

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**March 2, 2025**

### **Mass Times**

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)  
Tues (Latin), Wed, & Fri: 8:00 a.m.

### **Confessions**

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
Sunday: Before Mass; After 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Tues, Wed, & Fri: Before Mass; 4:30-5:00 p.m.

### **Office Hours**

Tues, Wed, & Fri: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Adoration**

The Church is open for prayer and adoration from 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. unless Fr. Drew is away from the premises.

**Please pray for those who are sick in our parish**, especially Barbara Watson, Sarah Hancock, Paul Howe, Billy Joe Hill, Annie T. Nelson, Joseph Tippet, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, John Campbell, Max Long, Gailann White, Georgia Nelson, James Davis, Tommy Johnson, Barbara Lilly, Joseph “Zip” Douglas, Josh Johnson, and Alya Nelson.

<b>Mass Intentions for March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
3/2 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i> : LL SMOOCH
10 a.m.	Tim Garver
3/4 Tues – 8 a.m.	Barbara Mae Dotson
3/5 Wed – 8 a.m.	Rev. Y. David Brault
5 p.m.	Rev. William Korte
3/7 Fri – 8 a.m.	Teofilo Nino
3/8 Sat – 5 p.m.	Virginia N. Windmoeller
<b>February 23, 2025 Offertory</b>	
<b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>	
<b>\$3,886.00</b>	

## **Ash Wednesday** **Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Mass will be celebrated at **8 AM** and **5 PM**

**Ash Wednesday is a day of required fasting and abstinence  
from meat for Catholics.**

### **FAQs on fasting & abstinence:**

#### *Who must fast?*

For members of the Roman Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 through age 59.

#### *How much can I eat when I fast?*

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat, at most, one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

#### *Who must abstain from meat?*

For members of the Roman Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory for those age 14 and older.

**Lenten Stations & Simple Suppers** – Families of St. Joseph’s, plan to join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings throughout the Lenten season beginning March 7 at 6:00 PM. Directly afterward we will share in a simple supper. Please plan to bring a meat free side-dish, sandwiches, soup and/or bread. Questions: please contact the office.

## *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

Lent starts Wednesday.

Pray: make time to do this. Incorporate it into your morning and even your afternoon routine. Read a bit of scripture. Admire a Sacred Image. Let this last for five, ten, fifteen (or even more) minutes. Visit a holy place, like the Church.

Fast: teach your emotions who's in charge. Remind them that their job is to serve your spirit, not for your spirit to serve them. One way to orient your emotions rightly is deliberately to deprive them of some specific pleasure or to permit them, on purpose, to feel some concrete pain. This is not the same as to subject oneself to a reckless savagery or excessive brutality. Rather it's to position ourselves along the trail blazed by Our Lord's Passion, a way which we must get to know very well.

Give Alms: "Love one another as I have loved you." "Give and gifts will be given to you." "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." "The measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you." We have to remind ourselves of the criterion with which we can expect God to judge us, namely, exactly the way we treat other people. The works of mercy are perfections of charity. And charity begins at home.

Mass and Ashes on Ash Wednesday are at St. Joseph's at 8am and 5pm.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

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***Voice/Piano Recital of Sacred Music*** – St. Aloysius Church, Leonardtown, Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 PM, Fr. David Beaubien/tenor, Janis Nowlan/piano.

***St. Patrick's Day Party at St. Mary's Newport*** – Please come and join us for our annual St. Patrick's Day Party. Sunday, March 16, the festivities begin at 3:00 p.m. -- the music will begin at 4:00 p.m. A traditional Irish Band, traditional Irish dancing and some Irish Beer. All are welcome, so bring a friend! This is a potluck event. You can sign up here <https://stmarynewportmd.flocknote.com/signup/196424>.

***Holy Angels Church Drive-Thru Spring Dinner*** – On Sunday, March 16, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. until sold out Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD, will be having a Drive-Thru delicious Spring Dinner. The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Beets and Dinner Roll. The cost of the dinner will be \$30.00. There will be a delicious homemade Bake Table. We look forward to seeing you! For more information, please call the rectory at 301-769-3332 or email [holy01angels@aol.com](mailto:holy01angels@aol.com).

***Lenten Seafood Dinners at Immaculate Heart of Mary*** – Enjoy delicious Seafood Dinners on Fridays of Lent (March 7 to April 11) from 4 to 7 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 22375 Lexington Park, MD 20653. Both Dine-In and To-Go meals are available. Menu includes fried or baked rockfish, fried oysters, fried or steamed shrimp, a seafood platter, and several sides. Kid's Meals also available. For details and online ordering, see [seafood.ihmrcc.org](http://seafood.ihmrcc.org) (credit card, Google Pay, Venmo, PayPal or ACH) or order in person: cash or check. Desserts will also be offered by SVDP of IHM, cash only. We hope to see you there!

***St. John's Summer Program 2025*** – St. John's Summer Program, SOMD's largest summer camp, will open online registration on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm. 92 unique camps are being offered this summer, with 42 of them being new camps for 2025. Some of the camps include 3D Design, Babysitter Training, Lucky Dog Camp, Smitten Kittens, Paintball, Combat Archery, Cake Boss, and Aprons and Appetizers, among many others. Please visit [www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com](http://www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com) to view the new summer schedule and to find more information about St. John's Summer Program.