

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 22nd, 2025—Vigil
3:45 PM + Sylvia Baron by Jim & Toni Tausel
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday March 23rd, 2025—Third Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM + Charles & Rose Dunne by Pat Fiederer
 + Marie Roberts by Lisa Roberts
 + Peter Matthew Mravlja by Mary Jones
 + Lucy Bernier by Paul & Joann Barnhart, Jr.
 * Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings by Gusmano Family
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Wednesday March 26th, 2025
9:00 AM + Peter Conte Jr. by Bill & Lu Colin

Friday March 28th, 2025
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM + Deceased Members of 5th Special Forces, by Jim Longendyke

Saturday March 29th, 2025—Vigil
3:45 PM * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday March 30th, 2025—Fourth Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM + James Seward by Henry & Debi Sanna
 + Fr. Ron Green by Jim Longendyke
 + Ed Cacioppo by Christine Gartung
 * Praying for Good Health and Thanks for the blessings by Gusmano Family
 * For an End to Abortion* by Bill & Lu Colin

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 03/29/2025 & 03/30/2025
3:45 PM: Teresa Millias
10:30 AM: Sean Filipowski
Eucharistic Ministers: 03/29/2025 & 03/30/2025
3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory
10:30 AM: Barbara Guilfoyle
Altar Servers: 03/30/2025
10:30 AM: Liam Serdy, Jasper Cole
Greeter: 03/30/2025
10:30 AM: Molly Snyder
Ushers: 03/30/2025
10:30 AM: Grayson Basso

Readings for the week of March 23rd, 2025

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

March 23rd, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

Op. 692—I Heard the Voice of Jesus
 Psalm 103: “The Lord is Kind and Merciful.”
 Off. 581—You Alone or 678 O God, You Search Me
 Comm. 818 —Here I Am, Lord
 Cl. **O Blessed St. Joseph or 364 Save Your People**



St. Joseph’s Day Hospitality & Birthday Celebration

This weekend, after the 10:30 Mass, we will be having our St. Joseph’s Day Hospitality celebration and our March Birthdays. All are welcome.



For Healing Rosary—Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978
 Password: 104215

2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal for 2024-2025 has 3^{1/4} months to go! Our assessment this is \$19,524.00. Our contributions for the Appeal is at 10,586.00 in donations from 31 of our parishioners. We need your help to make our goal this year!! Thank you, Fr. Joe

Discipleship Formation Living Stations

The Living Stations by the Discipleship Formation will take place on April 6th after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. The dates for practice are March 16th, 23rd, 30th and possibly the morning of April 6th.



Enter into a deeper meaning of what Christ suffered as he prepared to die on the cross.



**Repent
 Or
 Perish**

Jesus’ words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, “Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God’s punishment.” The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsel’s patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God’s patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God call us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week’s Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

We do well today and during the week to remember those who have given us that chance and thank God for them. Maybe remembering our own lives will help us to give our own little fig trees another chance and a bit more love.

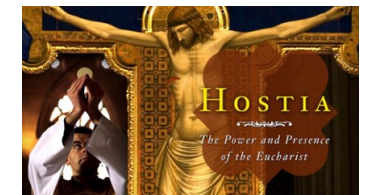
Can you help us financially?

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

Hostia: The Power and Presence of the Eucharist

This powerful and inspiring film begins with the Gospel accounts of how Jesus Christ instituted the Eucharist. It explains how the sacrifices and offerings in the Old Testament prefigured the perfect and final sacrifice in Jesus Christ Himself—the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The constant belief of Christians in the Real Presence throughout history is clearly demonstrated along with examples of heroic witnesses for the Faith. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is explained as the center of the Christian life where Jesus becomes truly present in the Eucharist. The practices of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction are presented as the real power behind any evangelization and essential to reviving faith in every Catholic parish.

Tune into Formed.org to view!



Easter Egg Donations

We are asking parishioners if they could donate a bag of Easter candy and plastic eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

A box will be left in the parish hall for all contributions.



“Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit”St. Lucy



Catholic Relief Services—2nd Collection



There will be a second collection next weekend for European Relief.

When our parishioners participate in the collection, they support grants to organizations to help aid people with urgent needs and problem solving. Catholic Relief Services makes life saving impacts in people’s lives.

Please be generous and God bless!!

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 2,973.41
 March 15th & March 16th, 2025

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$433.00	\$1,374.50	\$1,807.50
Candles			\$ 28.00
Poor Box			\$ 39.07

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

Thank you for supporting your parish!

Instagram

St. Joseph and St. Vincent de Paul now have an Instagram. If you have Instagram, look for “[joevin138](#)”.

**The Annunciation
Feast Day—March 25th**



One of the “Christmas feasts” celebrated outside the Christmas season, the feast of the Annunciation recalls the coming of the Angel Gabriel to Mary at Nazareth to announce that she was to be the mother of Jesus. St. Luke records the historic moment:

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The feast of the Annunciation is an ancient feast of the church. March 25, the time of the spring equinox, was seen as a significant day by the early Christians who regarded it as the day the world was created, the day of Christ's conception in Mary's womb, and the day of his death on the Cross. (reprinted from *The Book of Saints*, The Regina Press, 2010)

**God our Father,
Your Word became man and was born of the
Virgin Mary.**

150th St. Joseph's Jubilee 2nd Quiz

The second of our 150th Jubilee quiz is on the piano podium. It is a great opportunity to connect with the Gospels! Please take one, answer all of the questions, and return by April 7th. The rules are on the last page.

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 Tausel (Stokes), David Miller, Shannon Colin, Jim Bender, Tessa Rheingold, Bob Colichio, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, Sharon Heller, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, Claudia LaPierre, 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, Salley Obeldobel and Ramona Adesso for a speedy recovery.



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Holy Week Choir
Holy Week choir rehearsals will begin on this Wednesday, March 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet on the Music platform. See Terry Hait after Mass or call 607-652-3347 if you would like to join us.

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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!

Unless You Repent



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

Guitarist: Richard Gruber

Bookkeeper: Mike Argiras

Trustees

Diane Fedor & William Fredette

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

March 23rd, 2025

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!