

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 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,

“He learned obedience from what He suffered.” -Hebrews 5:8

During the last days leading up to Easter, Holy Week, we stop what we're doing and take time instead to think about what Jesus did when he laid down his life for us.

We speak of Our Lord's sufferings as his Passion. It is important also to understand them as his action, as the very means by which he saved us.

His Passion can be misunderstood as passive, as something that merely happened to him, entirely apart from anything that he would have intended or willed of his own. It's a problem to introduce too wide a separation between the sufferings that happened to Our Lord and his intention and willingness to seek out those very same sufferings.

It is insufficient to imagine that the pain and suffering of Jesus is some momentary high-water mark for the senselessness, brutality and chaos that sin leaves behind in its wake. We can forget that Christ sought the Cross. He sought it as the exact means by which he would redeem the world. The means is essential to the act just as the act is essential to the actor.

Suffering is not always a consequence of sin. It can be a consequence of love, of virtue and of deeds which are entirely pleasing to God. To flee from suffering could be to flee from love. Christ models for us the courage of spending one's entire self for love. His example shows us that love is stronger than death. He shows us that the only-begotten Son of the Father is pleased to seek out even the most brutal of occasions, precisely the most condemned of circumstances, as exactly the place where he will hear his Father's will and cry out in response on our behalf. There he performs the action which only God can do, of separating the sinner from the sin. There, through his seeking out the will of his Father, he saves us. By means of his suffering, He models for us the love and the freedom that belongs to the Children of God.

It's too hard for us—without Jesus, to learn from our sufferings to obey God. Instead, during these days, let's learn that obedience from Him.

With paternal affection,

*Fr. Drew*

<i>Mass Intentions for March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup></i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Rev. Msgr. Godfrey T. Mosley
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Frances Cecilia Wood
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Mary Blanche Pilkerton
Holy Thursday	8 p.m.	Carole Marie "Donie" Alvey
Good Friday	7 p.m.	<i>Liturgy for Good Friday</i>
Holy Saturday	8 p.m.	Sarah C. Thompson
Easter Sunday	8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	10 a.m.	Norma & Stanley Buckler

***Please note, there will not be 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday. There will not be 6:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday.***

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

***March 21, 2021 – Offertory \$3,050.00 Church in the Developing World – \$185.00***

***Building & Repair – \$35.00 Easter Flowers – \$590.00***

***Other donations, including online – \$275.00***

*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](http://www.stjosephmorganza.org).

## *Holy Week 2021*

Monday of Holy Week, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Mass at 8:00 a.m.

### **The Sacred Triduum** **Holy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 p.m.

Adoration at the Repository until 10:00 p.m.

### **Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m. Confessions following Stations.

Liturgy for Good Friday – 7:00 p.m.

### **Holy Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Confessions at 4:00 p.m.

Solemn Easter Vigil – 8:00 p.m.

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday)

### **Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. (No 6:00 p.m. Mass)

**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](http://adw.org/coronavirus), which includes a link of live stream Masses and prayers available at [adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](http://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](http://cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](http://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**

***The Office will be closed April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup>. Messages will be monitored during this time.***

***Holy Thursday, April 1*** – Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

***Good Friday, April 2*** – Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m. Confession following Stations. Liturgy for Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

***Holy Saturday, April 3*** – Confessions at 4:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m. (No 5 p.m. Mass)

***Easter Sunday, April 4*** – Masses at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. (No 6 p.m. Mass)

***Our Lady of the Wayside Food Pantry*** is open on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. This is a drive through pick up only, please follow the signs.



***St. John's Summer Program 2021*** – St. John's Summer Program, SOMD's largest summer camp, will open online registration on Sunday, March 21st at 1:00pm. This year's new classes include Babysitter Training, Lucky Dog Camp, Coaster Park Design, Paintball, Combat Archery, Cake Boss, Camper vs. Wild, among others, as well as many favorites from previous years. The Program's goal is to help our children grow in knowledge and love of Christ and our Catholic faith, while enjoying an amazing summer with young, strong Catholic role models as instructors. We open every day with song and prayer and Fridays with Mass. Extended care is available, and we are a Maryland licensed summer camp. Please visit [www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com](http://www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com) to view the new summer schedule and to find more information about St. John's Summer Program.



***Join St. Mary's Ryken*** for athletic, academic and enrichment camps. Camps begin June 21 and are taught by SMR faculty and coaches. Learn more and register today at <https://www.smrhs.org/summerknights>.

- Beautiful waterfront campus, indoor & outdoor specialty camps
- Opportunities for students in grades K-12