

The Roman Catholic Community of Saint Joseph

16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, NJ 08869

We, the Catholic Community of St. Joseph, are committed to follow Jesus Christ. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to be good stewards in our lives.

We pray for peace, forgiveness, and for one another as Christ loves us!

Baptisms

Baptisms are usually held on Saturday mornings any time throughout the year (**with the exception of the Lenten Season**). Parents must be registered parishioners and complete a Baptismal Preparation class. It is required that godparents are no less than 16 years of age and have completed the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. If the godparents are a married couple, they need to have been married by the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the class and the date of Baptism.

Sponsor Certificates

Sponsors (Godparents) for Baptism and Confirmation are required to verify their eligibility. They must be fully initiated Catholic who actively practice their faith and are in good standing with the Church. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you are considering becoming Catholic, or desire to complete your sacraments, please contact the Parish Office for more information about RCIA.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please call the rectory and let us know when a member of your family is in the hospital so a priest can arrange to visit them. Make sure you contact the Pastoral Care Office in the hospital so the Chaplain can bring you communion daily. **In the event of an emergency please call 908 392-7962 anytime of the day or night.**

Marriages

Please call the office to meet with the Pastor as soon as you become engaged and before any preparations are made. Arrangements should be made one year in advance. Couples preparing for marriage must attend required Pre-Cana sessions within the Diocese along with F.O.C.C.U.S. and sessions with your Parish Priest or Deacon.



Under the Pastoral Care of the Priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri.

Very Rev. Jeffrey Calia, C.O., Provost

Rev. Kevin P. Kelly, C.O..... Administrator
Nora Martin Parish Office Manager
Anthony R. Nardino..... Director of Music & Liturgy
Ramon Salazar..... Multi-Parish Facilities Manager

The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday..... **St. Joseph 4 pm English**, Holy Trinity 5 pm
Sunday..... **St. Joseph 7:30 am Spanish**, St. Ann 7:30 am,
St. Joseph 9 am English, St. Ann 10:30 am,
Holy Trinity 10:30 am, Shrine of the Blessed
Sacrament 10:30 am (Latin EF)
St. Joseph 12:00 pm Spanish, St. Ann 12:00 pm,
St. Ann 5 pm

Holy Days

7:00 pm Vigil Mass—St. Joseph (English)
8am: St Ann, 12:15pm: Shrine Chapel, Holy Trinity
7:00 pm: St. Ann, Shrine Chapel (Latin EF), 7:30 pm St. Joseph (Spa.)

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday..... 8 am St. Ann, 12:15 pm Shrine (E)
Friday 7 pm Holy Trinity (E)
Saturday..... 9 am St. Ann (E)
First Saturdays..... 9 am Shrine (Latin)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday..... St. Ann after the 9 am Mass
St. Joseph 3:00 –3:30 pm
Wednesday..... Holy Trinity 11 am –12 pm
Friday..... Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament 11 am –12 pm
or by appointment

Parish Office

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (NEW)
908 725-0163 • parishoffice@sjraritan.org • www.sjraritan.org
Fr. Kevin Email..... padrekevin2024@gmail.com

The Third Sunday of Easter, May 4, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

First Saturday, May 3, 2025

4:00 pm +Georgette O'Toole R/o Inge Heitz
Priest remembered today: Rev. Louis Stingel

Sunday, May 4, Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)
Priest remembered today: Rev. Edward Struzik
9 am +Teresa & Anthony Perna R/o Ida & Dennis Ciemniecki
Priest remembered today: Rev. Peter Suhaka
12 pm * +Ruth Bogantes Monge & +Feancela Monge Salas
Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. Andrew Szaroleta

Saturday, May 10, 2025

4:00 pm +Margaret Salek R/o Irene Sixt
Priest remembered today: Rev. John Szczepanik

Sunday, May 11, Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)
Priest remembered today: Rev. Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez
9 am Mother's Day Remembrance
Priest remembered today: Rev. Tabenero
12 pm * +Elieth Artavia
Priest remembered today: Rev. George Targonski
* En Español, in Spanish

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

SUNDAY MASS READING 5/4

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The high priest chastised Peter and the other apostles for continuing to preach when they had been ordered to stop. Peter replied he would rather obey God than men, considering God's power even over death. They are again warned to stop speaking of Jesus, and then freed.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

John had a vision of many angels and all the living creatures of the world gathered around a throne. The angels cried out that the slain Lamb was worthy of receiving power, glory and praise. Then every creature on earth called out praise to God and the Lamb, and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Jesus appeared to the disciples for the third time since his resurrection while they were fishing. They hadn't caught anything, and then Jesus advised them to cast their net from the other side of the boat. When they did this, they caught a great number of fish. Jesus then asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" When Peter said he did, Jesus asked him to tend and feed his sheep.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Frank Krachun Jr.

