

### 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.



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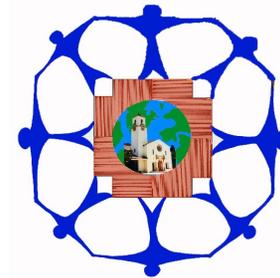
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# St. Joseph Church & School

## Ministry Guide

Advent 2015



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

Year of Mercy (Dec. 8, 2015 - Nov. 20, 2016)

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Parish Website: [sjcpinole.church](http://sjcpinole.church)  
School Website: [stjosephpinole.com](http://stjosephpinole.com)

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St. Joseph Church & School

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*

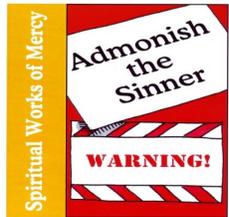
*School Mission Statement:*

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.

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<b>Asociacion Guadalupeana</b> Member of the Catholic Federation of Guadalupeana Associations in the Oakland Diocese.	<b>Contact:</b> Rosamaria Legier 233-9706
<b>Bereavement &amp; Caring Ministry</b> Ministers to those grieving; emotional support in safe environment.	<b>Contact:</b> Sr. Celine 741-4900 ext. 203
<b>Cursillo</b> Supporting Christian Community, a	<b>Contact:</b> Carl Schober 223-1003
<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> Supports devotion to the Blessed Sacrament through daily adoration.	<b>Contact:</b> Fr John 741-4900 ext. 206
<b>Quinceanera</b> <b>Prepares young ladies for growth in their faith, marked by a celebration as she turns 15.</b>	<b>Contact:</b> Reyna Maria Touriel 669-9659
<b>Respect Life Ministry</b> Dedicated to educating others about the Church’s teaching on the care and preservation of human life from natural conception to natural death.	<b>Contact:</b> Fr John 741-4900 ext. 206
<b>San Lorenzo Ruiz Society</b> Supports devotion to Alliance of Two Hearts, Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Fatima & Perpetual Help, Simbang Gabi & Santo Nino.	<b>Contact:</b> Fr Dante 741-4900 ext. 207
<b>St. Joseph Seniors</b> Attends monthly Mass, socials and excursions first Thursday of each month.	<b>Contact:</b> Susan Gahan 741-1756
<b>Stewardship Committee</b> Four core values: Identity, Trust, Love & Gratitude. Helps parishioners to share God-given talents with others.	<b>Contact:</b> Cindy Steffinich 724-6838

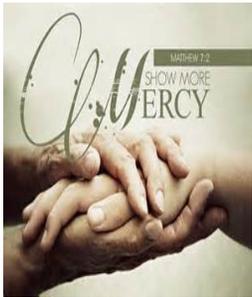
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### Spiritual Works of Mercy

**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**

What is our intention while performing works of mercy? We go beyond the humanitarian motives and remember what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us. Our Lord taught us: “...forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us...” (Lk 11:4).



**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.

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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

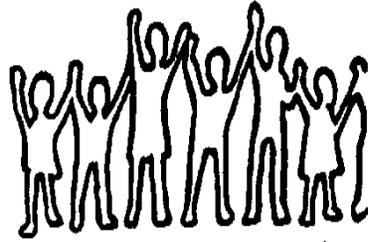
One-Stop Social Service Guide, dial 211

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## 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, is 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.

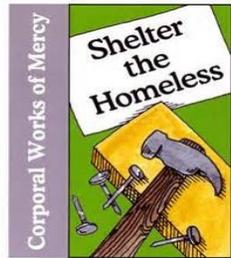
## St. Joseph Church & School

<b>Boy Scouts</b> Scouting is a youth ministry whose mission is to prepare scouts to make ethical choices over their lifetime.	<b>Contact:</b> Rich Kral 223-2323
<b>Catholic Youth Organization</b> Guides young Catholics to live a Christian life through sports, charity, prayer and works of mercy.	<b>Contact:</b> Keith Allison 724-0242
<b>Family to Family</b> Team members witness to Christ's love through service; help families transition from poverty to sustainability.	<b>Contact:</b> Flo Rodich 758-2766
<b>Girl Scouts</b> The Scouts of St. Joseph combine their love for God with charitable and community events.	<b>Contact:</b> Karla Interiano 367-1043
<b>Holy Angels Funeral &amp; Cemetery Services</b> A ministry of the Diocese of Oakland	<b>Contact:</b> St. Joseph-San Pablo 234-2012 Sr. Celine 741-4900 ext. 203
<b>Juvenile Hall Ministry</b> Visit the youth in detention to listen, pray and be a sign of God's love.	<b>Contact:</b> Ed Cichon 758-1469 Ken Cordier 799-3327
<b>Knights of Columbus</b> Church's largest Catholic fraternal service organization with the motto	<b>Contact:</b> Tony Steffinich 724-6838
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> Provides help and comfort to people within our parish boundaries, Catholic and non-Catholic	<b>Contact:</b> Steve Salcido 758-0761 Service request 691-1813
<b>Young Ladies Institute</b> Catholic Women's service organization who socialize & raise funds for students and families.	<b>Contact:</b> Ann Petrich 223-2152



### 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.



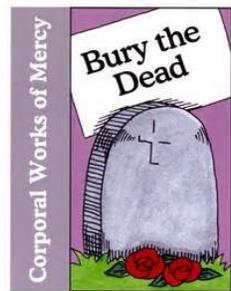
### Corporal Works of Mercy

**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 *nake* someone, to strip them publicly, is universally understood as taking away their human dignity.” Mark Shea, National Catholic Register, 5/31/2014



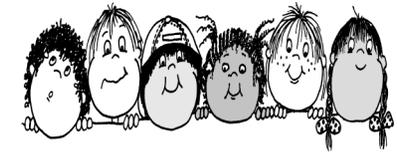
### Visit the sick; Visit the imprisoned

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.



