

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This is also known as confession. In the Roman Catholic Church people go to confession to say sorry for the wrong (sin) in their lives and to experience God's healing through forgiveness. Confession also permits reconciliation with the Church, which is wounded by the sins people commit. Catholics believe that baptism removes original sin, the belief that all people are born tainted by sin. Therefore, baptism turns us back to God. Despite this, humans still commit sin. As a result, Catholics regularly confess their sins. The act of confession is important because it allows Roman Catholics to put things right with God and to know that they have been forgiven. Roman Catholics believe it is important to continue to confess sin (even though someone has already accepted Jesus as their Savior) because we continue to sin and to be damaged by its on-going power. Benefits of frequent confession acknowledging the truth of your sinfulness before God and recognizing your need for His grace to help you become the person He wants you to be will really, truly set you free. Confession helps us to know better thyself St. Augustine and countless other saints and doctors of the Church talk about the importance of knowing ourselves well. Through coming to know ourselves better, we realized how fallen we are, and how badly we need God's help and grace to get through life. Frequent Confession helps remind us to rely on God to help rid us of our sins. Confession helps us to overcome vice. The grace we receive from the Sacrament of Confession helps us combat our faults and failings and break our habits of vice much more easily and expediently than we could otherwise do without the sacramental grace. Confession brings peace. Guilt from the sins we commit can make us feel all mixed up inside and cause us to lose our peace and joy. When we hear God's forgiving words to us from the lips of the priest in Confession, a burden is lifted off our shoulders. Sins weigh us down and enslave us, often giving our passions power over us, instead of us having control over our passions. With the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can again feel the peace of heart and soul that comes from being in a good relationship with God.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### STUDY THE BIBLE

Sunday morning after 10:30 Mass until 1:00 pm Probe the Scripture Readings of the day. Question; share insights; consider applications for living in today's world. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate!

### EARN MONEY FOR OUR PARISH

**Food Lion gift cards** in various amounts are available every Sunday after Mass and in the church office during the week. The cards can be used when you do your regular shopping or given as gifts. They are as easy to use as a debit card- just swipe and go and St. Joseph gets money!

**Go to Smile.amazon.com** and designate St. Joseph as your charity and shop through Amazon as usual!

**If you shop at Kroger** – register your rewards card online at [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and enter St. Joseph #82116 and the number on your card. The church gets money back based on how much you spend.

There is no cost to you for any of these programs! Kroger rewards need to be renewed after a year. You should receive an email with instructions. See Steve Ogilbee for more information about gift cards or call the church office about Amazon.

### HELP THE COMMUNITY

**Community Storehouse** is still in need of Chef Boyardee microwave meals for the children's backpack program.

**The Women's Guild** meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Contact Stephanie Bailey for details: (276) 732-6441.

### EVENTS / HANDOUTS / FUNDRAISER POLICY

If you would like to post or donate, flyers, pamphlets, books, magazines, or other materials, please bring them to the church office. **DO NOT put items on the bulletin board or tables.** Items need to be approved and posted by office staff. Activities held on church property must be preapproved by the appropriate committee and Father Carlos. Please come to the church office during the week for an activities form.

### SACRAMENTS / SACRAMENTOS:

**Baptism:** Call parish office to register for preparation classes. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend.

**Bautismo:** Llenar el formulario, después padres y padrinos asistir a dos pláticas de preparación. Ver a Eduardo Guerrero Miércoles y Viernes de 6:30 a 8:30 pm en la oficina de la iglesia.

**Reconciliation:** Tuesday/Wednesday at 12:30 pm and Wednesday 6:00-7:00 PM or by appointment.

**Confesión:** Martes/Miércoles a la 12:30 pm y Miércoles de 6:00 a 7:00 pm o llamar a la oficina para hacer una cita.

**Marriage:** Call or email for an appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding.

**Matrimonio:** Llamar y hacer cita por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de la boda, o ver a Eduardo Guerrero.

