

July
18-19
2026

Sixteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

St. Joseph

Catholic Church



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 18 - St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, July 19 - Kevin McKee+

Saturday, July 25 - St. Joseph Parishioners

Welcome!

MISSION STATEMENT

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples. Preach the gospel to all people."

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass 10:00 AM

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Wednesday 8:30 AM

ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

BAPTISM

Parents seeking Baptism for their child should contact the Pastor.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Pastor at least 4 months prior to your desired date.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Registration forms are in the lobby, or online:

stjosephcolbert.org/registration

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Responsorial Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16
Second Reading Romans 8:26-27
Gospel Reading Matthew 13:24-43

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

--Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Parish Calendar

Friday, July 17- Sunday, July 19

Used Book Sale

Friday - Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, July 21

Women's Book Club 1:30 PM

Wednesday, July 22

Quilting and Needlework group 9:00 AM

Friday, July 24 - Sunday, July 26

Used Book Sale

Friday - Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sacristans/Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers/Coffee & Donut Hosts

Saturday, July 25

Sacristans - Ed and Meg

Lector - Pete T.

Eucharistic Ministers - Valerie and Anita

Sunday, July 26

Sacristans - Charles and Maureen

Lector - Jean S.

Eucharistic Ministers - Connie, Lehsley, Parker

Coffee and Donut Hosts - Jen and Edsel

B I T E 2 G O

We still need 20 sponsors for Midway Elementary students who don't have enough food at home on weekends. Each child receives a weekly kit of nutritious, non-perishable food. \$15/month on a credit card or a \$180 check feeds one child for a year.

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Saint Rocco: Patron of Healing



The statue of Saint Rocco belonging to Fr. Tom is displayed in the east wing of St. Joseph's Church.

Born to French nobility around 1340, Saint Rocco (Roch) was marked from birth with a red, cross-shaped birthmark on his chest. After losing his parents at a young age, he distributed his wealth to the poor, took a vow of poverty, and set out as a pilgrim to Italy.

During a rampant plague, Saint Rocco miraculously cured many victims through prayer and the sign of the cross. When he contracted the disease himself, he withdrew to a cave, where a nobleman's dog faithfully kept him alive by bringing him bread daily.

Nursed back to health, he eventually returned to France. Unrecognized by the people of his hometown, he spent his final five years in prison as an accused spy, revealing his identity to his uncle (the Governor) via his distinct birthmark only on his deathbed on August 16, 1378.

Today, the Catholic Church venerates Saint Rocco as the protector against plagues and contagious diseases. His statue depicts him pointing to the plague sore on his leg, reminding us of his shared suffering with the sick. The statue of Saint Rocco is unusual as statues of saints do not typically depict any affliction or handicap.

His body rests in Venice, Italy. Saint Rocco's feast Day is August 16.



St. Joseph's Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 PM
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Saturday, July 25 • 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Mass at 8:30 (optional)

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