

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

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Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

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Rectory Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (Latin) and Friday

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Confessions:

Sunday:

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before and after 8 a.m. Mass

9:35 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.—Before 10 a.m. Mass

5:35 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.—Before 6 p.m. Mass

6:50 p.m.—Immediately following 6:00 p.m. Mass

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.:

7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass (school days)

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass (non-school days)

8:35 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. — After 8 a.m. Mass

4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sat.:

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.—Immediately prior to Mass

The Church is Open for prayer and adoration
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from
6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baptisms: Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents must be practicing Catholics in this Parish or able to provide a letter of permission from the proper parish for Baptism here. Godparents, if not St. Joseph parishioners, must provide a letter that they meet the requirements: a practicing Catholic, at least 16 years old, have received Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion and, if married, in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Marriages: Please contact the Pastor prior to making wedding arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: Those hospitalized or home-bound to receive the Sacraments, call the Rectory.

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

Have you ever wondered why we speak of the forty days of Lent on the one hand, but when we look at the calendar it never quite adds up to forty? Maybe you haven't, but I have. These, I guess are some of the minor things pastors ponder to themselves.

If Ash Wednesday is supposed to be the start of Lent, and Lent goes until Easter Sunday, then how come, when you count it always adds up to forty-six or forty-seven depending on whether you count easter Sunday itself. But if it's always forty-six or forty-seven, then why do we always speak of the forty days of Lent?

There are a few ways out of this conundrum.

1) You could exclude counting Sundays and you'd end up with forty. Then you'd be left wondering whether there is any penance still required on those Sundays which have been excluded from the count.

2) You could begin the count on the Sunday after Ash Wednesday and end it on Holy Thursday. To do this would require grandfathering the three days after Ash Wednesday into the forty-day count as well as ending Lent on Holy Thursday, which is the beginning of the Paschal Triduum, that is, the three holiest Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Still, here Lent would end during Holy Week and we'd be left to wonder about the penitential nature those remaining three days.

3) Or, you could understand the forty days to have a meaning that is more spiritually symbolic than chronologically exact. The forty days are intended to unite us with the penance Jesus did while enduring the temptations of the devil. His forty days also recalled the forty years the Chosen People suffered for their sins, wandering in the dessert as well as the forty days the floodwaters covered the earth while Noah was in the ark. This way the exact number of days becomes less important than the reality of the need to do penance.

You can count the days how you like—it's not a sin to do it one way and not another! I prefer to count the days this third way. Counting the days and weeks in this more symbolic manner leads me to point out the significance of this coming Sunday.

This Sunday used to be called "Septuagesima Sunday," from the Latin word meaning seventy (the Latin word for Lent is Quadragesima, the word for forty). If you count seventy days from this Sunday you end up on the Octave Day of Easter. All this counting is making me dizzy.

The point is, it's time to start to get ready for Lent. I'll be speaking more about this in the coming weeks. But in the meantime one thing you can do, for sure, is get to confession. That's always the best way to prepare.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

<i>Mass Intentions for February 8th through February 14th</i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Gloria Herrera
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Joseph Allwein
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Michael Nelson
Friday	10 a.m.	Deacon Joseph Walter Somerville
Saturday	5 p.m.	Marie Virginia Oliver
Sunday	8 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
	10 a.m.	Tina Smith Lay
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Annie T. Nelson, Gailann White, Steve Morgan, Joseph Tippett, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, Joseph Lee Somerville, John Campbell, Max Long, Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams.

January 24th – Offertory \$2,635.00

Other donations – \$50.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Online Giving – St. Joseph’s Church accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently from our website. You can make secure donations via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply visiting www.stjosephmorganza.org.

Current Public Health Precautions – When visiting St. Joseph's, please continue to be mindful of the following public health precautions as indicated by Archbishop Gregory and local health officials.

Facial Covering - A limited numbers of masks are available at the Church

Hand Sanitizing - Should you forget your own, we have some in the back of the Church

Personal Distancing - Six feet separation remains the recommendation between households in attendance.

Holy Communion Postponing - The distribution of Holy Communion will take place following the dismissal at the end of Mass.

The archdiocesan website in response to the corona virus is updated regularly with information, in English and Spanish, available at adw.org/coronavirus, which includes a link of live stream Masses and prayers available at adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/. The Catholic Standard and the Spanish-language El Prego Nero newspapers are currently available online at cathstan.org and elpreg.org.

As a reminder, the dispensation issued by Archbishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

2021 Annual Appeal – The 2021 Annual Appeal is here! This year's theme is **Seeking Christ** to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one true, source of healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Parishioners will be asked to make a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal next weekend. Your gift will also be credited towards our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at appeal.adw.org.