**Ministry with the Elderly:** Homebound parishioners who would like to receive communion at their home, contact the parish office.

**Ministerio con los ancianos:** Feligreses que no pueden salir y quisieran recibir la comunión en sus casa, llamar a la oficina.

**Religious Education and Youth Ministry:** Call Sandra Ruiz at (276) 638-4779 Tuesday –Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

**Religion Education: Adults (RCIA).** More information contact Stephanie Bailey at [ssiddle13@gmail.com](mailto:ssiddle13@gmail.com) or call church office at 276-638-4779



## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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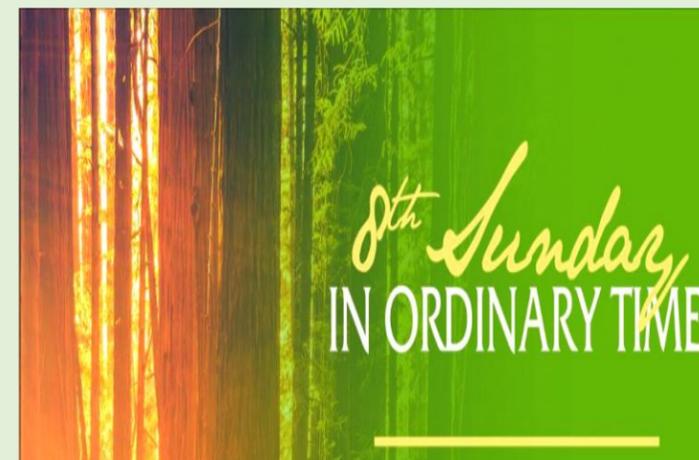
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OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY- FRIDAY 9:00AM – 4:00PM

**Parish Mission Statement:** To foster and deepen faith in the Holy Trinity through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Word of God & to be active disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in our community and throughout the world.

**Declaración de la misión parroquial:** Queremos fomentar y profundizar la fe en la Santísima Trinidad a través de la celebración de la Eucaristía y la Palabra de Dios y ser discípulos activos de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo, en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo.

## FEBRUARY 27, 2022 ~ EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~



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[Jesus said], "Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles".

LUKE 6:44

## ST. Joseph's Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am English

Sunday 12:30 pm Spanish

Tuesday 12:00 pm

Ash Wednesday 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm

First Friday of Month 3:00 pm

## Confessions/Adoration

Tuesday 12:30pm-1:30pm

Wednesday 12:30pm-1:30pm

We are lifting the mask requirement to enter church for those who are fully-vaccinated starting on May 28<sup>th</sup>. We ask that people who are not fully-vaccinated continue to wear masks, all those over the age of 5. Thank you.

## PARISH OFFICES: (CLUSTER)

### St. Joseph, Martinsville

Phone/ Telefono: (276) 638-4779 Fax: (276) 638-2218.

### Office Hours / Horario de Oficina:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

### St. Francis of Assisi, Rocky Mount

15 Glennwood Dr. Rocky Mount, VA. Phone: (540) 483-9591.

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Suzanne Steele –Chair; Irma Harrison - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair; Christy Hall -2<sup>nd</sup> vice Chair; Iris Lopez- Secretary, Jorge Lopez, Sebastian Lopez, Jesus Sanchez, Maria Ruiz, Thea Gutierrez, (Eduardo Guerrero staff).

### Finance Council Members:

Steve Ogilbee - Chair, Ethan Dobbins - Secretary, Ben Bailey, Sandra Ruiz, Cora Harris, (Pat Prillaman staff).

**Pastor: Carlos H. Lerma:**

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**FATHER CARLOS' REFLECTION**  
EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel speaks to us about how to be a good disciple. "The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher." Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires.

Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

We are often lacking in the basic knowledge of the teachings of our faith and yet we can find a thousand faults in the official doctrine of the teaching Church. Similarly, we can all criticize minor defects in our neighbor's Christian behavior whilst our own Christian way of living is far from perfect. It might even be giving greater scandal.

