

St. Joseph Parish

A photograph of a wooden cross and a thorny branch against a purple background. The cross is made of two wooden beams, one horizontal and one vertical. The branch is light brown and has many sharp, dark thorns. The background is a solid purple color. The text "FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT" is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

I'M AT THE FAIR – SEE YOU THERE!!

Blessings on your last full week of Lent,
Msgr. Kevin

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Holy Week Schedule



St. Joseph Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday April 12th & 13th

5:00 pm Saturday	Mass Indoors
8:30 am Sunday	Mass on the Grass (Please Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs)
10:30 am Sunday	Mass Indoors
12:30 pm Sunday	Mass Indoors

Holy Thursday April 17th

8:00 am	Morning Prayer – Indoors
7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper – Indoors

Good Friday April 18th

8:00 am	Morning Prayer – Indoors
1:30 pm	Passion Liturgy – Indoors

Holy Saturday April 19th

8:00 am	Morning Prayer - Indoors
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass – Indoors

Easter Sunday April 20th

8:30 am	Easter Mass on the Grass (Please Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs)
10:30 am	Easter Mass Indoors
12:30 am	Easter Mass Indoors

OCIA



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Riley



Vanessa



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Chantal



Sean



Jennifer



Nigel



Keng



Brian



Melissa



David



Jesus



Brad



Mike



Elizabeth

Pray for our elect and candidates!

OCIA Prayer

Lord, we pray for those in the OCIA process who journey to you. Strengthen their faith. Open their hearts to the fullness of your love. Deepen their understanding. Set their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.
Amen!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD,
who opens a way in the sea
and a path in the mighty waters. (Is 43:16)

Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

Second Reading:

Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind
but straining forward to what lies ahead,
I continue my pursuit toward the goal,
the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)

Gospel:

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her,
"Woman, where are they?
Has no one condemned you?"
She replied, "No one, sir."
Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on do not sin any more." (Jn 8:10-11)

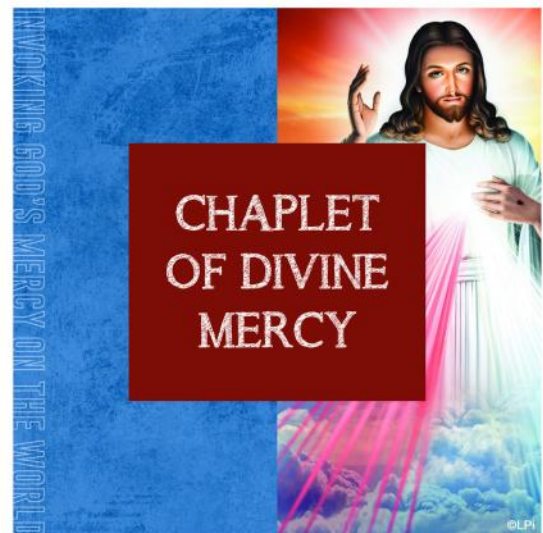
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Go, and sin no more," Jesus tells the woman caught in adultery. Her life, like ours, has been saved. She, like us, has a chance for a new beginning. So he begs her, and he begs us: be changed by it. Let the mercy transform you. Go, and sin no more.

Observances for the week of April 6, 2025

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
Friday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Devotions, *Explained!*

Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God's mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska.

Prayer of Community

O God,
Help us to see each other as
You see us, not by our faults or
failings, but by our identity as
Your own. Give us Your eyes to
see, Your heart to love.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 6, 2025

Sunday:

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 *Scrutiny*: Ez 37:12-14/
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-
62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

