

St. Joseph Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent



MARCH
7
2021

Jesus said, "Destroy this temple
and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2:19

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Mass Schedule

Saturday
5:00 p.m.
Indoor Vigil

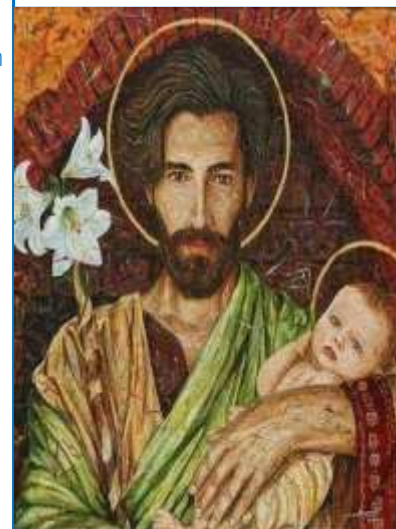
Sunday
Mass on the Grass
Outdoors
8:30 a.m.

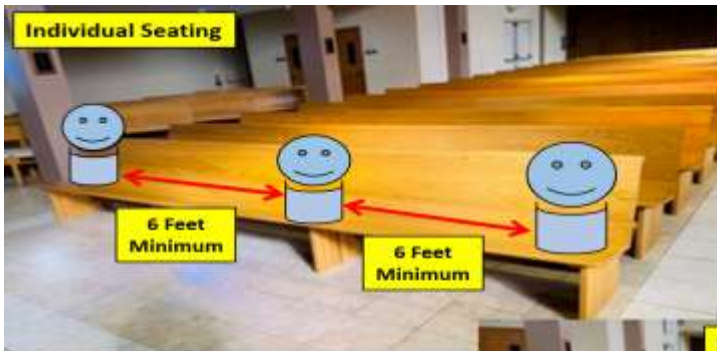
Indoor Mass
10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)
8:00 a.m. Indoor
Come Join Us

Reconciliation

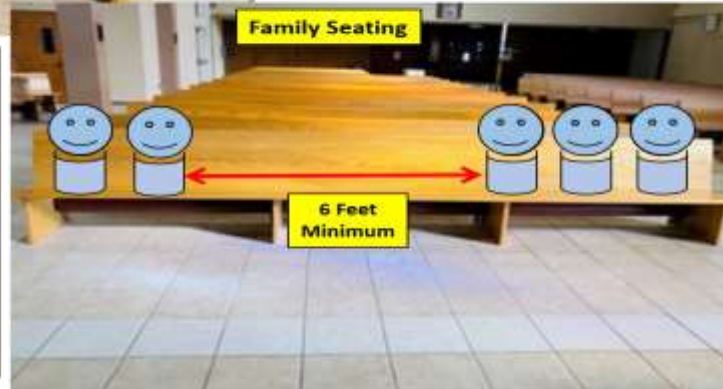
Saturdays
4:00-4:45p.m.
By the East Church
Door parking lot





SEATING PLAN FOR ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

- Seating Requirements:**
- 1) Seating available on every other pew.
 - 2) Individuals may sit three per pew, provided they maintain 6 feet minimum from nearest parishioner.
 - 3) Family units may sit together, provided family maintains 6 feet minimum from nearest parishioner.



Dear Parish Family:

Along with our outdoor Mass, this weekend we'll also move indoors for the celebration of the Eucharist. Our new Mass schedule is as follows:

Saturday at 5:00 PM in the Church

Sunday at 8:30 AM outdoor on the grass

Sunday at 10:30 AM in the Church

Daily Mass is indoors on Mon., Tues. and Wed. at 8:00 AM

We are allowed 25% seating capacity in the church so 90 parishioners at each indoor Mass. All safety protocols are posted at the door including wearing a mask and social distancing. For indoor Masses in the Church, the east side church doors facing the parking lot will open 15 minutes before Mass begins. Thank you for being on time to go through the safety/sanitation check.