When our Lord spoke these words, his purpose and intention was not to condemn his hearers, the vast majority of whom were guilty of the defects he mentioned, but rather to open their minds and their hearts to their shortcomings so that they would change for the better and learn to live with their neighbor's faults, and do all in their power to correct their own.

How many times in the past week have I criticized someone without knowing all, or any perhaps, of the true facts. How seldom have I honestly examined my own conscience to see my own more serious defects and tried to correct them?" Let us pray for one another and our families that everyone pursues their calling and vocation as authentic disciples of Christ and shows to others Christ's love and compassion.

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: 951  
Processional 659 [Open My Eyes](#)  
Psalm R&A 44  
Gospel R&A 45  
Offertory 732 [Only This I Want](#)  
Comm 623 [I Have Loved You](#)  
Recessional 415 [Alleluia! Alleluia!](#)  
**[Liturgical Minister Schedule March 6<sup>th</sup>.](#)**  
**Lectors:** Irma Harrison-1, Barbara Kurtz-2, Gerry Lawicki -Int,  
**Minister:** Barbara Helmick



**Readings for the week of February 27:**

**Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7, Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16, 1 Cor 15:54-58, Lk 6:39-45  
**Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9, 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c, Mk 10:17-27  
**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16, 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Mk 10:28-31  
**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18, 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17, 2 Cor 5:20—6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20, 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Lk 9:22-25  
**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a, 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19, Mt 9:14-15  
**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14, 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Lk 5:27-32

Or visit daily readings at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



**Sunday, Feb. 27: Phuc Nguyen+**  
**Tue, March 1: Kate Strady+**  
**Wed, March 2: Ezequiel Benjamin Santiago España+**  
+ Indicated the Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of the person(s) listed.



Carolyn Eanes, Mike Kelly, Lewis Drane, Teresa Biggs, Ricky East, Mark Szulecki, Theresa McGarry, Jim Tobin, Ed Cozzete, Margaret Cunningham, Tim Hollingsworth, Lena Martin, Ruth Weaver, Doo Lie Toppled, Lauren Teresa, Mike Harris, Ann White, Bridget Johnson, Betty Gillispie, Anna Towarnicki, Marie-Bernice Downey, Tia Jessup, Larry Wylie, Nancy Edelen and David Hall.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.**

John (M.R.) Milewicz-Rein  
-February 06, 2022-

*(To add or remove prayer requests, please call the church office. Para quitar o poner una peticion, por favor llamar a la oficina de la iglesia) Unless otherwise requested, names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks. If you would like to add a name to the prayer network phone chain, please call Betty Gillispie or Ann Gunter.*

**Sick, homebound, hospitalized? / ¿Enfermo, Confinado en casa u hospitalizado?**

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive Communion or anointing of the sick, please call the office. Outside of office hours, please call Barbara Kurtz (276) 647-1906

*Si usted o alguien que usted conoce quisiera recibir el Sacramento de la Communion* tendremos a Rosa Aguirre, Maribel Ortega, Anselmo Diaz, y Miguel Ruiz que seran los encargados de este ministerio por favor llamar a la oficina para agendar la visita al (276) 638-4779.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one, please call the church office or fill out a Mass intention envelope completely and place it in the offertory basket. **Make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church.** Specific dates may not be available. Please include a contact number to arrange an alternate date if necessary.

Si usted quiere ofrecer una misa a un ser querido por favor lléne el sobre correspondiente para la intención y deposítelo en la canasta de la colecta. Haga el cheque a nombre St. Joseph Catholic Church. Quizas algunas fechas no esten disponibles incluya su número de teléfono para ofrecerle opciones.



St. Joseph would like to thank all of the volunteers that have helped to keep our parish in a good shape, if you know someone that has volunteered at our church, please nominate their name and reason why they volunteer well to the red box in the commons area. Every month someone will be recognize and received a certificate of appreciation.



