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Saturday | 5 PM

Sunday | 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, & 5 PM

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Monday - Friday | 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM

Saturday | 8:30 AM

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Thursday | 3 PM

Confessions

Saturday | 11 AM - 12 PM

Rosary

Monday - Friday | 7:45 AM

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Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 4 PM

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LETTER FROM FR. JAKE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we enter the month of February, we are reminded that love is at the heart of our faith. Scripture tells us, *"We love because He first loved us"* (1 John 4:19). This love is not just the one we celebrate on Valentine's Day, but the deeper, enduring love that comes from God, a love that calls us to patience, kindness, forgiveness, and generosity in our daily lives.

February often feels like a quieter month. The busyness of the holidays has passed, and spring still feels far away. Yet this in-between season invites us to slow down, notice where God is present, and reflect on how we are living out our call as disciples. In the ordinary moments of our days, at home, at work, and here in our church, God continues to meet us.

This month also leads us into a sacred season as we celebrate Ash Wednesday and begin the journey of Lent. On that day, we are marked with ashes and reminded of our need for God and His grace. Lent invites us to pause, reflect, and realign our hearts, turning away from distractions and making room for prayer, simplicity, and deeper trust in the Lord.

Lent is a special and Holy season for the entire Church as we take our spiritual pilgrimage with the Lord following in his footsteps that will lead to his saving action, that is, passion, death and resurrection. May our Lenten discipline of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (acts of mercy and charity) bear fruit of renewal for the Church and for the world.

As we prepare for this season, we might ask ourselves: How is God inviting me to grow? What needs to be renewed in my heart? Even small steps taken with sincerity can open us to profound grace.

I continue to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support of our new St. Joseph Parish Center. I am deeply thankful to all parishioners for your generosity, whether through sharing your treasure, offering your prayers, or contributing your time and talents. Your support is helping to build not just a building but a future home for our entire parish community.

St. Joe's continues to be a place of faith, community, and welcome because of you. Thank you for the many ways you serve, pray, and support one another. Whether through ministry involvement, acts of kindness, or simply showing up each week, you are helping make our church a home.

Please know that you and your families are in my prayers. May this month be filled with moments of grace, connection, and renewed hope.

With gratitude and blessings,



Fr. Jacques (Jake) Beltran
Pastor



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18

Begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday, a day of reflection, prayer, and renewal. Join us at 6:30 AM Mass, 8:30* AM Mass, 12:00 PM Word Service, 4:30 PM Mass and 7:00 PM Mass.

(*) Livestreamed Mass

“WHEN GOD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE”

**FEBRUARY 19 | 7 PM
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SCAN TO REGISTER

Life is NOT always easy. Faith is NOT always clear. Join us for an evening of real stories, reflection, and conversation as we explore where God shows up in life's uncertain moments.

LENTEN MISSION 2026

STARTING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22

JOIN A SMALL GROUP THIS LENT!

Ever feel like God's plan is confusing? You're not alone. This Lent, join or host a small group to ask honest questions, share experiences, and explore faith in community.



SCAN TO REGISTER!



Following Jesus

- Connect & Invite
- Learn & Grow
- Pray & Worship
- Serve

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Adoration

Every Thursday | 3 PM | Church

Spend time with Jesus and grow closer to Him this Lenten season.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

February 2

We pray for all who have chosen consecrated life, that they may be inspired by Christ and faithfully live their calling.

Euchre Night

February 7 | 6:30 PM | 200 Building

All skill levels welcome! Come play Euchre, enjoy snacks, and meet others. Singles and couples of all ages are welcome. Adults 21+.

Grief Sharing Gathering

February 8 | 12:15 PM | St. Joseph Room

If you have lost a loved one, you don't have to walk the journey alone. Join us to find support, hope, and friendship with others who understand loss.

Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

February 14 & 15 | All Masses

This weekend, we invite you to support the Annual Catholic Appeal, helping provide education and vital services locally and globally. Watch Cardinal Cupich's special video on why your gift matters. Learn more on our website.

