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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

CONFESIONS:

TUESDAY: 8:30-9 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-6:45 PM

SATURDAY: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

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St. John Vianney

Saturday, February 28

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family
Sunday, March 1

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Roland "Pudge" Kennedy +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert
Bates +

Monday, March 2

No Public Mass

Tuesday, March 3

No Public Mass

Wednesday, March 4

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Jane Case +

Thursday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Martin & Lois Simon +

Friday, March 6

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 8

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the
Burns Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Raymond "Bud" Helm +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 2 - Lenten Weekday [2] - Dn
9:4b-10 / Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 / Lk 6:36-38

Tues., Mar. 3 - Lenten Weekday [2] -St.
Katharine Drexel, Virgin - Is 1:10, 16-20 /
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 / Mt 23:1-12

Wed., Mar. 4 - Lenten Weekday [2] -St.
Casimir - Jer 18:18-20 / Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 /
Mt 20:17-28

Thurs., Mar. 5 - Lenten Weekday [2] - Jer
17:5-10 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Lk 16:19-31

Fri., Mar. 6 - Lenten Weekday [2] - Gn
37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Ps 105:16-21 / Mt
21:33-43, 45-46

Sat., Mar. 7 - Lenten Weekday [2] - Sts.
Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun., March 8 - Third Sunday of Lent - Ex
17:3-7 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn
4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 1, 2026

This weekend (February 28th/March 1st), the Church celebrates the **Second Sunday of Lent**. Following the temptation in the desert, our Gospel brings us to Mount Tabor and the glory of the Transfiguration. Often, our **Lenten journey** takes us from the lowness of the desert and spiritual dryness to the mountain tops and moments of overwhelming spiritual consolation. These highs and lows are part of our true relationship with the Lord.

Like St. Peter today, we might want to say "*It is good that we are here*" when we experience those mountain top moments of overwhelming spiritual consolation. We too might want to "*build tents*" to remain in those moments for as long as we can. Yet, the mountain top is not the destination; It's only part of the journey. Just as the disciples walked up Mount Tabor with the Lord, so they could not remain there; Instead, they walked back down with Him.

The meaning of the Transfiguration is not to replace the Cross, but to strengthen us for it. The light of Mount Tabor prepares us to face the darkness of Mount Calvary. As in the Scriptures, so too in our lives. God sometimes grants clarity, peace, and joy in prayer, not so that we cling to the feeling, but so that we may carry its memory into the valleys that follow. **Lent** is neither a season solely of spiritual dryness nor constant consolation. It is a journey.

On Tuesday, the priests of the Diocese will gather for our annual **Lenten Day of Recollection**. Please pray for us on Tuesday as we dedicate this time of prayer to growing in our spiritual fatherhood. Due to this day away from the parish, there will be no morning Adoration, Mass, or Confession this Tuesday.

ST. JOSEPH' DAY MASS AND TRIVIA NIGHT

On Thursday, March 19th, we will celebrate the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, our Parish Patron. In celebration of this great solemnity, we will have a special **Mass at 6:00 PM** followed by a **Parish Trivia Night from 6:30-8:30 PM**. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the back of Church to register your team of up to four for the Trivia Night. Each table is welcome to bring snacks to share throughout the evening as we celebrate St. Joseph.

LENT THROUGHOUT THE LITURGY

Entering into the **Second Sunday of Lent**, we have already seen how the **Lenten** practice of fasting can be reflected even in our liturgy. As a parish, we "*fast*" from many of the joyful elements that normally draw our senses to the Lord. Our gilded altar candles and crucifix are replaced with more somber wooden ones, bleached candles replaced with unbleached candles, and the penitential color of violet shrouds the Sanctuary in vestments and altar cloths.

Liturgical hymns of praise, such as the Gloria and the Alleluia, do not rise together again from our lips until that solemn night when we celebrate Christ rising from the grave. As we recess out from Mass, following our Prayer to St. Michael, we do so in silence. Fasting from these joyous hymns that would normally ring from our lips should give us a moment of pause, calling us to enter into the silence of the tomb as we reflect on the true cost of our salvation.

Such liturgical fasting is also meant to help recall to mind the true meaning of the practice of fasting. The practice of fasting is the means to an end, not the end in itself. Fasting is a means to heighten our awareness of that which is missing and deepening our sense of gratitude for what we so often may take for granted. Fasting assists us as we grow in discipleship as it trains our will and breaks us out of the complacency of the everyday.

These forty days of **Lent** are meant to somehow feel different because they are different. This journey, walked every single year of our earthly life, is meant to draw us closer and closer to the Lord each and every year. Though our world and our culture may not recognize a difference in these sacred days, let us allow the differences we see and hear be a reminder that we are called to something different, to something greater, to Heaven.

~In Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, Richard Payne and Matt Norris.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—Tuesday, March 3rd



Join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. Their monthly meeting will take place in the gym at 7:00 PM
All men in the Parish are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, March 20th - 4:00-6:00 PM
Drive Thru Only



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YEAR END REPORT

Your local Knights of Columbus Council 7555 ended the calendar year with **594 hours of service and disbursed \$11,293.00 in donations** to local organizations and charities. We want to thank the Parish for all your support that makes this possible! Thank you Brother Knights for all you do! We ask God to help us continue with our mission of service.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—Mar. 6, 2026

Starts after 8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Chapel)

Confession offered 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Sign-up sheet in the back of Church.



Sign in at [FORMED.ORG](https://formed.org) with Parish Code: 7N68MY

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Feb. 28** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 1** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 1** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Mar. 2** - Youth Choir practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall (*Church*).
- **Tues., Mar. 3** - Knights of Columbus - Rosary in the Parish Social Hall (*Church*) at 6:40 p.m. / Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Wed., Mar. 4** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- **Wed., Mar. 4** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the 8th Grade Classroom
- **Thurs., Mar. 5** - Mass 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Thurs., Mar. 5** - Choir 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall (*Church*).
- **Thurs., Mar. 5** - Discover Catholicism - 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the 8th Grade Classroom.
- **Fri., Mar. 6** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Confessions 3:00-3:45 p.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 6** - Soup Supper - 5:30-7:00 p.m. / Lenten Prayer 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the gym.
- **Fri., Mar. 6** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall (*Church*).
- **Sat., Mar. 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m. (*Chapel*)
- **Sat., Mar. 7** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 8** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 8** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

WEEKEND OF MARCH 7TH & 8TH



MASS Cantors

5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser

7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel

10:00 a.m. Jay Crisp

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

7:30 a.m. Christie Felger

10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Laurisa Roper

7:30 a.m. None needed

10:00 a.m. Joni Cincotta, Sarah Bedwell, Monica Harris

Servers

5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

7:30 a.m. Charlene/AnnaLynn/Jackson Felger

10:00 a.m. Gabby/Oliva/Jacob Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

The Weekend of Feb. 21st & 22nd

Adult Envelopes - \$3,722.00

Loose - \$316.50

Repair / Rainy Day - \$220.00

Bequest-Parish Needs- \$500.00

Total- \$4,758.50

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$3,358.49 ahead of our budget for the month of February 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$278.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

To set up Online Giving through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit: www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton or Scan the QR Code on the right:



TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

AT ST. JOSEPH'S

The Light is ON for You.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

AND AT EVERY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN OUR DIOCESE FROM 6:00-8:00 PM



PARISH Trivia Night

**THURS, MARCH 19TH
6:30-8:30 PM IN THE PARISH GYM**

**FOLLOWING MASS AT 6:00 PM
Sign your team up on the sheet in the back of Church.**

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



“Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.”
- St. John Paul II