

LENTEN SEASON

Lent is the time of spiritual preparation prior to the Easter season, just as Advent is for Christmas. Jesus taught us clearly that there is no resurrection without the Cross, and Lent is the Church's great spiritual journey as she, the Bride of Christ, joins her Divine spouse in His great suffering on our behalf.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (this year March 6, 2019) and ends on Holy Thursday (this year April 18, 2019). On the evening of Holy Thursday the Sacred Triduum begins.

The 40 days of Lent correspond to the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness to fast, pray, and endure the temptations of the devil, all in preparation for his public ministry which would culminate in his death on the cross.

"Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters. In the Lenten period, the Church makes it her duty to propose some specific tasks that accompany the faithful concretely in this process of interior renewal: these are prayer, fasting and almsgiving."

Important days during Lent

Ash Wednesday: Marks the start of Lent and the time for penance. Obligatory day of fasting (ages 18 to 59) and abstinence (ages 14 & over).

Fridays of Lent: Obligatory abstinence (ages 14 & over). All Fridays (even outside of Lent) are days of penance.

Holy Thursday: Lent ends and the Holy Triduum begins in the evening with the commemoration of the Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

Good Friday: The anniversary of the Crucifixion of Christ (no Mass). Obligatory day of fasting (ages 18 to 59) and abstinence (ages 14 & over).

Holy Saturday: Christ is in the grave conquering death and freeing the captives. Final day of Lenten fasting (no daily Mass, Easter Vigil begins at sundown).

Sacred Triduum: The period of 3 days (Holy Thursday + Good Friday + Holy Saturday) during which we remember Christ's Passion, ending at the Easter Vigil (Saturday evening).

Easter Sunday: Lent has ended and the joy begins, the day of Christ's resurrection, the principle Christian feast of the entire liturgical year. This is the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death merited for us by his passion, death, and resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday.

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 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 las 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.



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

MARCH 6, 2022 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~



*~FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT~
Then the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders.
DEUTERONOMY 26:8*

PARISH OFFICES: (CLUSTER)

St. Joseph, Martinsville

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Office Hours / Horario de Oficina:

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

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Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Suzanne Steele –Chair; Irma Harrison - 1st Vice Chair; Christy Hall -2nd 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).

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

ST. Joseph's Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am English
Sunday 12:30 pm Spanish

Tuesday 12:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 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 28th. We ask that people who are not fully-vaccinated continue

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FATHER CARLOS' REFLECTION
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

As we begin our Lenten season, the Gospel tells us that after the Lord's baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. The devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. And we can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God. Lenten season is that time to reflect upon and encounter our own failures and the temptations that we might face daily and respond to them with faith and trust as Our Lord Jesus did. May his example and obedience to the Father inspire us to resist temptations.

What temptations are most difficult to deal with in your life? What do you do about it? How strong is your faith and trust in God in those moments? How can this Lenten season prepare you to be steadfast and courageous in your life?

As we begin, this Lenten season with prayer, alms and fast. Let us pray for a conversion of our hearts and minds: Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observance of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Sunday of Lent

Readings: 885
 Processional 351 [Led By The Spirit](#)
 Kyrie (SHEET attached)
 Psalm R&A [48](#)
 Gospel R&A [49](#)
 Intercessions [Trilingual](#) (SHEET)
 Offertory 345 [Turn To Me](#)
 Comm 533 [Remember Your Love](#)
 Recessional 352 [Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days](#)

Liturgical Minister Schedule March 13th.

Lectors: Dan Van Nostrand-1, Irma Harrison-2, Barbara Helmick-Int,
Minister: Carole Kiser

Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the week of March 6:

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10, Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15., Rom 10:8-13, Rom 10:8-13, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, 19:8, 9, 10, 15, Mt 25:31-46,

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11, 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19, Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10, 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19, Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28, 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19, 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8, Mt 5:43-48

Or visit daily readings at www.usccb.org

MASS Intentions

Friday, March 4: Ivan Laurain+

Sunday, March 6: Phuc Nguyen+

Tue, March 8: Nicolas Laurain

Wed, March 9: Binh Van Doan+

+ Indicated the Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of the person(s) listed.

Prayer Requests

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.

(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.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

St. Joseph would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped to keep our parish in good shape. If you know someone that has volunteered at our church, please use the paper provided at the red box on the commons center table to nominate their name and the reason why they should be commended. Drop this into the red box in the commons area. Every month someone will be recognized and receive 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.



Fr. Carlos and the Comboni Missionary Sisters of Diocese of Richmond will offer a Lenten retreat at St. Joseph on Saturday, April 2nd. Please save that day, more information next week.

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

Collections/ Colectas: 02/27/2022

Budget Amt. / Presupuesto	\$ 4,154.00
Collection/ Colecta:	<u>2,892.31</u>
Surplus/Deficit	- \$ 1,261.69

Grocery Card Income 4th quarter:

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

Second collection for March 13th, 2022 will be for **Reach Out** which helps to meet the emergency needs of people in Henry county/Martinsville.

La Segunda colecta para el 13 de Marzo del 2022, sera para el ayudar a las familias necesitadas de nuestra comunidad.

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.

Lent

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

Hbly 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)

Hbly 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



Join our parish community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the commons. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor. Learn more at crsricebowl.org.

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.



Congratulations to all the teens who received their Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit fill them with grace and gifts in them a fire for their faith!