Blessed Virgin Mary +Helen & Francis
Marcin R/o The Capetta Family

St. Joseph: +Douglas Frazier
R/o Roderick & Pat McNealy

The Paschal Candle:
In Memory of The Krachun & Fattori
Families R/o Their loved ones

Pray for the Sick

George Riehmman, Jr.	Arthur & Maryann
Jennifer Rose	Gosenski
Robert Valance	Mary Grande
Thomas McGrath	Donna Kelly
Irene Sixt	Roseanne Kielar
Annmarie Bizub	Jerry Kovac
Joseph Carter	Antonia LaCorte
Jane Chiesa	Ralph Lombardi
Joan Chopay	Steve & Geri Max
Elizabeth Anne Dwyer	Jack McElhinney
Randy Fisher	Allsya Miller
Tony & Sandy Franchino	Francis M. Mishak, Sr.
	Pinzy & Rachel Petro-

MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sunday's Gospel Reflection

written by a Daughter of St. Francis de Sales



Today's Gospel tells the story of how Peter, in affirming his commitment of love to Jesus, is called to nurture Jesus' flock. St. Francis de Sales urges us to be disciples like the apostles and bring God's Word to others:

Three times Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him. Peter's heart was completely filled with love for His Master. Peter was lifted up again by God's providence. Love is the universal means of our salvation. God's love must always hold first place in our hearts. Let us waste no time and place ourselves entirely in the arms of Divine Providence. So loving is God's hand as it handles our hearts!

What does God expect from you if not what was asked of the Apostles. It was nothing else than what Our Lord himself came to do in this world: to give life to all so that they may live a more abundant life. He did it by giving them His grace. Grace has the power, not to overpower, but to entice our hearts to consent to the movements of God's love in us.

As much as possible, we must touch the hearts of others like the angels do, delicately and without coercion. While we ought to help and express our love to all equally, we must do it more so to those who have a greater need of us. Lead them to a more perfect life. They will find fullness of life by believing in Jesus' word that you will explain to them. They will live a more abundant life through the example you are.

Go confidently and courageously, doing what you are entrusted to do. Do not say: "I am not up to the task." Go ahead without worrying and turning back, for God will give you what you have to say and to do at the proper time. Have only one concern: to grow in your love and fidelity to God's divine goodness and everything will turn out well for you.

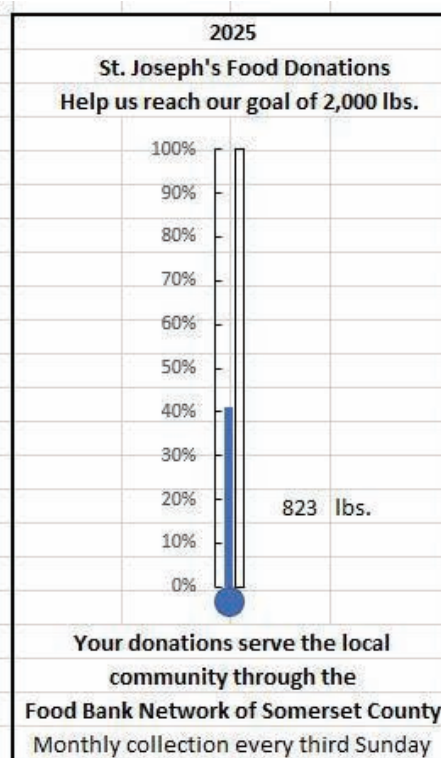
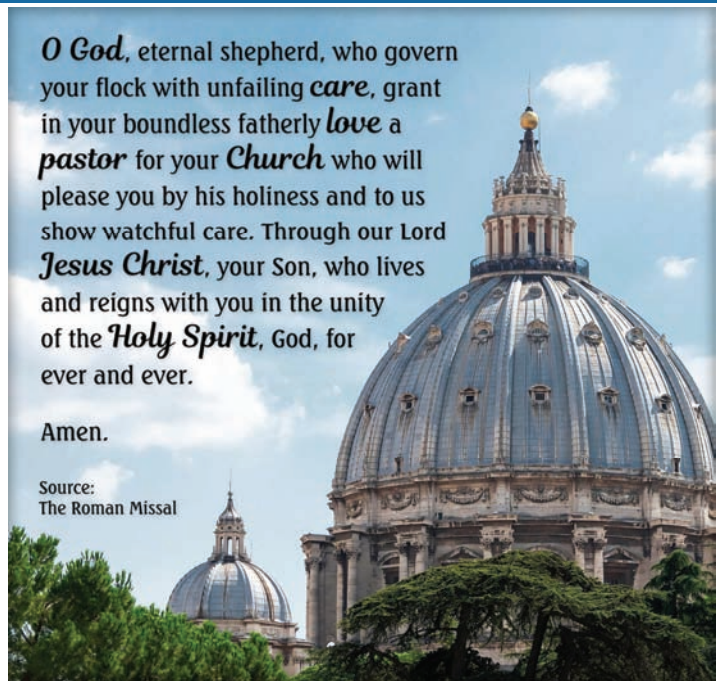
(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)

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O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing *care*, grant in your boundless fatherly *love* a *pastor* for your *Church* who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord *Jesus Christ*, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the *Holy Spirit*, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Source:
The Roman Missal



April was an awesome month of generosity. 441 lbs. of food were donated!

