<u>14 January 2024</u>

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Joseph's Passionist Church Tel: (01) 42 27 28 56 [Int'I + 33 1] Email stjosephparis@orange.fr Website: www.saintjosephs.fr Facebook: StJosephsChurchParis Sunday Mass: 9.30 am, 11 & 12.30, 6.30 pm (Saturday Vigil at 6:30pm) Mon-Friday Mass 8:30am; Sat Mass 11am Every Saturday before Mass: Eucharistic Adoration: 10:30am.

Confessions: Sat: 11:30 to 12:30 & 5 to 6pm

CCU resumes Sunday 14th Jan for All children groups

Confirmations: The Retreat at Saint Augustin church 75008 is Saturday 20 January for <u>all</u> candidates. Meet at 9:20am at St Joseph's, then we will walk to the Retreat, ends at 3pm at St Augustin after the 2pm Mass. *Enrolment* Sun 21 January at St Joseph's during Mass (see teachers)

Collection 7 Jan: €2168.45; coffee €17.72; shrines €179.89; bookstall 30; Hall donation: €200; ADP: €330. Other donation: €220

NB: French Tax Receipts

<u>cheques</u> to "St Joseph ADP" or online from website

<u>US tax Receipts:</u> dollar cheques can get a St Joseph's receipt on demand to stjosephparis@orange.fr.

Thanks to all for your generosity.

YAM: This Sunday 14 Jan, Welcome back theme is "Tanzania": buffet & games after 12:30pm mass.

Bible Study: Wednesday 10:30am https://biblestudystjosephsparis.wordpress.com/

RCIA is back on Thursdays at 8pm

Counting mass attendance: As every year , we'll count people coming to each WE Mass, 21 & 28 Jan, 4 February. Thanks for your participation.

Pre-Marriage course will start on Sunday 3 March 2024 at 4pm online, for 6 sessions (17 & 31 March, 14 & 21 April, and last day May 5th.) registrations are open.

Scouts & guides cake sale: On Sunday morning 21 January on Parvis. Please welcome this group from St Ambroise Parish

Next Baby Baptisms: 27 Jan, 10 Feb, 24 Feb, fully booked. Other dates , please register from our website. Next Preparation for parents: also on website.



THE FRIENDS OF JESUS



Jesus calls us friends and invites us to come to him and see where he lives and learn all about him. The Christian life is always the response to an invitation. Jesus does not force anyone to follow him. It is the compelling attraction of his person that makes an impact on those who meet him. We see this in today's gospel when the first group of friends gathers around Jesus.

Jesus enjoys the company of his friends and that's why he likes to spend time with them walking along the roads, sitting under a tree, climbing a hill, sharing a meal. Jesus wants to spend time with each one of us and to share everything with us. That is the meaning of prayer. When we pray, we are giving time to build our friendship with Jesus. We listen to him, watch him as he interacts with others especially the sick and the needy. We learn from him how to be caring, compassionate, and merciful.

As we begin to know Jesus better, we can also share ourselves with him by telling him our hopes and desires, our dreams and worries. We can allow Jesus into our lives as a constant companion and friend who walks with us and helps us carry the burdens of life.

The friends of Jesus make time to be with him every day. A good resolution for 2024 is to put 20 minutes aside every day just to be with Jesus in silence or reading a few verses of the gospel. Jesus really wants to be our best friend and is always there for us.