Men's Liturgy

February 15 | 5 PM | Bernie's Book Bank

The Men's Ministry invites all men of St. Joe's to worship at the annual Men's Liturgy. Stay for dinner and fellowship immediately following Mass. Must be 21 or older. Register on our website.

Ash Wednesday

February 18 | Church

Begin Lent at St. Joe's with prayer, reflection, and the distribution of ashes. Join us at: 6:30 AM Mass, 8:30 AM Mass (livestreamed), Noon Word Service (shorter service with readings and reflection, no Communion), 4:30 PM Mass, and 7:00 PM Mass.

When God Doesn't Make Sense - Lenten Mission

February 19 | 7 PM | Koenig Center

Life isn't always easy, and faith isn't always clear. Join us for a night of real stories, reflection, and conversation as we explore where God shows up in life's uncertain moments. Everyone is welcome!

Fellowship Friday

February 20 | 9 AM | Narthex

Join us the third Friday of each month! Enjoy baked goods & coffee while you connect with the St. Joe's community after the 8:30 Mass.

Stations of the Cross

February 20 - March 27 | 6:30 PM | Church

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM. This is a chance to step into Jesus' journey, reflect on His sacrifice, and discover how His love brings us hope.

Lenten Almsgiving Tag Day

February 21 | 8 AM | Formation Center

Serve this Lent by helping prepare for our Almsgiving Project. Volunteers will assemble and staple the tags so they're ready for parishioners to use throughout the season. Sign up on our website.

Anointing of the Sick

February 21 | 8:30 AM | Church

This Sacrament is offered for those experiencing serious illness or significant health challenges and is celebrated during the 8:30 AM Mass on the third Saturday of each month.

Lenten Almsgiving Project

Starting February 21 to March 15 | Narthex

Spread joy this Lenten season! Pick up a tag from the Narthex, each one showing an item you can bring to help local charities in need. Visit our website for more information.

Lent Small Groups

Starting the Week of February 22

Have you ever found yourself questioning where God is or why things happen the way they do? You're not alone. Join or host a small group this Lent to ask honest questions, share experiences, and explore faith in community. Learn more and register on our website.

Soup for the Soul

February 26 | 6:30 PM | Koenig Center

The Women's Ministry invites you to celebrate an evening of delicious dinner, shared faith, and connection. Register on our website.

Senior Brunch

March 7 | After 8:30 AM Mass | Koenig Center

All seniors are invited to join the Mothers with Young Children for a free brunch. Please RSVP by calling the Parish Office at (847) 362-2073 by Wednesday, March 4.

Soup and Stations

March 13 | 6:30 PM | Church

Join the Knights of Columbus for Stations of the Cross in the church, then stay to share a meal in community. Register on our website.

