

St Joseph Catholic Church



St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Mass:

9:00 AM (English), 11:00 AM (Spanish)

Confessions:

by appointment

Holy Hour: will resume in Fall

Office: Mon.-Tues.-Wed. 4 - 7 PM

Oficina: Lunes-Miercoles 4 - 7 PM

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<p>New Parishioners and anyone over 21 years of age should register at the Parish Office. Your registration card will be entered into our parish database only after you attend the weekend Mass and use your contribution envelopes. Also please notify us if you change your address or if you move out of the parish.</p>	<p>Nuevos feligreses y cualquier persona mayor de 21 años deben registrarse en la Oficina Parroquial. Su tarjeta de registro se ingresará en nuestra base de datos de la parroquia solo después de que asista a la misa del fin de semana y use sus sobres de contribución. También, por favor notifiquenos si cambia su dirección o si se muda de la parroquia.</p>
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Daily Readings	Lecturas Diarias
<p>Sun. IS 56:1, 6-7/ROM 11:13-15,29-32/MT 15:21-28 Mon. EZ 24: 15-23/MT 19:16-22 Tue. EZ 28: 1-10/MT 19: 23-30 Wed. EZ 34: 1-16/MT 20: 1-16 Thurs. EZ 36: 23-28/MT 22: 1-14 Fri. EZ 37: 1-14/MT 22: 34-40 Sat. EZ 43: 1-7AB/MT 23: 1-12</p>	<p>Dom. Is 56, 1. 6-7/Rom 11, 13-15. 29-32/Mt 15, 21-28 Lun. Ez 24, 15-24 /Mt 19, 16-22 Mar. Ez 28,1-10/Mt 19, 23-30 Mie. Ez 34, 1-11/Mt 20, 1-16 Jue. Ez 36, 23-28/Mt 22, 1-14 Vir. Ez 37, 1-14/MT 22, 34-40 Sab. Ez 43, 1-7/Mt 23, 1-12</p>

Our Weekly Offerings	Marian Feasts
<p>August 9th / 9 de Agosto Collection 9:00 AM.....\$846.00 Collecta 11:00 AM.....\$264.00</p> <p>Total.....\$1,100 Monthly Expenses..... \$3,527.05 Offertory total as of 8/13/20..... \$1682</p> <p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP With Masses limited to the public, your Offertory is more important now than ever! Your generosity helps with the St. Joseph's everyday bills. Need envelopes? Contact the Parish Office. You can mail checks to the office. BETTER YET! The easiest and most efficient way to support is online giving, drop box on office door or mailing in.</p>	<p>Question: Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?</p> <p>Answer: Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son. Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15). In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus. In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65). ©LPi</p>
<p>Faith Formation News Catechetical Classes for those children wanting to receive First Communion or Confirmation next year at St. Joseph in Stratford will officially begin in the month of October. Registrations will begin in the month of September. More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.</p> <p>Noticias referente al Programa de Catecismo Las clases de catecismo para aquellos niños y jóvenes que quieran recibir su Primera Comunión o Confirmación el próximo año iniciarán oficialmente en el mes de Octubre. Las inscripciones iniciarán en el mes de Septiembre. Se les dará más información en las siguientes semanas.</p> <hr/> <p>Sacrament of Penance: by appointment Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact the parish office. At least six (6) months before the wedding Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must be a <i>registered member of St. Joseph's</i> for at least six (6) months. Baptismal preparation program is required. Sacrament of Anointing of The Sick: Please contact the parish office Homebound and Hospital Visits: Please contact the Parish Office</p> <hr/> <p>Sacramento de la Penitencia: con cita Sacramento del Matrimonio: Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial. Al menos seis (6) meses antes de la boda Sacramento del Bautismo: Los padres deben ser <i>membros registrados de San José</i> durante al menos seis (6) meses. Se requiere un programa de preparación bautismal. Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos: Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial Visitas domiciliarias y hospitalarias: Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial</p>	