

St. Joseph Parish

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Brothers and sisters,
whether you eat or drink, or whatever
you do, do everything for the glory
of God. - 1 Corinthians 10:31

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil

Suspended till further notice

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

8:30 a.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 am

Come Join Us

Reconciliation

Saturdays

4:00-4:45pm

By the East Church Door
parking lot

Eucharistic Adoration

No Adoration till
further notice due to
Covid-19



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021



Ash Wednesday



- ◆ **8:00 AM** – Holy Mass with distribution of Ashes and Reception of Holy Communion and distribution of the Lenten Reflection booklet in the Courtyard. You can participate in the Mass live at home by connecting to the following Zoom link. You'll be admitted to the room at 7:55 AM:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83241172108?pwd=bDduMTNXN0dhWHpOU3hLQ2dRaEYrUT09>

Meeting ID: 832 4117 2108

Passcode: 535994

- ◆ **10:30 AM – 11:30 AM** – Drive-thru in the parking lot – distribution of Ashes, Holy Communion and distribution of the Lenten Reflection booklet to parishioners in their cars. Please see the map below for driving instructions in the parking lot.
- ◆ **4:30 PM** – Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes, Reception of Holy Communion and distribution of the Lenten Reflection booklet in the Courtyard.
- ◆ **5:30 PM – 6:30 PM** – Drive-thru in the parking lot – Distribution of Ashes, Holy Communion and distribution of the Lenten Reflection booklet to parishioners in their cars. Please see the map below for driving instructions in the parking lot.

For the distribution of ashes, all safety protocols will be followed. The ministers hands will be sanitized, your forehead will be marked with the ash using a Q-tip that will only be used on you. After each use, the q-tip will be disposed. For all services, including the drive-thru, masks are required for participation.

Note – If you're attending the in-person Mass in the Courtyard, please bring your own chair.

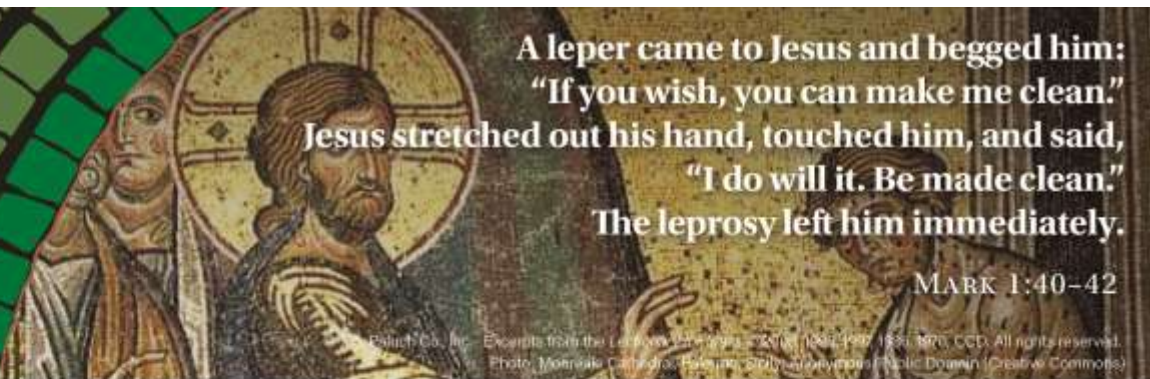
Thank you for remembering the penitential practice of Almsgiving and your Lenten donation to support your family of St. Joseph's! Let's make it a GREAT LENT at St. Joseph's!!

Lenten Blessings,

Msgr. Kevin

For the drive-thru services, here is the map:





A leper came to Jesus and begged him:
“If you wish, you can make me clean.”
Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said,
“I do will it. Be made clean.”
The leprosy left him immediately.

MARK 1:40-42

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HEALING AND HOPE

The readings from Leviticus and from the Gospel of Mark today speak of healing and hope. Leviticus outlines procedures to prevent the spread of leprosy, a skin disease understood to be a great danger to the community. Those with the disease were isolated and ritually impure. Absent some cure from God, they were considered beyond hope. Their lives were like a living death, and likely they saw no future hope in their lives. Jesus’ healing of a leper was thus a profound sign of the promised reign of God, which Jesus had earlier announced. The healing was like raising the leper up from death, and thus a hint of Jesus’ resurrection. Where are there “lepers” today, those isolated or outcast from our communities? Who are those our society considers beyond hope, or deems not worth the trouble to offer hope? How can we imitate Jesus in offering a healing touch to them?

