

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 7th, 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 8th, 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

Wednesday March 11th, 2026
9:00 AM + Charles Stenzel by Debi & Henry Sanna
 * **God's Blessings, Peace & Good Health for the Gusmano Family*** by The Gusmano Family
7:00 PM Reconciliation Service

Friday March 13th, 2026
11:00 AM Adoration
12:00 PM + Vincent Gordon by Debi & Henry Sanna

Saturday March 14th, 2026—Vigil
3:45 PM + Sheila Freed by Debi & Henry Sanna
 + Reinhold Jahnke by Don & Karen Jahnke
 + Michael A. DeLucia by Theresa & David Clements
 * **For an End to Abortion*** by Bill & Lu Colin

Sunday March 15th, 2026—Fourth Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM + William G. Clements by David & Theresa Clements
 + Ed Cacioppo by Jim Longendyke
 + Dan Twomey by Rose Twomey & Family
 * **Birthday Blessings Bill*** by Lu
 * **For an End to Abortion*** by Bill & Lu Colin

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

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 03/14/2026 & 03/15/2026
3:45 PM: Ed Hillenbrand, 10:30 AM: Ed Serdy
Eucharistic Ministers: 03/14/2026 & 03/15/2026
3:45 PM: Joe Polisenio, 10:30 AM: Corinne Connington
Altar Servers: 03/15/2026
10:30 AM: Tallulah Kelley and Charlotte Kelley
Greeters: 03/15/2026
10:30 AM: Kimberly Spencer, Helen Siems
Ushers: 03/15/2026
10:30 AM: Riely Poole, Nolan Stroosnyder

Readings for the week of March 8th, 2026

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
 Monday: 2 Kgs: 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

**March 8th, 2026
 3rd Sunday of Lent**

Op. 532—Loving and Forgiving
 Psalm 95: If Today You Hear His Voice
 Off. 626—Come to the Water
 Comm. 698—Fly Like a Bird
 Cl. 692— I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00
 Feb 28th & Mar 1st, 2026

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 725.00	\$ 1,574.03	\$ 2,299.03
Easter Flowers	\$ 271.00	\$ 404.00	\$ 675.00
Candles/Poor			\$ 44.48

“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!

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 8,238.00 from 26 of our parishioners.
Thank you to all of the parishioners who have sent in contributions. We have 41% of our total needed. Hopefully, we can finish our goal shortly.

Have you picked up your CRS Rice Bowl for Lent?

The donations that you contribute help other with hardships like hunger and malnutrition. Through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. During Lent, when you fast or sacrifice, put the amount in the rice bowl and bring it to the church on Holy Thursday.

The Need Is Great

Please help our brothers and sisters receive the assistance that they desperately need!!

**Support Our Youth!
 Easter Basket Raffle & Jewelry Sale**

Join us during the **Hospitality Hour** to support our young Catholics! We are raffling off beautiful Easter Baskets for just **\$1.00 a ticket**. The drawing will be held on **Palm Sunday, March 29th**.

While you're there, browse our selection of **handmade jewelry** sold by our students. All proceeds help fund upcoming retreats and future youth events. Come say hi and support the next generation of our faith!

The Kingdom of Heaven Belongs to Such as These!

When you see small children and their parents struggling during Mass, we are doing the best we can. We are introducing our children to the God we love, modeling good behaviors for them, managing other behaviors, and trying to worship and pray with you. St. Joseph’s is a welcoming environment. Every look and word can have a huge impact, whether positive or negative. So let us strive to love one another. When a child is interrupting your prayer, praise God that that little soul is there and see it as Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”* (Mt. 19:14) This is an opportunity to sacrifice and love in the way that Jesus is asking you to do in that moment. Let us strive to have patience and love one another. Corinne Connington, DFFC

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



Do you follow Jesus ‘on the way’? Can we trust the Gospels? Do we really know who wrote them? Do the Gospels communicate truth – or fabricated fables? Who is Jesus? Who did Jesus claim to be? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and as he gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus’s Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Christ’s divinity. Dr. Pitre’s powerful presentation will strengthen your faith so that you can not only stand firm and profess that Jesus truly is ‘the Christ, the Son of the living God,’ but also confidently respond to any skeptics you encounter.

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.)

**St. Joseph’s Church
 201 Main Street
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 607-397-9373**



Annual Fish Frys
 Friday’s—March 13, 20, 27th
 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!!!

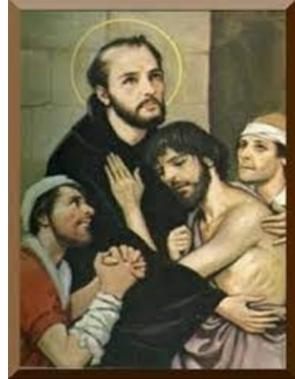
Take outs available!

Come & Enjoy a Festive Night with Friends & Family

St. John of God
Feast Day—March 8th

Saint John of God (1495–1550) was a Portuguese-born Catholic saint renowned for his radical charity and compassion toward the **sick, poor, and marginalized**. After a turbulent youth as a soldier and laborer, a powerful conversion led him to dedicate his life entirely to works of mercy.

John left home worked as a man he worked marry his wanted to find religious life. many tough found what God In Granada, soldier in the worked loading selling books He even opened for a while. But spending more and more time with the sick and the poor. He was put in the hospital for a time and while he was there he helped others who were sick like him. When he got out of the hospital, he decided to keep helping the sick and the poor. He first worked helping the poor people living in the streets and later opened a house for the sick and the poor. He begged on the streets for beds and medicine and food. One night the hospital in the city caught on fire and he went and rescued all the patients who could not save themselves. He passed through the flames without getting burned.



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His methods of humane care were revolutionary for the time. From his work grew the **Order of Hospitallers of Saint John of God**, devoted to healthcare and hospitality.

Saint John of God lived a life marked by **self-sacrifice, humility, and trust in Divine Providence**. He died after rescuing others from a river during a flood, exhausting his strength in service to others.

He is the patron saint of the sick, hospitals, nurses, firefighters, bookstores, and those with mental illness. Also known for his charity, hospitality, and compassionate care Saint John of God reminds the Church that **Christ is encountered in the suffering**, and that love is shown most clearly through service.

(reprinted from St. Michael Center)

Communal Reconciliation Service

This Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's will be having our Communal Reconciliation Service. Please come to experience God's mercy and forgiveness.

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 30th—November 9th, 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, 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, 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 Origen, Alvira Braga, Matt Mantione, Charlene & Helen Tiffany and Margaret Schneider 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!

*Living Water -
 A Deep Personal Encounter*



March 8th, 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

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