Last weekend, 30 families signed up to help us with the safety checks before Mass and sanitation of the pews after Mass. THANK YOU for volunteering to serve your fellow parishioners. If you would like to help, please e-mail Brenda, our office manager at brenda@stjosephlb.org Please include your name, phone number, e-mail and which Mass you'll be attending.

Let's remember our mission is to keep everyone safe and a special welcome to those who are coming home for the first time!

Just a reminder that next weekend we return to daylight savings time Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 AM and we move our clocks ahead one hour.

I'm Praying for you and your families during Lent!

Peace,
Msgr. Kevin

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THE LAW

Today's reading from Exodus tells of God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses; this passage is well known to Christians, but it is only the introduction to the entire Mosaic Law, or Torah. The Psalm is a small section of the longest in the Psalter—172 verses—which are generally couplets (two lines) praising the Law as perfect, true, just, right, and so on. The Law is both the source of Jewish identity and the centerpiece of the Jewish intellectual tradition. Paul briefly compares this tradition with those of the Greeks, the two groups in the church at Corinth that were often quarreling. The passage from John's Gospel shows Jesus' righteous anger as he chases the moneychangers from the temple. His actions are a sign of Jesus' own reverence for “my Father's house,” which in turn reflects his deep appreciation for the Law.

“THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT . . .”

For pious Jews in first-century Palestine, the Mosaic Law prescribed the way every action in life is dedicated to God. Today's reading from Exodus tells how the Ten Commandments, the introduction to this larger legal code, is given to Israel as a gift from God.

In the Gospels Jesus is portrayed as a rabbi, or someone learned in the Law. A rabbi's learning ideally included both the precepts of the Law and its reverent contemplation as a divine gift, within which one could hear God's own voice. This was the way rabbis through the centuries used the Law to adapt to changing circumstances. This seems to be what Jesus was doing with the moneychangers in the temple.

JESUS, THE LAW, THE JEWS—AND US

When Jesus accused the moneychangers of sacrilege and cleared them out of the temple, the onlookers asked for a sign of his authority to do such a thing. After all, wasn't it a sacrilege to purchase animals for sacrifice with pagan coins? Wasn't this how the Jews adapted to Roman rule? Jesus says nothing about that; he only knows that this commercial activity inside the temple was a sacrilege. Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus is criticized for not being strict enough with the Law, as when he ate with prostitutes and tax collectors, but here he is prescribing something stricter, something “more.”

Jesus is doing something extraordinary, contrary to ordinary practice, prompting the onlookers to request a sign, evidence that God is acting here through Jesus. His insistence that the moneychangers depart, his clear vision regarding “my Father's house,” and his cryptic reference to himself as a temple, are signs of his contemplative intimacy with his Father that is the source of his authority about the Law.

Catholics, like first-century Jews, have our regular means for living in God's presence. We have the liturgy, sacraments, devotions, and personal prayer. During Lent, we are asked to be a little stricter with ourselves, listening for God's own voice. If we do, we might discover that we, too, are being called to something “more.”

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 20:1–17 [1–3, 7–8, 12–17]
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11
1 Corinthians 1:22–25
John 2:13–25

Did you know?



Helping children cope with grief

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many children are grieving — they may have lost family members, they are cut off from their friends and their routines, and their lives have changed significantly. Parents can help children work through their strong emotions by acknowledging their feelings and encouraging children to talk about them. Talk with them honestly and simply, helping them to answer any questions they might have about why this is happening, or what will happen next. Often, showing children that they are loved unconditionally can help them handle strong feelings of loss and sadness.

For more information, please visit, lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Meditation Group

St. Joseph's Meditation Group now meets as a Zoom meeting every Tuesday at 7:00PM. No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to experience both the prayerful and calming benefits of this ancient Christian practice.

For more information and to receive the Zoom log on information, please contact group leader, Frank McKown, at frmckown@gmail.com or 310-633-1744

Movement For A Better World

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11.

