

**Mass Intentions**

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + Raven Golden by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Jack and Marlene Risley by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + John Norman by The Family  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026—Second Sunday of Lent**  
**10:30 AM** + Jack & Carolyn Muehl by Amy & Bernie  
 + Fr. Ronald Green by Susan Birmingham  
 + Ryan Rodriguiz by David & Theresa Clements  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**9:00 AM** + Jack Becker by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 \* Prayers for Lynette Wenner & Mike Gillick by Jim & Joan Tiner

**Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**11:00 AM** Adoration  
**12:00 PM** + Robert Dankievitch by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 \* God's Blessings, Peace & Good Health for the Gusmano Family\* by The Gusmano Family

**Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + Halley Ferris by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Elise & Pete Conte by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Jerry Blair by Karen Hermanowski  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Third Sunday of Lent**  
**10:30 AM** + William & Mary Gartung by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Angelo & Matilda Perrone and Sons by Augusta & Sauto Bono  
 + Mary Margaret Longendyke by Jim Longendyke  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Lectors: 03/07/2026 & 03/08/2026**  
**3:45 PM: Diane Fedor, 10:30 AM: Kathy Filipowski**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 03/07/2026 & 03/08/2026**  
**3:45 PM: Tina McGurrin, 10:30 AM: Barbara Guilfoyle**  
**Altar Servers: 03/08/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Brian Hogan, Hugo Kelley**  
**Greeters: 03/08/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Lydia Flachs, Joan DeBenedittis**  
**Ushers: 03/08/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Daphne Poole, Emily Snyder**

**Readings for the week of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9  
 Monday: Db 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**

Op. 347—The Glory of These 40 Days  
 Psalm 33: Lord, Let Your Mercy  
 Off. 639—Earthen Vessels  
 Comm. 726—Transfigure Us, O Lord  
 Cl. 672 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

**Weekly Offering Table**

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00  
 Feb 21<sup>st</sup> & Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 498.00	\$ 1,197.25	\$ 1,695.25
Blk/Nat/Ltn Am	\$ 190.00	\$ 397.18	\$ 587.18

“Please write a separate check to St. Joseph’s when requesting a mass intention.”  
 Mass Intentions are \$15.00 each

\*For Healing Rosary—Wednesday— 7:00 p.m.\*  
 Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978 Password: 104215

**Thank you for supporting your parish!**

**2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal**

The Diocesan Appeal for 2025-2026 has begun! Information has been sent to our parishioners. Our assessment for the Diocesan Appeal is \$20,049. Our contributions to date are \$7,379.00 from 23 of our parishioners. **Please be generous in supporting our Diocese so that they can continue to help in providing services to our parish.**

**CRS Rice Bowl-The Need Is Great**

**A few reasons why it is so important to contribute to the CRS Rice Bowl this year:**

The Lancet, a peer-reviewed British medical journal published since 1823, estimated USAID assistance has saved more than 91 million lives, including that of 30 million children, over the past two decades.

The journal’s July 2025 prediction, however, was grim. "Our estimates show that, unless the abrupt funding cuts announced and implemented in the first half of 2025 are reversed, a staggering number of avoidable deaths could occur by 2030," the Lancet forecast. The study noted that almost 14.1 million people could die by that year, with over 4.5 million deaths being children younger than 5.

Honduras, a Central American nation is braced for the next natural disaster it will experience without USAID assistance, which totaled \$152 million in 2024.

**Please help our brothers and sisters receive the assistance that they desperately need!!** (excerpts Kimberley Heatherington-(Evangelist))

**Easter Egg Hunt & Youth Raffle**

Join us for our annual community celebration! We are currently looking for:

- **Candy:** Please bring bags of Easter candy to the church by **Sunday, March 29th.**
- **Easter Basket Raffle:** Starting **Sunday, March 1st**, the Youth Program will be raffling off a spectacular Easter Basket!
- **Tickets:** Available at the youth table after each Sunday Mass and Fish Fry's on Fridays February through March.

**The Big Drawing:** The winner will be announced on **Palm Sunday, March 29th**, during Social Hour!

**2026 Holy Week Choir Rehearsal**

This year the 2026 Holy Week Choir will have rehearsals on Tuesdays: March 17, March 24, and March 31 at St. Joseph’s from 7-8:30 p.m. The choir will be singing on Palm Sunday and at the Easter Vigil.

There is a sign up sheet on the piano podium. (If you have taken your Holy Week notebook home, please bring it on March 17th.)

**Can you help us financially?**

Thank you for your generous support to St. Joseph. Your donation helps us to pay the bills. Without you, what will we do? Please attend mass and help us with your offering. Now you can make your weekly offering to St. Joseph by mail or place it in our side door rectory drop box. You are all in my prayers and masses. God Bless You! Fr. Joe

**WATCH ON FORMED!!**

About this series

Using the highly-acclaimed Augustine Institute programs Symbolon and Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, A Lent to Remember explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, A Lent to Remember communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent.



**What You Should Do When Entering the Church**

When we enter the church, one should kneel or bow before the altar.

After entering the church, thank God for the privilege of worshiping in His church, praying for the church, and adding your personal prayers.

Before Mass, the keeping of silence: The silence before the service can be used as a time for quiet preparation. Think of the holiness and power of God into whose presence we should come only with humility and reverence. “Be still, and know that I am God.” (Excerpt from the Book of Common Prayer)

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Annual Fish Frys  
 Friday’s—Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27<sup>th</sup>

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
 \$15.00 adults/\$6.50 child (half portion)

Menu: Baked or Fried Fish, Baked or French Fried Potatoes, Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Delicious Desserts & Much more!!!  
 Take outs available!

