

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### DID YOU KNOW?

St. Joseph is often called the “**quiet man**” because none of his words are recorded in the Sacred Scriptures.

There are 2 feast days celebrating St. Joseph

**March 19** celebrates Joseph personally and his role in raising Jesus

**May 1** celebrates St. Joseph the Worker, patron of workers throughout the world

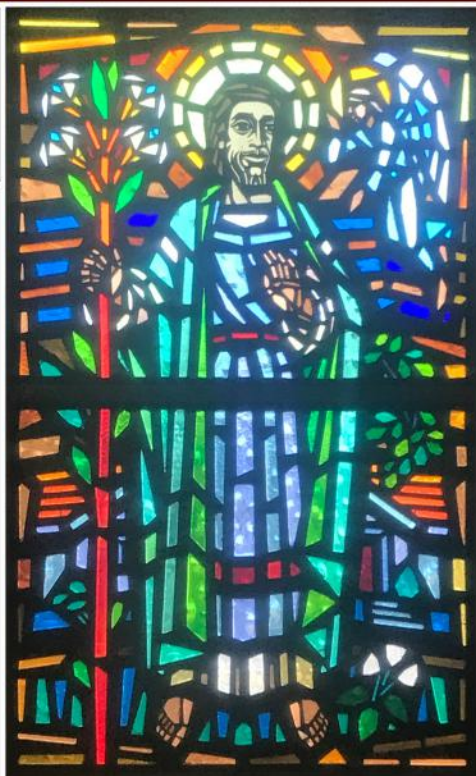
### Solemnity of St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Where does the tradition of the St. Joseph's Table come from?

According to legend, centuries ago a famine struck Sicily. The residents of Sicily prayed to St. Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus, and asked for his intercession before the Lord.

Their prayers were answered as the skies opened and the rains fell.

When the famine ended, a special feast of thanksgiving was held in commemoration of St. Joseph. This celebration became a yearly tradition.



**St. Joseph is  
our parish patron.**

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[ ] We've Moved, here is our new information

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 18**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*  
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*  
5:00 p.m. Ed Smith +

**Sunday, March 19**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Lucilia Santanilla +

**Monday, March 20**

*No Public Mass*

**Tuesday, March 21**

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Lee & Lucile Wahman +  
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

**Wednesday, March 22**

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Makowski Family

**Thursday, March 23**

8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +

**Friday, March 24**

8:30 a.m. Mohler Witwer +  
**Saturday, March 25**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*  
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*  
5:00 p.m. George Mangan +

**Sunday, March 26**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, March 20 - Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday** - Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday, March 22 - Lenten Weekday** - Is 49:8-15/ Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday, March 23 - Lenten Weekday** - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop - Ex 32:7-14/ Jn 5:31-47

**Friday, March 24 - Lenten Weekday** - Wis 2:1a, 12-22/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord** - Is 7:10-14, 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday, March 26 - Fifth Sunday of Lent** - Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY) - MARCH 19, 2023

This weekend (March 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, or *Laetare Sunday*. This name is taken from today's entrance antiphon, "*Laetare Jerusalem*" or "Rejoice, Jerusalem," and is meant to encourage us as we persevere fervently to the end of this holy Season. For, today, the Church not only permits, but even bids her children **to rejoice** as Christ is near! Emphasizing this joy, rose is worn (*a mixture of violet and gold*), flowers are in the Sanctuary, and we lift our voices once again for a closing hymn as we go forth rejoicing.

It is at this time of the season that we are now at the halfway point of **Lent**. For some, this may be a moment of accomplishment and a time to double down on our Lenten commitments. For others, this is the perfect time to refocus and re-strategize to make this last half better than the first. No matter how our **Lent** is going, we do not want to lose hope for the love of Christ is our end goal.

As we move towards the love of Christ, all of the struggles that we may face throughout this **Lenten season** will help to make our **Easter** more edifying. In the words of St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests: "*You must accept your cross. If you bear it courageously it will carry you to heaven.*" This **Lent**, let us not flee from or fear the cross, but carry it with love and hope, seeing it as it truly is in Christ: The means not of death but of eternal life.

Starting next week, entering into **Passiontide**, the images and crosses in our church (*and maybe even in your homes and other places of prayer*) will be veiled from our sight. They will remain veiled until the great unveiling of the crucified on Good Friday, when the Church calls out for us to behold the wood of the cross whereon was hung the world's salvation. Then, out of the darkness of that night, and the twilight of **Holy Saturday**, new light springs out of the darkness of that great night, when hell is conquered and man is reconciled to God.

In addition to the joy of *Laetare Sunday*, we, as a parish, have an additional reason to celebrate. Sunday, March 19th, marks the Solemnity of **St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Though this celebration is eclipsed by the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, we are still called to rejoice in this day dedicated to our parish patron, St. Joseph. He, who was entrusted with the earthly protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Lord Jesus Christ, continues to watch over and guard the earthly body of His Son, which is the Church. Now, from heaven with our Lord, St. Joseph exercises a powerful protection over those that invoke him.

## UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS

Though we are at the mid-way point of **Lent**, there are still a number of events that are quickly approaching to aid in the remainder of our Lenten journey. This coming **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, we are offering our **Parish Lenten Retreat**, which is a day (9 AM—2 PM) set apart for prayer, adoration, and fraternity. Our retreat speaker, Bob Kloska, has been appointed by Bishop Rhoades as one of our diocesan Eucharistic Speakers for the Eucharistic Revival. Bob will offer three talks, focusing on the topics of prayer, discipleship, and evangelization. If you haven't already signed up, contact the Parish Office (824-1380) to do so.

Entering into **Palm Sunday** on **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, join us at the 10 AM Mass for our annual Palm Sunday Procession. Following the 10 AM Mass, we will welcome Martha May, a nationally-recognized speaker on the *Shroud of Turin*. Ms. May will speak on the Shroud, believed to be the burial cloth of our Lord, and the instruments of the Passion. **This presentation will begin at ~11:30 AM in the Social Hall.** The next day, **Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, join us for a free showing of Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* at 7 PM in the Gym.

## GARDEN BEDS

With spring quickly approaching, sign-ups for our communal garden beds are open! At least one of the garden beds will be set aside as a flower garden to grow fresh flowers to adorn our Sanctuary. The remaining garden beds are open to any parishioners who are in need of garden-space. Please contact the Parish Office (824-1380) to reserve space or if you are interested in volunteering to help with the care of the flower gardens.

~Faithfully yours in Christ, Fr. David



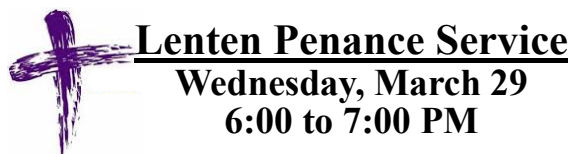
Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Margaret Pogue.



The Parish Office will be closed  
Monday, March 20th and reopen  
Tuesday, March 21st at 9:00 AM.



**REMINDER!** - There will be **no** Religious Education Classes on Sunday, March 26th due to Spring Break. Have a safe and happy Spring Break.



#### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Mar. 18** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 19** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 19** - NO Religious Ed. Classes - Spring Break
- **Tues., Mar. 21** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 21** - NO Children's Choir Practice
- **Wed., Mar. 22** - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 23** - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Mar. 24** - Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. Sign up to bring soup in the narthex.
- **Sat., Mar. 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 25** - Lenten Parish Retreat - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 25** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 26** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 26** - NO Religious Ed. Classes - Spring Break
- **Tues., Mar. 28** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 28** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. - Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Mar. 29** - Adoration / **Lenten Penance Service** - 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 30** - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Mar. 31** - Knights of Columbus, Council #7555, Lenten Fish Fry (Drive-Thru Only) - 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 31** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 1** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 1** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 2** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 2** - Religious Classes Resume - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

#### Weekend of March 25/26 2023



**5:00** Leeann Kennerk  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Teresa Smith



**5:00** Glenn Ryan  
**7:30** Steve Wagner  
**10:00** Marita Crawfis



**5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Volunteers  
**10:00** Volunteers



**5:00** Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer  
**7:30** Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Charlene Felger  
**10:00** Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

#### **St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of March 11/12**

Adult Envelopes- \$4,292.00  
Loose- \$197.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$908.79

Votive Candles- \$48.11

Easter Flowers- \$45.00

M. Sanders Memorial Donation-  
\$30.00

Bell Donation- \$5.00

**Total- \$5,525.90**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$196.83 behind our budget for the month of March.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$55.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish  
are greatly appreciated.*

*Thank you!*

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**Friday, March 31 \* 4-7 PM**

**Adults~ \$12  
Children~ \$6  
ages (6-12)**

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all Masses!*



#### **SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION**

Join us on **Sunday, April 2nd** at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall for a presentation on the Shroud of Turin, the burial cloth of Jesus. Refreshments will be served.

#### **THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST**

Join us on **Monday, April 3rd** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Gym for a free showing of *The Passion of the Christ*.

#### **THANK YOU!**

G.I.R.L.'s Night Out would like to thank you for supporting our **Second Annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser**. Whether you attended the event, donated an item to the auction, or said prayers for our success, we are grateful! It was another successful event. This year, we raised \$4,616.31! We will use a portion of this to refurbish the nativity statuary that was outside of St Joseph's this past Christmas season. We can't wait to see it displayed in its new glory. We will also use a portion of the money to support our youth group. Thank you again for showing that we are a giving parish!

~Sincerely, All women of the G.I.R.L.'s Night Out.

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n - is it necessary?  
k - is it kind?




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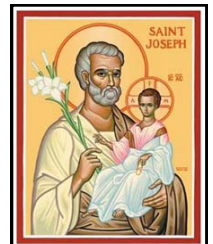


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