Thank you! Children's Book Drive: Our sincerest *thank you* for the outstanding support of last weekend's Children's Book Drive. We collected over 500 books to provide to the children of the families we will bless through our Easter food and book distribution.

March 27: Easter Food and Book Distribution: We will support 80 families in need! Please be especially mindful of Skip-a-Meal donations during our holiday support season when our needs are greatest.
April 14, 7:00 PM Committee Meeting: Join our online gathering to help us to celebrate and LEARN from possibly the **ministry's MOST extraordinary program year.** Refocus on current ministry needs. Assess our personal and financial blessings toward understanding our greatest opportunities of stewardship.

Special Needs Ministry: We have an active ministry of providing essential needs (refrigerators, stoves, beds, etc.) to our supported families. May we keep you informed of those opportunities? Can you help? To help with a COVID-safe delivery of items please call **Tim Clark (562) 431-4385**



January Collection

Collection	
Faith Direct	\$20,431.92
Website	\$1,620.00
Regular Envelopes	\$22,881.00
Collection-Loose	\$3,496.00
Total	\$48,428.92

Thank you for being good stewards in favor of your St. Joseph Parish family.

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Knights of Columbus



The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who donated to the Blood Drive on Feb. 21st. **We saved 45 lives!** Our next **Blood Drive will be on Oct. 31st.**
You are a blessing.
Tony Diaz, Knights of Columbus

I, the Lord, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides me.

— Exodus 20:2, 3

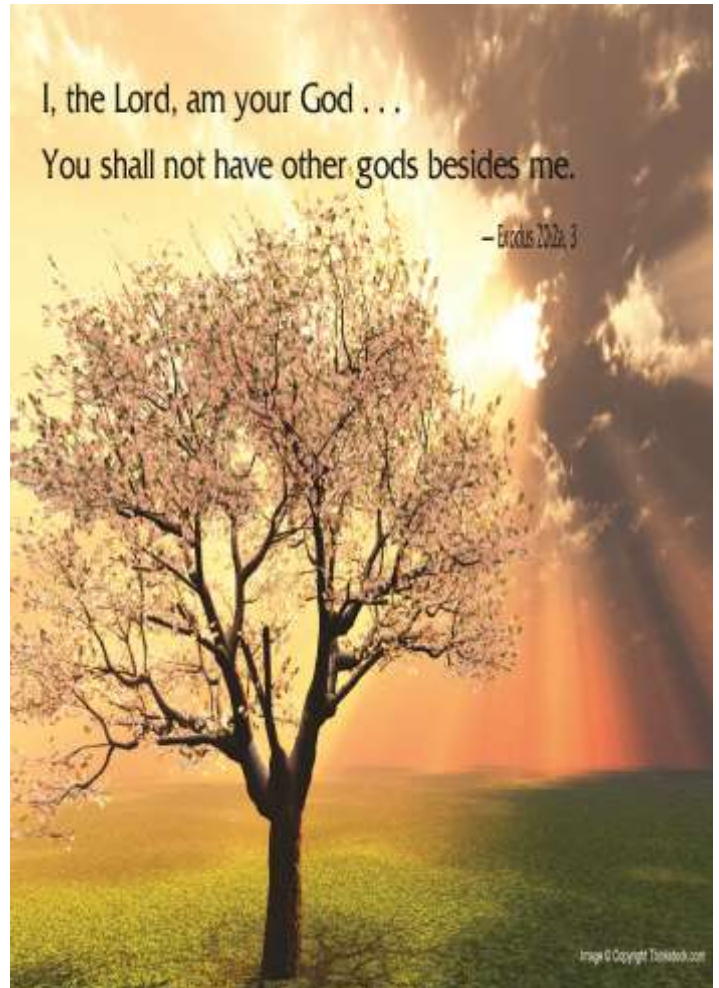


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