**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

The First Reconciliation for the children who will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist will be on Saturday, March 19 at 10 am.

Please do not travel in unsafe conditions for Mass. Check our website at [www.stjoechurch.net](http://www.stjoechurch.net), St. Joseph's Facebook page or WDBJ7 for closing information.

**Grace network food Partner** assignment January-March, 2022, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Our item for this quarter Pork & Beans 15oz.

Tax letters are available on the round table in the commons. Thank you.

**Collections/ Colectas: 02/20/2022**

Budget Amt. / Presupuesto	<b>\$ 4,154.00</b>
Collection/ Colecta:	<b><u>2,763.10</u></b>
Surplus/ <u>Deficit</u>	<b>- \$ 1,390.90</b>

**Grocery Card Income 4<sup>nd</sup> quarter:**

Food Lion: \$236.00, Kroger: \$ 154.36, Amazon Smile \$ 16.52

Second collection for March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 will be for **Pandemic Fund.**

La Segunda colecta para el 6 de Marzo del 2022, sera para el **Fondo de Pandemia.**

The first collection is for payment of St. Joseph's daily expenses which include office supplies, salaries, sacramental materials, etc. **If absent, please make up your contribution.**

La primera colecta se utiliza para para el pago de los gastos diarios de San José. **Si estuvo ausente por favor, haga su donación.**

**Thank you for your generous support of our parish**

**Reminder!** Grocery shopping can earn money for our parish! Register your Kroger card and/or purchase a Food Lion gift card! See the back cover for details.



**Ash Wednesday**  
March 2, at 12 pm English, 5 pm Bilingual  
**Fridays of Lent**  
Stations of the Cross - 6:00 pm followed by a Meatless soup supper  
**Lenten Penance Tuesday**  
March 22, at 7:00 pm (Bilingual)  
**Lenten and Triduum Schedule – St. Joseph's**

**Holy Thursday April 14**  
7:00 pm –Mass (Bilingual)  
**Good Friday April 15**  
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm- Veneration of the Cross (Bilingual)  
**Holy Saturday April 16**  
8:00 pm- Easter Vigil  
**Easter Sunday – April 17**  
10:30 am Mass in English  
12:30 pm Mass in Spanish  
*All children under 10 are invited to an Easter egg hunt on the church grounds after the 10:30 am Mass and 12:30 pm Mass*



Please keep St. Joseph's 30 candidates in your prayers as they complete their Rite of Confirmation on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sacred Heart in Danville at 7 pm.

Edgar Yahir, Alvarado-Rodriguez	Dulce Maria, Lopez-Luna
Antonio, Becerra-Nuñez	Johnny Arlier López-Velasco
Eveline, Cambero	Xitlaly Dejanaea , Lopez Lopez
Josue, Caro	Alan Uriel, Ortiz Lopez
Elizabeth, Caro-Tamayo	Perla Edith, Vasconselos Martinez
Carlos Jahir, Carrillo-Hernandez	Clarissa, Martinez
Nuria, Chavez-Vazquez	Maria Selena , Mendoza-Soto
Emily Camila, Diaz-Monay	Luis Ernesto, Montes-Juarez
Alice Aracely Dueñas Salas	Ailyn Stephanie , Rivera Hernandez
Cesar Isaac, Garcia	Kimberly, Rodriguez Barajas
Luis Jovahnnny, Garcia	Omar, Rodriguez-Becerra
Ambar Guadalupe, Garcia-Alvarez	Lindsay , Sandoval-Campuzano
Schously Guadalupe, Gutierrez-R.	Ricardo, Tiznado-Santacruz
Joselinne, Hernandez-Romero	Alexis, Tiznado
Pedro, Joaquin-Ortega	Gusavo, Vera-Carrillo

May the Holy Spirit fill them with grace and gifts and awaken in them a fire for their faith!



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