### Corporal Works of Mercy

**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

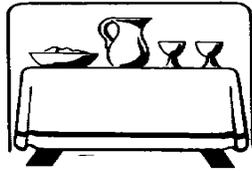
This group advises the Pastor and Principal in areas such as finance, policy-making construction, and various other functions pertaining to St. Joseph School. Volunteers are needed who are dedicated to school and parish interests. Elections are held in May to fill three of the total nine positions on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



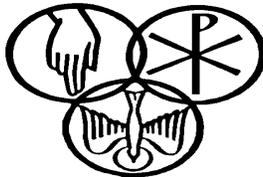
### Celebration of Eucharist

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. Six months of preparation are normally required. To schedule an interview please contact one of the parish priests. Pre-Marriage and Natural Family Planning classes for engaged couples are available through the parish and the diocese.

### 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

### Bible Study

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

#### Contact:

Gene & LaRae Buxa 724-6219

### Children's Religious Education

Ministers to elementary aged children for sacramental preparation and on-going religious education.

#### Contact:

Carol Lujan 222-2752

### 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

### Marriage Preparation

Married Couples interested in helping the engaged prepare for their marriage. Theological training available.

#### Contact:

Fr Dante 741-4900 ext. 207  
 Fr John 741-4900 ext. 206  
 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  
 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.



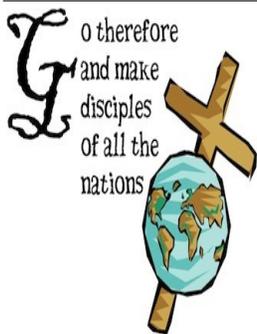
### Getting more acquainted with the bible

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

<p><b>Altar Servers</b>                  Everyone who has received the sacrament of Baptism and Eucharist is eligible for this ministry. Training video is available.</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>                  Cathy Dimalanta 305-3863                  Esther Navarro (Sp.) 778-5059</p>
<p><b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                  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.</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>                  Carol Lujan 222-2752                  Mercedes Nazario (Sp.) 799-2936</p>
<p><b>Greeters</b>                  Welcomes people coming into Church for liturgical events.</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>                  Cindy Steffinich 724-6838</p>
<p><b>Lectors</b>                  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.</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>                  Tony Steffinich 724-6838                  Marina Sagastume (Sp.) 234-9177</p>
<p><b>Music Ministry</b>                  Our liturgical events are enhanced by choir directors, choir members and accompanists. We are blest to have many choirs.</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>                  Ed Combong 375-5481                  Music Coordinator                  Please see pg. for a listing of choir directors.</p>
<p><b>Sacristans</b>                  Prepares for liturgical events in the Church by providing the items needed and maintaining the sacristy in order.</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>                  Sr. Celine 741-4900 ext. 203                  Salvador Ruvalcaba (Sp.) 799-4384</p>
<p><b>Ushers</b>                  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.</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>                  Sr. Celine 741-4900 ext. 203                  Salvador Ruvalcaba (Sp.) 799-4384</p>



## Worship & Sacramental Life *behind the scenes*

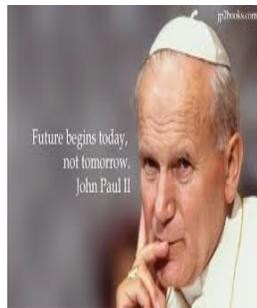
### May God Reward You

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.

### Altar Society

Wash and iron liturgical linens and altar server cassocks & surpluses.

#### Contact:

Sr. Celine 741-4900 ext. 203

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Prepares to present the Gospel and other scripture readings to children to better comprehend God's Word

#### Contact:

Carol Lujan 222-2752

### Communion to the Homebound

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.

#### Contact:

Sr. Celine 741-4900 ext. 203

### Environment Committee

Decorates the Church with flowers and seasonal accents according to the liturgical calendar.

#### Contact:

Shirley Antonio 799-0881

### Hospitality

Welcomes people to social gatherings usually in our Parish Hall after liturgical events.

#### Contact:

Cindy Steffinich 724-6838

### Liturgy Committee

Meets once a month to help plan liturgical events and coordinate the various ministries needed.

#### Contact:

Sr. Celine 741-4900 ext. 203

### Maintenance Ministry

Keeps an eye on the maintenance needs of the Church, makes repairs or recommendations on service options.

#### Contact:

Fr John 741-4900 ext. 206

### Media Ministry

Our liturgical events are enhanced by audio and visual aids. This ministry works with technology to create and show videos appropriate to each liturgy.

#### Contact:

JR Monsale 374-8621