SURRENDERING CONTROL

The Gospel today concludes the first chapter of Mark, which traces the rapid expansion of Jesus’ ministry. Excitement about Jesus grows so much that he can’t enter a town without being besieged. His healing of a leper results in a reversal: the leper, who had been isolated from the community, is now free to speak with everyone. Jesus, who before could speak freely, now must isolate himself from the crowds. By serving others, Jesus lost some control over his ministry. This is the first hint of what happens later in Mark. Jesus’ displays of power—over illness, over evil spirits, over nature—eventually lead him to the “powerlessness” of the cross.

The experience of Jesus guides us in our own efforts to be of service. Surrendering control is often very difficult. To be a servant is to engage with others, where frequently we lose some control over our freedoms, time, and energies. Often there is a cross or two to bear. As Jesus let go of control in his life, he also placed his trust in his Father. He invites us to do the same.

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

In today’s passage from First Corinthians, Paul concludes his extensive reflections on a variety of issues in Christian life, summarizing with “whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” Beyond the specific problems he addresses, Paul invites his listeners deeper, to consider the primary orientation of life in Christ. We live “for the glory of God” when we organize our lives around God’s values and purposes. We find our identity within God’s story as described in the scriptures. We are called to join God’s work in care for others. Just like Paul, we wrestle with many difficult problems emerging from the messiness of daily living. As Lent approaches, we might claim some time to reflect upon how life’s messiness connects with our identity and calling.

TODAY’S READINGS

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1
Mark 1:40-45

Did you know?



Tips to handle teen dating

Most teenagers are eager to date, but parents may be less eager to reach that

milestone. Preparing yourself and your teenager for smart, safe dating is key. As a family, set rules, and enforce them. Discuss who they can see, what activities are allowed or forbidden, how late they can stay out. Make sure your teenager is clear on how to handle himself or herself in tough situations, and that they have an **“out” if they need one in you or another trusted adult.** Honesty and specificity will make these conversations more impactful, and more likely to stick with your teen. For more tips on handling teen dating, read the VIRTUS article **“Preparing for the Day Your Teen Starts Dating”** at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

St. Joseph Book Club



Overdue: A Dewey Decimal System of Grace by Valerie Schultz
(2020 Catholic Press Association first place award, memoir)

Our next Zoom meeting will be on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7pm.

In *Overdue* Valerie Schultz shares her experience in prison ministry and how she learned to see the prisoners as human beings. They possessed all the gifts and flaws that define humanity...every single one of them a human being created and loved by God. It was no challenge to find God in all things in prison because God was palpably everywhere.

All are welcome!
For more info. email: goodlife@msn.com

Movement For A Better World

“Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God.” Pope Francis

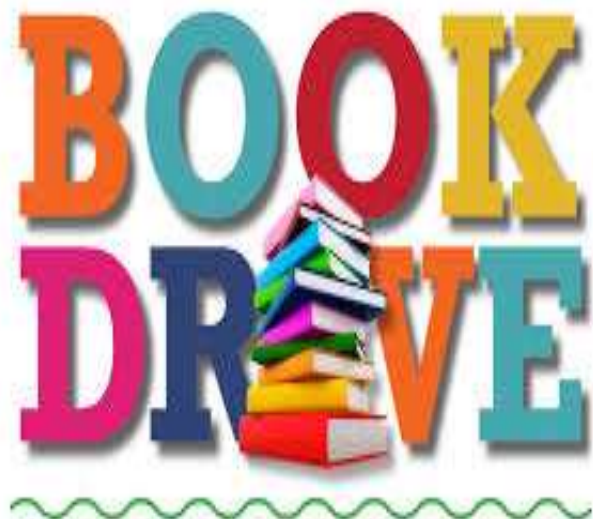
February 27-28: Children's Book Drive:

Collecting new and gently used reading books to distribute to the children our 80 supported families for Easter.

March 27: Easter Food and Reading Book Distribution: We will support 80 families in need! We are assessing our COVID-prudent options for inviting parishioner assistance.

