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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.*

John 3:14-15



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

DAILY MONDAY - FRIDAY

12:00 NOON

CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY: 11:30AM-12NOON

SATURDAY: 3:15 - 4:00 PM.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM ~12NOON ~6:00PM

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 14, 2021

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †William Cizek, Sr. - Family
†Rolando Hipolito - Joseph & Gloria Palisoc
Intention of Jeremy Gooding - Family

Monday, March 15, 2021

12:00PM Intention of Bojan Family- Family

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

12:00 PM †Rev. Thomas J. Endel - Mary Jablonskis

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

12:00 PM †Diane Klazura - Loving Family

Thursday, March 18, 2021

12:00 PM †Flora Florentin and Isabel Malab -
Roberto & Flora Behena

Friday, March 19, 2021

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Tumino &
Demma Families - K & M Demma Families

Saturday, March 20, 2021

4:00 PM †Robert A. Cynowa - Loving Wife
†Konstantians Jablonskis - Mary Jablonskis
Living and Deceased Members of the Lamberty and
Pestka Families - Family
Intention of Thanksgiving for the Birthday of
Antonio Malab - Roberto & Flora Behena

Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Esther Lugo- Ascension of Our Lord Choir
†Maria C. Ignacio - Daughter
†Virginia C. Pascual - Zeny Dunga
Intention of Thanksgiving for Nestor Malab -
Roberto & Flora Behena



† Denotes Deceased

Dear Padre,

My friend's parish is having a St. Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need.

Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage.

Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis



Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness!

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19, 2013

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 15

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

Friday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a,

12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

MARCH 21

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

Parish News



Please see the back page of the bulletin for our Holy Week and Easter Sunday Schedule



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION 2021 MARCH 13-14

Our parish will take up *The Catholic Relief Services Collection*. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise.

Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.**



Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven.
- St. Rose of Lima

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 20- 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Jose

SUNDAY, MARCH 21- 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 - 10:00 AM

Presider: Father Bob



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SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

For those who desire the Eucharist but are not comfortable coming to Mass, Father Jose will be available on Tuesdays by appointment from 9am—2 pm (excluding the time of the Noon Mass) when he will come to your car to give you the Eucharist *and* to give a blessing. Please meet at Rectory garage. **Please call the office to schedule a time.**

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish



If you or a family member are ill and would like to be placed on the Ascension of Our Lord Prayer List, please call the Parish Office. The name will be added for one month. Due to privacy issues, we will only honor requests made by you or a family member. Name will remain on list for one month.

Please call the Parish Office at 630-629-5810 to add a name to the "Pray for the Sick" list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Caridad, Henry, Carl, Grace, Arlene and Patrick



Act of Spiritual Communion : My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

This Week's Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 15: MASS 12NOON
TUESDAY, MARCH 16: BLESSING & SPECIAL COMMUNION 9AM-2PM (REGISTER), 12NOON MASS, 6:00PM RE, 7:30PM LENTEN ZOOM PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 12NOON - MASS
THURSDAY, MARCH 18: 10:30AM LEGION OF MARY - CORPUS CHRISTI, 11:30AM CONFESSION - CLASSROOM, 12NOON MASS
FRIDAY, MARCH 19: 12NOON MASS, 12:30PM CONFESSION, 12:30PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY, MARCH 20: 3:15PM-4:00PM CONFESSION - CLASSROOM, 4:00PM MASS
SUNDAY, MARCH 21: 8:00AM AND 10:00AM MASS



First Communion Retreat

Over the weekend, our First Communicants took time to come in for their First Communion Retreat. During the retreat, we prayed together, watched a video as to how a Host is made, went on a tour of the Church, completed a couple of activities and took home supplies to make a banner for our First Communion Mass which will take place next month. Please keep our First Communicants and their families in your continued prayers!

7th Grade Confirmation Retreat

On Sunday, March 21st, our 7th graders will participate in a Zoom Retreat with NET Ministries as they continue on their path for the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. They will be joined for the retreat with the 7th graders of Christ the King Parish of Lombard and St. Alexander's of Villa Park. Come Holy Spirit!

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY **WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP THIS TIME**

While the needs of the Parish SVDP Conference are being met by your wonderful generosity during this pandemic, we have to occasionally ASK for added aid to keep our ability to help others in an ongoing manner. This time we are asking for your assistance to purchase a new office computer and printer as our current equipment is over TEN years old and becoming more difficult to keep our financial and service records in order. We have a Society rule to never use funds donated to aid the poor for administrative or operational costs. While modest office expenses are regularly covered by our Members out of their pockets, this request is for the purchase of a new OFFICE DESKTOP COMPUTER (\$500) and a 5 in 1 Laser or Inkjet PRINTER (\$300) to bring our office up to date for current office demands. We realize we are still in this viral pandemic and that most have had to reduce normal expenses and charitable giving, but we are forced *to ask* for your help in whatever way you may help us help others. Any simple contribution toward these costs will be most appreciated and allow us to keep our help for the needs of others at a suitable level.

In this Lenten season of sacrifice, we are asking you to sacrifice and make an offering that can enable us to serve the needs of the poor in our community as we move out of this pandemic and onto a platform of renewed service to others.

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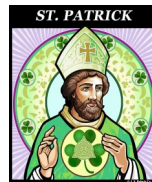
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All calls are held in strictest confidence.



SAINTS OF THE WEEK



ST. PATRICK, BISHOP

FEAST DAY: MARCH 17

Prayer to St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland

Dear St. Patrick,

in your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary and prompted countless pagans

to follow the Saviour. Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands.

Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began. Amen.



**ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY FEAST DAY: MARCH 19**

Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son. Amen

TAKEN FROM CATHOLICONLINE

The Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Catholic Education Foundation, invites you to join us for a **FREE** Women's Lenten Reflection.

Tuesday, March 23rd at 7pm Virtually on Zoom

Please join us by registering:



If you have any questions, email JGeorgis@dioceseofjoliet.org



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Monday –Friday

12noon Mass

*Prayer, Fasting,
and Almsgiving*



Tuesdays –

March 16, 23 April 6

*No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through
Christ's Passion -*

7:30pm zoom -

Contact Vince Zaprzal if you would like to participate

Fridays, March 5, 12, 19, 26

12:30pm Stations of the Cross and Confession following the noon mass

Confession - Classroom

Thursdays – 11:30am – 12noon

Fridays – After 12noon Mass

Saturdays -3:15pm-4:00pm

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday

Saturday 4pm,
Sunday 8am & 10am



Thursday, April 1st - Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
Adoration in Church until 10pm

Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday

3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Death

Saturday, April 3rd –Holy Saturday

Easter Basket Blessing at 12 Noon
Easter Vigil at 7pm

Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday

Masses at 8am, 10am & 12 Noon

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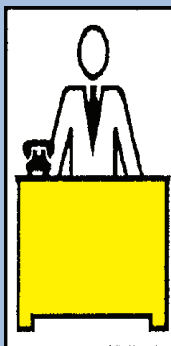
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