



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,

I trust and hope that all of you are well and adjusting to the new reality of restricted movement in response to the current coronavirus pandemic. This is an unprecedented time that I dare say most of us have never experienced. When we had to shut the church to public celebrations it truly felt for me that we were in the twilight zone. While this situation could lead us to despair let us remember that Our Lord is with us. He promised that He would not leave us orphans. (John 14:18)

Trusting in the Lord's promise, the parish staff and I have been diligently working to broadcast Sunday and daily Mass, Stations of the Cross and Adoration with Vespers and Benediction. We have done this to help our community keep connected. For it is here in the parish that our parishioners encounter the Risen Lord in the Holy Mass especially. While many of you are joining us virtually, I would encourage you to share with friends and relatives these opportunities for prayer asking God to be merciful in ending this pandemic and asking for his protection. I would also invite you all to check the website frequently for other services that are being planned and for further updates. To access the website, go to [stjosephedinburg.org](http://stjosephedinburg.org).

Our parish has always been very generous with time, talent, and treasure. In these uncertain times, some of our parishioners may lose their livelihood. We must be mindful of them and remember to pray for them and their families and do whatever we can to help our neighbors. I am also inviting you to remember to continue to support the work of your parish. The parish depends on your financial contributions to maintain the apostolic work entrusted to us. For those of you who can, please continue your financial support by mailing in your contributions to the parish office or consider on-line giving. If you would like more information about on-line giving, please call Christina at the parish office at (956) 383-3728.

We are a strong community of faith at St. Joseph. With God's help, we can rise to the challenging days ahead. Please do not forget to call family members and friends to see how they are and offer assistance if you can. Finally, let us remember to pray for one another, especially the sick, our nurses and doctors and all our first responders. God and our Catholic Faith will get us through this.

Be assured that all of you are in my prayers!

Fr. Greg Labus

**St. Joseph, Pray for Us!**