

# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

MARCH 15, 2026

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT "LAETARE SUNDAY"



### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### Daily Mass

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am  
St. Joseph

##### Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St. Joseph's  
Sunday | 8:30 am St. Francis  
10:30 am St. Joseph's

##### Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's  
Sunday | 8 am St Francis  
Or by appointment

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We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's, are called to live the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service to others.

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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (Marh 14)

Robert M. Halgas and Debra Cechnicki  
By Dave & Debbie Walendziak

Sunday (March 15)

Catherine and Richard Russell  
By Tony & Terry Russell

Monday (March 16)

St. Joseph's Parish Family

Friday (March 20)

St. Joseph's Parish Family

Saturday (March 21)

Irene Pokie By Theresa Ferguson

Sunday (March 22)

St. Joseph's Parish Family

Would you like to have the Sanctuary Candle lit in honor of your loved one?

The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize our candle at either parish for a week for a deceased loved one, a living person or a special intention. The intention and donor's names will be published in our weekly bulletin. The suggested donation for the 7-day candle is \$20. Please call the office for scheduling requests.



ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (March 15)

Parish Family of St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday (March 17) St. Patrick's Day

Rev. James A. McManus

Thursday (March 19)

Rev. Patrick McLaughlin; Rev. Rev. Anthony P. Ludden; Rev. Francis X. King; Msgr. Charles G. McCormack; Rev. Joseph R. Sise; Rev. Donald Doyle

Sunday (March 22)

Genevieve Koval By Rick Koval

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY:** In the liturgy today, we hear Jesus declare that he is the light of the world. Later, St. Paul writes that we should live as children of light. How appropriate on this second scrutiny Sunday, when we are called to take an honest look at ourselves to see our weaknesses and sinful tendencies, that we are reminded how important it is to shine a light on our character and expose it to the light of day. "Live as children of light," Paul writes, "for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." Let us ask God for forgiveness and guidance so that we can go forth shining with the light of Christ.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION:** If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark. Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

**Lenten challenge:** Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy. — *Father John Muir* ©LPI

Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53  
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Second Collection this weekend is for The Catholic Relief Services** to help reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Observances for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Tuesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; *St. Patrick's Day*  
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Mini-reflection:** I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? In his touch? We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

# St. Joseph

## FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH:



Mass to honor our patron saint is this **Thursday, at 8:30 a.m.** If you are going to the breakfast afterwards, please sign the sheet in the back of Church so that we know how much food we need for everyone.

FOSTER-FATHER OF JESUS

“ RENOWNED OFFSPRING OF DAVID, HEAD OF THE HOLY FAMILY, PILLAR OF FAMILIES, PROTECTOR OF THE HOLY CHURCH ST. JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US. ”

ST. JOSEPH

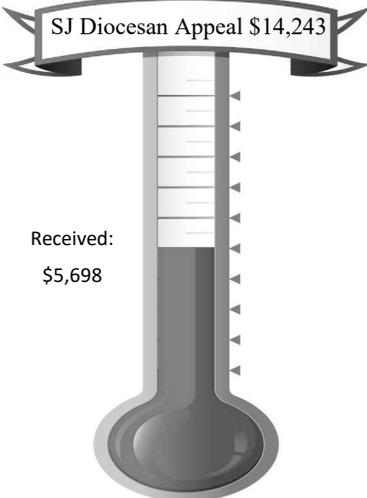
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary  
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8 am pray the Rosary  
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting  
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 1 pm Rosary Society Meeting  
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting  
Each Wednesday, 2PM—SF Prayer Group, John Paul II Hall  
**Fridays of Lent—Stations of the Cross, SJ- Noon / SF 6:00pm**  
Followed by Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrificial Meal  
March 19, Thursday, —Feast of St. Joseph— Mass at SJ at 8:30 am, followed by breakfast at the FS Center.  
March 25— SJ Chicken Penne ala Vodka Dinner, Pre-sale only  
March 22/April 26: Faith Formation Youth Mass as Class @ SJ

### Stations of the Cross Every Friday

St. Joseph—Noon  
St. Francis-6:00 pm  
Followed by Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrificial Meal



**ST. JOSEPH FUNDRAISING DINNER:** We are selling tickets for a **Chicken Penne ala Vodka meal from the Raindancer.** This fundraiser will help offset costs to repair the stone wall in front of our Church, The dinner includes a fresh salad, entre, dinner roll, and parish-made dessert. Tickets are **\$20 each, pre sale only**, and are available before and after Mass, in the Church office, and at the thrift store. Meal pickup will be between 4 and 6 pm at the Fr. Smith Center, Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.



July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

*“Remember where your treasure is, your heart is also.”*  
Mathew 6:21

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or online at  
<https://onrealm.org/StJosephsBoadalbin/Give>  
<https://onrealm.org/StFrancisAssisiNorthville/Give>

Feb.21/Feb.22	SJ 4:00 / 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	69 / 85	88
Contribution	\$986.00 / \$903.00	\$1,575.00
February E-Giving	\$976.20	(Jan.) \$ 1,079.00
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# St. Francis

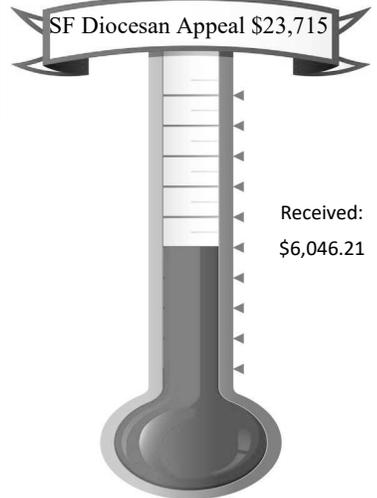
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**Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing.** Masses provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

### Pastoral Care:

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