

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

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,

Since this is the season when we're all going to Confession and getting ourselves ready to receive Holy Communion, it's helpful to recall how to prepare for each of these important sacraments.

Preparation for Confession includes the examination of our conscience. This is when we ask ourselves to spot what we've done that requires God's forgiveness. Mortal sins so destroy our relationship with God that confessing them is the only ordinary way we have of being brought back to life again. Examining our conscience will help us identify all the kinds of mortal sins we may have committed and how many times we have committed them. All of these mortal sins which our examination uncovers since our last confession are always the subject matter for our next confession. Expressing true sorrow as well as our resolution to amend our lives in such a way that we avoid these sins and even those things that we know lead us to sin complete the preparation for confession.

Preparation for Holy Communion after having made a good confession in the event that we've needed to confess any mortal sins, also includes fasting and spiritual preparation. The fast takes place during the hour prior to receiving Holy Communion and the spiritual preparation happens as we unite our hearts and minds to God in the moments leading up to receiving Holy Communion.

Not everyone is in a situation where they can immediately prepare to receive the sacraments. Our friends who are not yet Catholic, for example, may require a period of instruction. Our younger family members who are still approaching the age of reason will still need more time to get themselves ready. There are also some who are publicly persisting in situations that are openly sinful and contradict the Christian responsibility to love God and our neighbor. For all of these, the minister must refuse to give Holy Communion. In all of these cases, the refusal to give Holy Communion is not the result of the minister's personal condemnation of the unprepared person, rather it is the right response to their obvious, manifest lack of proper preparation. I'm happy to meet with anyone who requires encouragement, instruction or help of any kind preparing to receive the sacraments.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

<i>Mass Intentions for March 1st through March 7th</i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Mary Blanche Pilkerton
Tuesday	8 a.m.	James M. Niehaus
Wednesday	8 a.m.	James W. Knight
Friday	8 a.m.	Deacon John Walter Somerville
Saturday	5 p.m.	Daniel & Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton
Sunday	8 a.m.	Skip James
	10 a.m.	Johnny Farr
	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.

February 21, 2021 – Offertory \$5,594.00

Other donations, including online – \$350.00

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

Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.

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**.