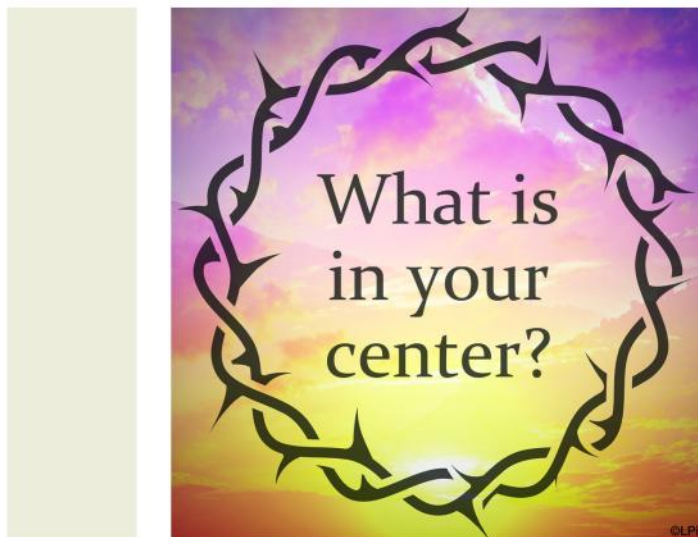
Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday:

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

“The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle” (John 8:3).

Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is **“left alone before him.”** A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— Father John Muir



Faith in Action: Community of Support

Last month, St. Joseph School had the privilege of hosting our WASC visitors for accreditation, giving them the opportunity to witness our Tenacious Scholars in action. This achievement would not be possible without the unwavering support of our stakeholders, benefactors, parents, and families. Your dedication allows us to continue guiding our students to be Disciples of Christ. Your help makes it all possible!



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“The things we pray for Lord, give us the grace to labor for.” St. Thomas More

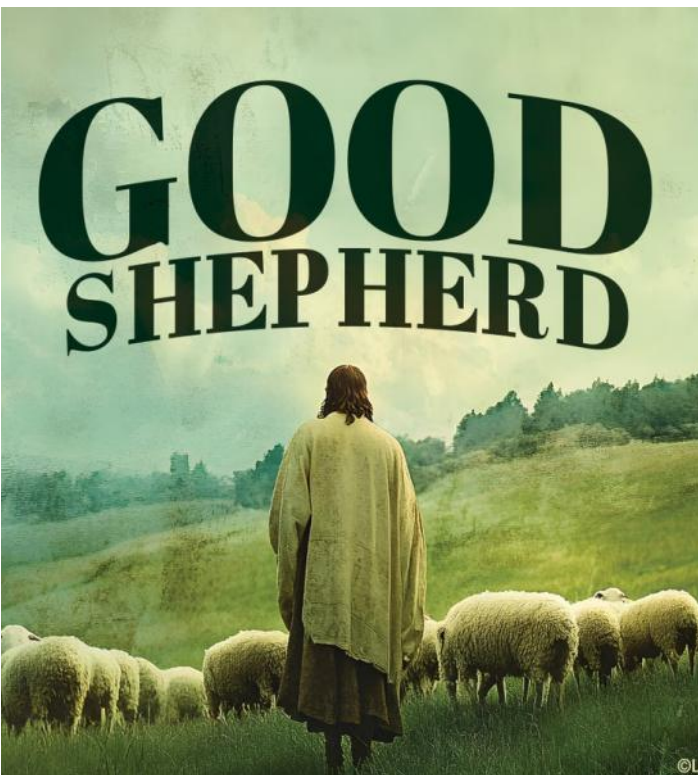
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Skip-a-Meal- Please be especially mindful of Skip-a-Meal donations during the holiday season when our needs are greatest.



April 6, 2025

OCIA COME & SEE

Sr. Eva invites you to join her for a Come & See, Come & Hear evening. For those who might consider sharing their faith with adults inquiring about our Catholic faith. Come & hear what that might entail.



We Need Help :

Seeking individuals to serve as OCIA catechists, who guide adults through the process of becoming Catholic. If you are interested in sharing your faith and helping others on their journey, consider becoming an OCIA catechist.

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Senior Group



Our next get together will be at the
El Dorado Restaurant on
Monday, April 14th at 9:30 am.

Please join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there. For future reference, we meet there on the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time. Looking forward to seeing you!

St. Joseph Grief Support

Grief support



If you think you can't survive grieving, and
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

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