

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

Office Assistant – Mrs. Pam McCutchen

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,

The feast of our patron, St. Joseph is on Friday of this week. Saint Joseph is such an important saint and it is so important that we properly honor him that the Church wants us to know that we are free from the obligation to abstain from meat or from doing penance on that day. We will have Mass in the Church at 8:00 AM and again at 6:30 PM.

Saint Joseph's feast day is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Nevertheless, everyone is strongly encouraged to prayerfully commit your intentions to his intercession on that day.

Our parish has been preparing for the feast day with a nightly novena. It's not too late for you to join us for it. We'll be praying the Rosary at 6:30 PM Monday through Thursday of this week.

Stations of the Cross will be cancelled this Friday due to the Feast Day. This change is an update to the previously-announced time. The Church will be opened throughout the day on Friday for parishioners to come and pray on the feast day. The decision to cancel Stations is in order to avoid any confusion about the festive character of the day. Anyone wishing to contemplate the Stations is welcome to do so on their own. Be sure also, to celebrate our great-hearted, lovingly-devoted and diligently magnificent patron with joy and gladness that day, too.

The Rectory office will be closed on Friday in order to observe the feast.

May Saint Joseph, the most chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary protect our parish and all of our families as we honor what God accomplished through his faithful patronage.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

| <i>Mass Intentions for March 15th through March 21st</i> | | |
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| Monday | 8 a.m. | Athlyn Worth |
| Tuesday | 8 a.m. | Abigail Fleming |
| Wednesday | 8 a.m. | James M. Niehaus |
| Friday | 8 a.m. | Deacon John Walter Somerville |
| Saturday | 5 p.m. | Carole Marie "Donie" Alvey |
| Sunday | 8 a.m. | Frances Cecilia Wood |
| | 10 a.m. | John Granger |
| | 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.

March 7, 2021 – Offertory \$4,792.50

Building & Repair – \$677.00

Other donations, including online – \$

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

Novena to Saint Joseph: Wednesday, March 10 through Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 PM in the Church

The Feast of Saint Joseph, the Husband of Mary: Friday, March 19. Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross: No Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 19

Office Closed: The Office will be closed on Friday, March 19th

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.