PRAYING FOR

February Mass Intentions

- 2/1** All Parishioners
- 2/2** Jim McGillivray, Mark Hobson, Richard & Jo Ann Nevins, Lena's Mom
- 2/3** Edward Glynn, Jose Trinidad Zamudio, Mark Hobson,
Wedding anniversary Lois & Bill Schafer
- 2/4** Joyce Bond, Mark Hobson, Maylineth Beier, Isabella Joann Fiore
- 2/5** Bob & Jean Mitchell Family, Marie Hesford, Harriet Hubbard Sepulveda,
well-being Diane Oppenheim
- 2/6** William Costigan, Edward Glynn, Edward & Evelyn Lobus, Eugene O'Brien
- 2/7** Virginia S. Sison, Eternal rest for unborn children, Connie Calvino,
Annette Paveglio
- 2/8** All Parishioners
- 2/9** Leo Nycz, well-being Nick Salvi, well-being Margaret Ezquivel,
well-being Nicholas Keller
- 2/10** Mark Hobson, well-being Quinn Keller, well-being Mary McKendry,
well-being Kelly Crowther
- 2/11** Kathy, Mary & James McLaughlin, Mary Kay Tschanz, Barbara Grote,
Isabella Joann Fiore
- 2/12** Mark Hobson, Gene O'Brien, Rita Sula, Ruth Facan
- 2/13** Frank Miller, Greg Matias, Deborah Morgan, Joyce Czeck
- 2/14** Ann Panico, Dolores Palmieri, Michael Hettinger, Gene O'Brien
- 2/15** All Parishioners
- 2/16** Rose Urbanik, Marijo Komp, well-being Jordan Lyttle,
well-being Riley Keller
- 2/17** Mark Hobson, Orville & Barbara Himmelberg, Courtney Keller, Pei Rahilly
- 2/18** Virginia S. Sison, Rita Gagliano, Laurence Kelly, Isabella Joann Fiore
- 2/19** Rita Sula, Geri Graham, well-being the Keller Family,
well-being the Naval-Parra Family
- 2/20** James & Joyce Czeck, Vasiliki Dimitrakopoulou, Martin M. McGreal,
Geri Graham
- 2/21** Betty Maniscalli, Edward Krol, Jim Quirke, Jose Trinidad Zamudio
- 2/22** All Parishioners
- 2/23** Dorothy DeReu Smith, Mark Hobson, Maria Elena Castillo,
Edward McGovern
- 2/24** Norman Lind, Dennis Finley, Ron Mazurek, Tom Kallal
- 2/25** Julie Kolenda, Kristine Johnson, Isabella Joann Fiore, Edward McGovern
- 2/26** Mark Hobson, Martin M. McGreal, Jack O'Brien, Thomas Kallal
- 2/27** A prayer in gratitude, Susan Stuecheli, Clement & Theresa Stefan,
well-being Geoff Waldschmidt
- 2/28** Theodore J. Soenksen Sr., Marilyn Wallace, Isaac Alaniz, Jack O'Brien,
Eric Bertaud & well-being of the Bertaud-Gaiden families

Baptisms

- Ava Hazel Brand**
Daughter of Tricia (Zingler) & Christopher Brand
- Cora Lila Calia**
Daughter of Diana (Niedbaelec) & Thomas Calia
- Violet Taylor Collier**
Daughter of Alison (Peacock) & Evan Collier
- Margaret Gayatin**
Daughter of Magnolia (Dumaguing) & Domeca Gayatin
- Liliana Rene Kelly**
Daughter of Ericka (Garcia) & Andrew Kelly
- Eli James Loeffler**
Son of Carolyn (Kozak) & Benjamin Loeffler
- Charlotte Louise Smoler**
Daughter of Jacqueline (Howard) & David Smoler
- Henry Patrick Stalzer**
Son of Bridget (Quinn) & Bryan Stalzer

New Parishioners

- Timothy and Elizabeth Blazek
Kristen and Andrew Hanrath
Russell Jodway
Sarah and Brian Leska
Cristina and Johnathon Pann
Anthony E. and Josephine Scardino

Who Are Sick

Judith Omahana

In Memory Of

Rosauro Ablog
Geraldine "Geri" Graham
Ron Kempner
Kim Mastandrea
Manuel D. Ofilanda
Marilyn Wallace

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[UPDATE AS OF JANUARY 21, 2026]

We are excited to share that thanks to the generosity of our parish family, we have raised **\$13.5 million** toward our **\$15 million goal**, with **23% of registered parishioner families** participating. This campaign is about equal sacrifice, not equal gifts, every prayer and pledge supports God's vision for our parish. Thank you for your continued support!



If you haven't participated yet, we invite you to pray about how you might join. Learn more on our website or scan the QR code.

What more can God do through us if we go beyond?



AS OF 1/21/26

LENT 2026 AT ST. JOE'S

Lent begins **February 18!** Join us this Lent in prayer, reflection, and service as we prepare for Easter.

Adoration - Thursdays at 3 PM

Ash Wednesday - February 18

"When God Doesn't Make Sense" Lenten Mission - February 19

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday, Feb. 20 to March 27

Lent Almsgiving Project - February 21

Anointing of the Sick - February 21 & March 21

Soup for the Soul - February 26

Soup and Stations - March 13

Extended Reconciliation - March 28

Holy Week - March 29 to April 4

Easter - April 5

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