

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

We're now in Lent! There is a lot of grace in this season, so take advantage. This season can be a time of great growth in grace and holiness. Stick to the penances you've taken on, and if you have yet to decide on what to pick, it's not too late. Traditionally people include extra prayer in their day, fast from something, and give alms, where money or deeds. Pray to see where the Holy Spirit is leading you, and trust that His grace will help you throughout this season.

Also, the Ember Days are back. They are perfect for Lent- fasting, by the same rules as on Ash Wednesday, this Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday will help you come closer to Christ. The whole goal of fasting is to strip away the distractions (ie: pleasures) of this world so that we can focus more clearly on what is eternal, God. So use these Ember Days to draw closer to God- you will receive more than you give.

Finally, some updates:

- This Monday our new parish secretary, Erin, starts her new job at St. Joseph's. Stop by the parish offices this week and welcome her if you get the chance.
- The HVAC project is moving along- we are now receiving bids and are hoping to start work shortly after Easter.
- The new roof and facade repair is also moving along- we have the plans complete and it's on track to start once the HVAC project is completed.
- The Adoration Chapel is also moving along- we have an architect who is creating the plans for the chapel.

Please keep these projects in your prayers and pray about supporting them financially. By this time next year the Church should look brand new!

God Bless,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P

Weekly Collection

March 2nd & 3rd

MASSES TOTAL -----	\$5,895
WeShare -----	\$550
Faith Street-----	\$1,221
GRAND TOTAL -----	\$7,666



PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for:

Lawrence J. Capici

Anthony Donovan

Catherine Ferfolgia

"Peggy" Mary Milus

Patricia McGuin

Zoila Vallo

Charles Mark Vazzana

If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names.

Names on the prayer list will remain for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, weekdays 9am - 5pm.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

12:10 pm Laura Payeur

5:30 pm Francis X. Walsh Jr.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 am Vincenza Visconti

11:30 am *People of the Parish*

6:00 pm

MONDAY, MARCH 11

12:10 pm Harry Hamann

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

12:10 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

12:10 pm Terry Mullan

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

12:10 pm Ponciano X. Tanglao

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

12:10 pm

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SCHEDULE FOR THE 2019 TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday Mass:	8:00 pm
Good Friday Passion:	3:00 pm
Tenebrae (Good Friday):	8:00 pm
Easter Vigil:	8:30 pm
Easter Sunday Masses:	9:00 am, 11:30 am & 6:00 pm

FLOCKNOTES

Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way!

There are two easy ways to connect:

Visit our church at

www.flocknote.com/SJGV (or)

Text SJGV to 84576 from your phone to
subscribe to updates.

INKLINGS: BOOKS AND BREW C.S. LEWIS- "THE PROBLEM OF PAIN"

APRIL 7TH @ 3:15PM

CASSERLY HALL

(lower level of the church)

Entrance located on the Washington Place
side of the church

Join us for a discussion of C.S. Lewis's *The Problem of Pain*. In this book, Lewis tackles a perennial problem for theists, namely, how to reconcile God's existence with the evil and suffering we find in the world. For, it seems, if God is omnipotent, He'd be able to remove all evil, and if God is all-good, he'd desire to do so, so why does evil exist? The answer, Lewis suggests, can be found in a proper understanding of what it means for God to be omnipotent and good, and a reassessment of the role pain plays in our lives. Seeking imaginative-minded spirits to join us for formal, convivial meetings.

Potluck: If you can, bring soda or snacks to share!!!

Email for more information at:
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SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE MARCH 9TH & 10TH

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching as we act to:

PROMOTE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies; and,

SERVE CATHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world.

THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR GIFT

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has served the people and parishes of our 10 counties for 40 years. The health of our churches depends on all of us giving what we can. Even small sacrifices can make a big impact. Please answer the call and make your commitment today.

To date our parish has received:

20 pledges, totaling \$14,060 towards our goal of \$104,000.

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD @ 5:30 pm

Come join your fellow parishioners, family, friends and neighbors as we celebrate Saint Joseph!!

Celebration will begin with the **5:30pm Vigil Mass**.
Followed by a **Community Dinner**
next door at the Academy of St. Joseph auditorium.

Tickets:

\$10.00 for Adults / Children are Free

Tickets will be available after each mass from
February 23- March 17th.

Tickets can also be purchased online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feast-of-st-joseph-tickets-56251279090>

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses discusses the power God has displayed in freeing his people from oppression and leading them to a rich land. He tells the people that they should make offerings to God to show their gratitude, then celebrate over the great things he has given them.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Paul tells us that if we proclaim, "Jesus is Lord" and truly believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For God shows his mercy toward everyone who calls upon his name.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, then Satan appeared to him and tempted him to turn stone into bread. After Jesus refused, Satan promised him great powers if Jesus would worship him. Jesus replied that he would worship God and no one else. Then Satan tried to persuade Jesus to put God to the test, but again Jesus resisted his temptation.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT DAILY READINGS

Sunday

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



HIS WORD TODAY

By Rev. William J. Reilly

First Sunday of Lent March 10, 2019

"What does the Scripture say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we preach), for if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

We have launched the Holy Season of Repentance and Reform. It is not just a change in the calendar, but a moment in which we are summoned to repentance, admit our need for the Savior. We are called in two directions, to re-form our own lives, and to walk the Lenten journey with others.

Our resolve to live Lent 2019 is truly important. The saving work of Jesus is at work in us, and through us, for others. Jesus' mission focuses on Calvary, His death and resurrection. The church too, in its mission to evangelize asks us to focus on Jesus, His cross, and our salvation. We are not just revisiting former Lents, or the first Good Friday, we ask that the paschal mystery touch, penetrate and transform us.

We move from the word on our lips to the belief in our hearts, that Jesus is here to save us today. 'Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the Savior of the world.

