated to school and parish interests. Elections are held in May to fill three of the total nine positions on the board each year.

PARENT-TEACHER GROUP (PTG)
This group’s goal is to promote Christian growth and development of each child in St. Joseph School. We seek to provide a spiritual atmosphere of love and prayer that reaches out to the families and beyond. We wish to encourage each child’s development of unique talents and healthy self-esteem. We also help raise funds for the school to accomplish these goals.
Volunteers who are interested in supporting St. Joseph School by working on our fund-raising activities are encouraged to contact the school office at (510) 724-0242.
**Worship & Sacramental Life**

**Celebration of Eucharist**
- Saturday Vigil: 5 PM & 7 PM (Sp.)
- Sunday 7, 8:30 & 10:30 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM
- Monday-Friday 7:30 & 9 AM, 6:30 PM
- Saturday: 8 AM, First Friday: 7:30 PM

**Celebration of Reconciliation & Anointing**
- Confessions in the Church confessional
  - Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM
  - Monday-Thursday: 5:45-6:20 PM
  - Friday: After morning Masses & 5:45-6:20 PM
- Also available by appointment: (510) 741-4900
- Anointing of the Sick upon request.

**Celebration of Baptism and Confirmation**
- Baptisms are administered at any scheduled Mass and outside of Mass on the first Sunday of the month at 2 PM. Confirmation for youth requires two years of formation. Adults are confirmed at the Easter Vigil.
- Please contact the Parish Center to register for these sacraments.

**Celebration of Marriage**
- Marriages are celebrated throughout the year.
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### Confirmation Program

A time when our youth begin to make the Catholic Faith their own. Role models with a genuine love for the Church make an impression here.

- **Contact:** Teena Posas 741-4900 ext. 210

### Bible Study

Intensive bible study courses are offered every year. This year we are studying the Prophet Isaiah.

- **Contact:** Gene & LaRae Buxa 724-6219

### St. Joseph Church & School

- **Adult Faith Formation & RCIA**
  - Conversion to Christ is a life-long process. Lots of opportunities here!
  - **Contact:** Fr. John 741-4900 ext. 206

- **Baptism Preparation**
  - The Christian journey begins with baptism, and it is a great joy to help others get started.
  - **Contact:** Suzanne Grosse Tchan 741-4900

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  - **Contact:** Carol Lujan 222-2752

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  - Married Couples interested in helping the engaged prepare for their marriage.
  - Theological training available.
  - **Contact:** Fr Dante 741-4900 ext. 207
  - **Contact:** Fr John 741-4900 ext. 206
  - **Contact:** Fr Peter 741-4900 ext. 202

- **St. Paul Street Evangelization**
  - Dedicated to responding to the mandate of Jesus to preach the Gospel to all nations by taking our Catholic Faith to the street; non-confrontational, allowing the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of witnesses of a public Catholic presence.
  - **Contact:** David Brandt 384-7215
  - **Contact:** dave.brandt456@gmail.com

- **Youth Ministry (Middle School)**
  - Adults and High School Peers help form the consciences of our 7th & 8th grade students.
  - **Contact:** Teena Posas 741-4900 ext. 210
**Catechesis & Evangelization**

**The New Evangelization**
The best way to learn our Catholic Faith is to put it into practice and teach it to others. This is what keeps fresh and relevant the work of spreading the Good News to the modern world.

**Getting more acquainted with the bible**
Reading and meditating on Sacred Scripture each day gives us the knowledge and nourishment we need to follow Christ faithfully. Studying the bible together opens our minds, avails us to greater inspiration, and helps keep us on track with Catholic Tradition.

**Getting more acquainted with catholicism**
Attending catechetical talks, workshops, conferences, courses and retreats allow us to reconsider basic topics and give us more confidence when sharing our Catholic Faith with others. Nothing takes the place of walking the talk, but we can always work on better ways to articulate our motivation.

**Freely received, freely given**

“The kingdom of heaven is at hand’...Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” (Mt. 10:7-8) NAB

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<td>Everyone who has received the sacrament of Baptism and Eucharist is eligible for this ministry. Training video is available.</td>
<td>Cathy Dimalanta 305-3863 Esther Navarro (Sp.) 778-5059</td>
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<td><strong>Eucharistic Ministers</strong></td>
<td>Everyone who has received the sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation is eligible for this ministry. Those who are married should be married in the Church.</td>
<td>Carol Lujan 222-2752 Mercedes Nazario (Sp.) 799-2936</td>
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<td><strong>Greeters</strong></td>
<td>Welcomes people coming into Church for liturgical events.</td>
<td>Cindy Steffinich 724-6838</td>
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<td><strong>Lectors</strong></td>
<td>Everyone who has received the sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation is eligible for this ministry. Those who are married should be married in the Church.</td>
<td>Tony Steffinich 724-6838 Marina Sagastume (Sp.) 234-9177</td>
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<td><strong>Music Ministry</strong></td>
<td>Our liturgical events are enhanced by choir directors, choir members and accompanists. We are blest to have many choirs.</td>
<td>Ed Combong 375-5481 Music Coordinator Please see pg. for a listing of choir directors.</td>
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<td><strong>Sacristans</strong></td>
<td>Prepares for liturgical events in the Church by providing the items needed and maintaining the sacristy in order.</td>
<td>Sr. Celine 741-4900 ext. 203 Salvador Ruvalcaba (Sp.) 799-4384</td>
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<td><strong>Ushers</strong></td>
<td>This ministry assists people to find a seat, assists in the collection, selects a family to offer the gifts of bread, wine and the people’s donations, and distribute bulletins &amp; flyers.</td>
<td>Sr. Celine 741-4900 ext. 203 Salvador Ruvalcaba (Sp.) 799-4384</td>
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May God Reward You
Much of our ministerial needs require work behind the scenes, where you may not get much recognition, but are very much needed.

Old fashion labor
Many tasks can only be accomplished with elbow grease and a good work ethic. This requires a sincere and humble desire to serve the Lord by serving the community in ways most will never know. St. Joseph, our patron, is the finest example for such ministers.

Implementing and using new technology
We want to keep up with the times and make good use of today’s technology. Such expertise can also make a significant contribution. Please let us know who you are and feel free to make suggestions as well as offer your time and talent. Pope St. John Paul II took full advantage of modern technology.

Working together as a welcoming family
Pope Francis just completed a Synod of the Family and encourages us to work together in ways that always includes others. A welcoming parish inspires others to become members who also have much to contribute in time, talent and treasure.

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<td>Wash and iron liturgical linens</td>
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<td>and altar server cassocks &amp; surpluses.</td>
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<td><strong>Children’s Liturgy of the Word</strong></td>
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<td>Prepares to present the Gospel and other scripture readings to children to better comprehend God’s Word.</td>
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<td><strong>Communion to the Homebound</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Environment Committee</strong></td>
<td>Shirley Antonio 799-0881</td>
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<td>Decorates the Church with flowers and seasonal accents according to the liturgical calendar.</td>
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<td><strong>Hospitality</strong></td>
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<td>Welcomes people to social gatherings usually in our Parish Hall after liturgical events.</td>
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<td><strong>Liturgy Committee</strong></td>
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<td>Meets once a month to help plan liturgical events and coordinate the various ministries needed.</td>
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<td><strong>Maintenance Ministry</strong></td>
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<td>Keeps an eye on the maintenance needs of the Church, makes repairs or recommendations on service options.</td>
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<td><strong>Media Ministry</strong></td>
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<td>Our liturgical events are enhanced by audio and visual aids. This ministry works with technology to create and show videos appropriate to each liturgy.</td>
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