Special Needs Ministry: We have an active ministry of providing essential living needs (refrigerators, stoves, beds, etc.) to families in need. Three or 4 times per year, we inform by e-mail, the needs we are working to fulfill. May we e-mail that information to you? Can you help to help with a COVID-safe delivery of items to families in need? Please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest.
Tim - (562) 453-8013



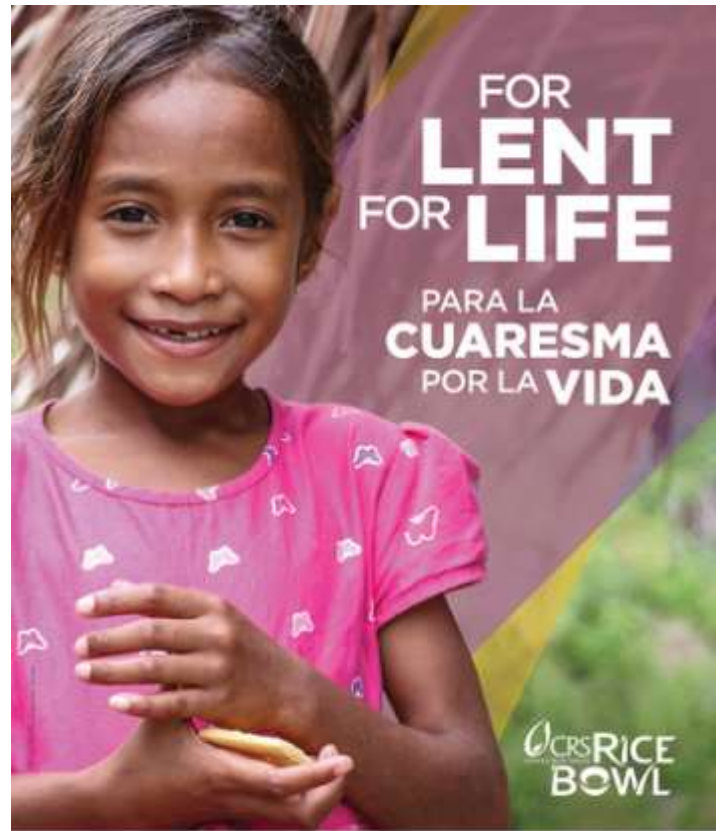


St. Joseph Parish Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place on **Sunday, February 21st** from **8:15 AM to 2:15 PM** in the Blood Mobile in front of the Parish Hall

You can sign up online at: redcrossblood.org
Sponsor Code: JosephLB.

For more information contact Knight Tony Diaz at bstdad2@msn.com



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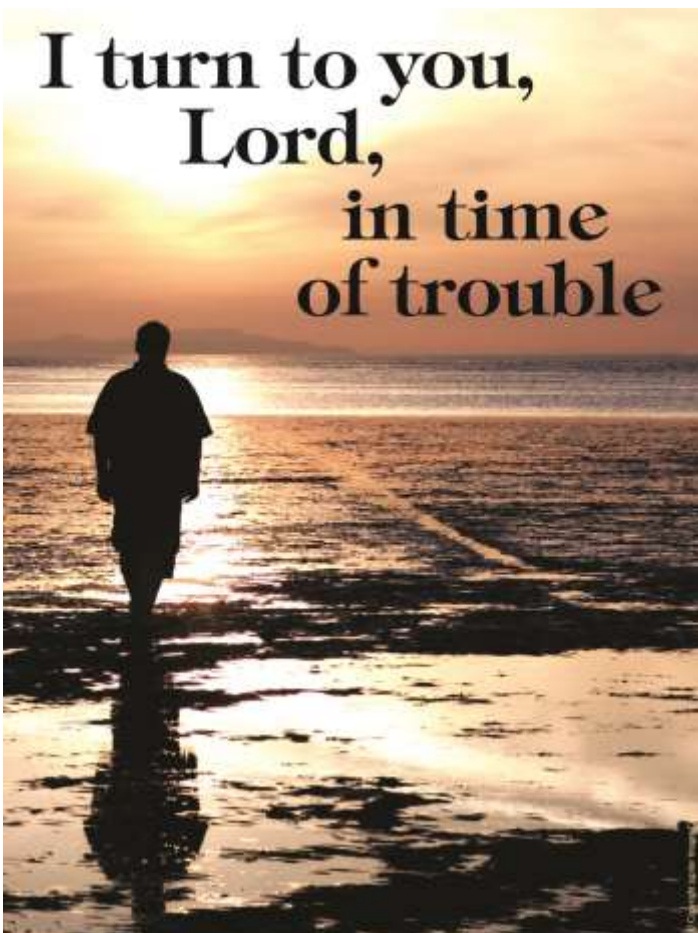
WE ARE CALLED

This Lent, commit to our global human family through:

- ◆ Daily prayer
- ◆ Weekly fasting
- ◆ Almsgiving

Jesus asks us to care for our sisters and brothers and to recognize him in them. With CRS Rice Bowl as our guide, we can answer to this Gospel call. What you give up for Lent changes lives.

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Online giving is available! Please visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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Easter Food and Book Distribution.

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6200 E. Willow St., Long Beach
February 27th 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
February 28th 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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