

# SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

## FOR GOD'S GLORY

### MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

**VIRTUE:** REVERENCE

**FAITH IN ACTION:** PUTTING GOD FIRST

**Saints to follow:** Mary

This month is dedicated to Mary in a special way. Mary was a young girl when the angel came to her to ask her to be the

Mother of God. Her yes to God's work in and through her was a daily assent to the mystery of His plan which was consummated as she stood beneath the cross.

Mary's faithful obedience to God was rewarded with a glorious crown in heaven. He asks us also to put Him before everything. It may cost us some inconvenience or small sacrifice, but Mary's example reminds us that it is more than worth it. On September 8, the Church celebrates her birthday and thanks God for



the gift of His mother. Then on September 15, the day after the Exaltation of the Cross, she is remembered under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows. Mary always put God first. In imitation of her, we will focus on living the first commandment and the virtue of reverence.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

How are you living your faith? What can you do to practice your faith amidst a busy schedule and heavy responsibilities? Here are a few ideas:

**Attend Sunday Mass regularly.**

**Pray the rosary on your way to work.**

**Listen to religious music in the car and/or at home.**

### MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The sorrows of the Mother of God surpassed the power of human endurance. It is the unanimous opinion of spiritual writers that beneath the pressure of her inconceivable sufferings, the Blessed Virgin's life was miraculously preserved. From the moment of Simeon's prophecy she foresaw her sorrows in vivid reality.

True, Mary was marvelously tranquil, because she was wholly submis-

sive to the will of God; but this did not lessen her sorrows. Her nature, never disturbed by sin, possessed an extraordinary tenderness and was susceptible to suffering in an inexpressible high degree.

The picture of Mary bowed down with sorrow on Calvary teaches us that pain is the twin sister of love on earth.

([www.catholictradition.org](http://www.catholictradition.org).)



**SCHOOL-WIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS**

SLE’s (School-Wide Learning Expectations) that coordinate with our virtues for this month are **Spiritual:** Fostering Christian values of :

- † compassion,
- † tolerance,
- † justice, and
- † respect for the dignity of

life in all stages  
 † for the primary grades:  
 Loves like Jesus and respects all life.

**Academic:**

- † Develops a strong sense of leadership through his/her Christian and academic values

**Citizenship/Social:**

- † Works cooperatively,
- † demonstrating tolerance and respect for all
- † for the primary grades: works together, respects all cultures

*“Good manners preserve charity” Mother Luisita*

*(Foundress of the Carmelite Sisters)*

**WORLD’S FINEST FUNDRAISER**

God reward you Mrs. Shue for chairing our World’s Finest Candy fundraiser again this year and to all the families who are participating in it. Please know that your efforts and hard work directly benefit you and your

child. This fundraiser enables us to keep our school tuition at a rate that is most affordable. It really is a tremendous help to the school when you purchase the extra boxes over and above the required amount. We

especially thank those families who were able to help in this way. May God reward you abundantly. You remain in our grateful prayers. More information on winners and prizes will follow next month.



**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Last school year, St. Joseph held Family Fun Nights sponsored by each grade. We received many positive comments about them and have decided to continue them through-

out this school year. The first one is sponsored by 8th grade and takes place on September 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Remaining classes

are scheduled as follows:  
 October—4th grade  
 November—1st grade  
 January—3rd grade  
 February—6th grade  
 March—5th & 7th gr.

April—2nd grade  
 May—Kindergarten  
 More details on each Family Fun Night will be sent out as your child’s grade comes up.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Picture Day** this year takes place on

Monday, September 26. Students come in complete school uniform. (**NO** Polo Shirts please).

**Choir Sunday** is the second and fourth Sundays of each month. However, for the month of September only, the choir will sing on the first and third Sundays, September 4 and 18. For choir Sunday, September 18, we will also have the commissioning

of the PTC Officers and our St. Joseph School Staff members. Please come and join us for the celebration of the Mass and an opportunity to support our PTC and School Staff.

**Saint Joseph Parish Fiesta** takes place on September 9, 10 and 11. The children will perform on Saturday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. Please come enjoy the fiesta and show your support with your presence. We look forward to seeing you there!

**12:30 Dismissal** on Friday, September 9 due to the Parish Fiesta preparations.

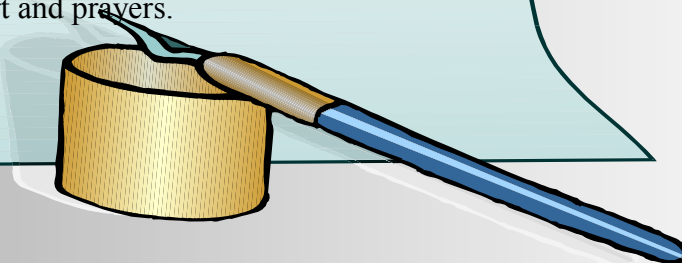
**No Classes** on Monday, September 12 due to taking down of fiesta booths.

**Progress Reports** go home on Monday September 19. This is midway through the quarter.

**ITBS Testing** takes place on the weeks of September 19 and 26. Please be sure your children eat well and have sufficient rest. This will help them be at their best physically and able to think more clearly.

## Meet our staff...

Saint Joseph School welcomes our new Principal, Sister Caridad. Sister taught 3rd grade here during the 1989-1990 school year. She has spent the last twenty-one years teaching and serving in administration at various schools in California, Florida, and Arizona. Sister is delighted to be serving at Saint Joseph School once again and thanks all the parents and children for their support and prayers.



## Family Units

“The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason it can and should be called a *domestic church*.” Catechism of the Catholic Church #2204

“The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit.” Catechism of the Catholic Church #2205

St. Joseph School promotes the family by providing family experiences for the children in various ways, but especially through “Family Units”. Once a month, students gather with their assigned “family unit” to participate in an activity which helps them learn about their faith and grow in unity.

A family unit consists of 9 to 12 students with each grade represented. The 8th grade student is the head of the family. Eighth graders grow in leadership and responsibility as they and the other students build a family atmosphere and encourage lasting friendships.