Come & Enjoy a Festive Night with Friends & Family

**St. Katharine Drexel**  
**Feast Day—March 3<sup>rd</sup>**



If your father is an international banker and you ride in a private railroad car, you are not likely to be drawn into a life of voluntary poverty. But if your mother opens your home to the poor three days each week and your father spends half an hour each evening in prayer, it is not impossible that you will devote your life to the poor and give away millions of dollars.

Katharine Drexel did that. Born in Philadelphia in 1858, she had an excellent education and traveled widely. As a rich girl, Katharine also had a grand debut into society. But when she nursed her stepmother through a three-year terminal illness, she saw that all the Drexel money could not buy safety from pain or death, and her life took a profound turn. Saint Katharine Drexel had always been interested in the plight of the Indians, having been appalled by what she read in Helen Hunt Jackson's *A Century of Dishonor*.

While on a European tour, she met Pope Leo XIII and asked him to send more missionaries to Wyoming for her friend Bishop James O'Connor. The pope replied, "Why don't you become a missionary?" His answer shocked her into considering new possibilities. Back home, Katharine visited the Dakotas, met the Sioux leader Red Cloud and began her systematic aid to Indian missions. Saint Katharine Drexel could easily have married. But after much discussion with Bishop O'Connor, she wrote in 1889, "The feast of Saint Joseph brought me the grace to give the remainder of my life to the Indians and the Colored." Newspaper headlines screamed "Gives Up Seven Million!" After three and a half years of training, Mother Drexel and her first band of nuns—Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored—opened a boarding school in Santa Fe. A string of foundations followed.

By 1942, she had a system of black Catholic schools in 13 states, plus 40 mission centers and 23 rural schools. Segregationists harassed her work, even burning a school in Pennsylvania. In all, she established 50 missions for Indians in 16 states. Two saints met when Saint Katharine Drexel was advised by Mother Cabrini about the "politics" of getting her order Rule approved in Rome. Her crowning achievement was the founding of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic university in the United States for African Americans.

At 77, Mother Drexel suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire. Apparently, her life was over. But now came almost 20 years of quiet, intense prayer from a small room overlooking the sanctuary. Small notebooks and slips of paper record her various prayers, ceaseless aspirations, and meditations. She died at 96 and was canonized in 2000.

*(reprinted from Franciscan Media)*

**Stations of the Cross**



After the masses on Saturday and Sunday, during Lent, we will be enacting the Stations of the Cross in the church. Please come and participate in this spiritual journey. Let us worship together! God bless.

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**GREECE PILGRIMAGE**  
*In the Footsteps of St. Paul with Greek Isle Cruise*  
 Fr. Joseph Arockiasamy

**"The world is a book and those who do not travel Read only one Page."**  
**Set a goal to travel with Fr. Joe to Greece.**  
 October 30<sup>th</sup>—November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
 For additional information, please visit <http://www.206Tours.com/cms/frarockiasamy>

**Prayer Remembrance**

Please, remember all of our homebound, sick and dying, hospitalized, and the needy! Pray for all the cancer patients! Pray for all of our veterans and soldiers and especially for all the soldiers who are in war zones!! Special prayers for Arthur Verity, Maryann Legaspi, Ean Shirm, Joseph Fedor, Alfred Staudohar, Judy Staruck, JoAnn Barnhart, Grace D. Leggio, Frances Florance, Nick Wicowski, Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Shannon Colin, Jim Bender, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, George Olsen, Jeanne Chase, Francisco Miccio, Jeanne Bridger, Dan Gorke, Toni & Larry Bobnick, Bill Fredette Jr., Paula Jenkins, Janet & Charles Papst, Lois Golda, Lillian Spino, Ramona Adesso, Matthew Sivacek, Bill Morgner, Ruth Vinci, Brian Rock, Sean Filipowski, Rick & Wade Lewis, Ed Serdy, Anne Tiner, Caleb & Kelly, Gene Rothe, Ed Hillenbrand, Adrian Origon, Alvira Braga, Matt Mantione, Lorraine Brimlow, Charlene & Helen Tiffany for a speedy recovery.

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**Mission Statement:** To form Missionary Disciples through encountering the Lord in Word, Sacraments and one another to transform the communities in which we live.

**Vision Statement:** St. Joseph is a Vibrant, Welcoming, Evangelizing and Transforming Catholic Community!

*The Mountain Experience*  
*A Face Transformed*



**March 1st, 2026**

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday Evening: 3:45 PM

Sunday Morning: 10:30 AM

**Weekday Masses**

Wednesday: Mass 9 AM

Friday: Adoration 11 AM—Mass 12 PM

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Wednesday: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

**Sacraments**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:00 PM –3:30 PM

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are held the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Contact the Parish Office for additional information.

**The Sacrament of Matrimony**

Arrangements for wedding should be made at least six months prior to the marriage.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call our Parish Office to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**

Please call the Parish Office

**All are Welcome to St. Joseph!**

**Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** Fr. Joe X. Arockiasamy

**Secretary:** Joan DeBenedittis

**Cemetery Manager:** Kelly Daniels

**Coordinator for Discipleship Formation for Children:** Corinne Connington

**Music Director:** Terry Hait

**Bookkeeper:** Mike Argiras

**Trustees**

Diane Fedor & William Fredette

**Pastoral Council Chairperson**

Cheryl Jory

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**Will you please remember "St. Joseph's Church" in your Last Will?**