Next food collection: May 17-18

"We must give alms. Charity wins souls and draws them to virtue."
-St. Angela Merici

BAKE SALE ON

Weekend of May 3/4

Please support our delicious bake sale after all Masses!
God bless!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

27-Apr-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$4,226.00	\$575.00	\$4,801.00
Other donations		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total for parish operation			\$5,801.00
Diocesan:			
Cath. Relief Services	\$652.00		\$652.00
Diocese of Metuchen			\$652.00

Upcoming 2nd Diocesan Collection: **May 17/18**, Collection for the Development of the people

Thank you and God bless you for supporting the mission of the church and the ministry of St. Joseph. St. Joseph's offers **Online Giving thru ParishSoft**; an easy option for donating to the Sunday Collection. It's simple! Just visit our website and follow the registration steps for recurrent or one time donations sjraritan.org



2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

PILGRIMS OF HOPE (Campaign Summary Report):

Parish Goal: **\$25,000** | Total Pledged & Received: **\$24,332.95** | Amount Received: **\$19,697.95** | Under Goal: **\$-667.05** | Percent of Goal Received: **78.79%** | Average Gift Amount: **\$304.16**

Holy Trinity Church Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry strives to bring consolation and peer support to those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Informal small group gatherings are facilitated by caring parishioners. Sharing thoughts, feelings, and emotions in the atmosphere of our faith with others who are also going through a personal loss can often bring some peace and acceptance, when understanding that these experiences are normal. **A ten-week session will begin at Holy Trinity Church on Monday, May 5th from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. No fee, but registration is required.** Contact Deacon John Phalen at (908) 526-2394 bereavement@holyltrinitynj.org.

NJ Catholic Youth Rally, Sunday, May 18th

Open to all Jr. High, High School & Young Adult Ministry, Scouting Parish/School Athletic Programs, and families! Regul Registration for Ticket Package includes (\$70): - Admission to Six Flags -Opening Ceremony & Sunday Liturgy -FREE Parking Vouchers for your group. **For details and registration visit** <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/mO4aLA?vid=1j82ll>. **Questions?** Contact Jay Donofrio, Director, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (732)-243-4576 | jdonofrio@diometuchen.org



Men's Freedom in Christ Conference

"We are not fighting with flesh and blood but against spiritual principalities and powers" (Ephesians 6:12)

The Men of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Three Bridges) are hosting a Men's Freedom in Christ Conference this **May 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** This conference is open to all men in the Diocese and will be held at the parish (105 Summer Road).

Fr. Giuseppe Sinischalchi of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be the principal speaker.

Come discover the path to freedom in Christ this May. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please **contact Tom Dwyer at 908-884-9947**

or thomasdwyer@sprintmail.com

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mens-freedom-in-christ-conference-tickets-1289543412059?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>



Theme: "Putting on the Armor of God"

SAT. MAY 31, 2025 | 11 AM—2 PM

St. Cecilia Parish Hall, Monmouth Junction, NJ. **Fee: \$25**
Arrive by 10:30am for fellowship. The talk begins at 11am. **Info:** Contact Monica Rosado 732-799-8932 OR womensministystceilia@gmail.com



WORD OF LIFE

“The Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Be Not Afraid” NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.

ST. ANN'S CLASSICAL ACADEMY, RARITAN, NJ

Calendar Raffle Tickets are Now On Sale! St. Ann Classical Academy's Annual Calendar Raffle Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased online at stannclassical.square.site or from the school office. With 184 chances to win and \$6000 in prizes, they're worth the \$25 donation. ID: 412-1-454 RL: 2024-12-01

Summer Fun Awaits at Saint Ann's Classical Academy! Join us for a fun-filled Summer Day Camp, running from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM on the weeks of June 16th and June 23rd! This camp is open to St. Ann Classical Academy students and parishioners of Oratorian Parishes (St. Ann, Holy Trinity, Saint Joseph, and The Shrine) who will be entering Grade K – Grade 6 in the fall of 2025. Spots are filling fast! To learn more, For more information visit us online at stannclassical.org/st-ann-summer-camp, email summercamp@stannparish.school or call 908-725-7787.

Surviving Divorce

For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM beginning April 23, 2025 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. For more information or to register contact Rachelle Hanna at rachelle.hanna@gmail.com.

Asian and Pacific Islander Multicultural Fair

Multicultural Fair – May 10, 2025, 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Our Lady of Czestochowa, South Plainfield, Celebrating Asian Pacific Islander Month and the diverse cultures in the Diocese of Metuchen. All oare welcome!

—Our Mass Book is open for intentions up to June, 2025—



Jubilee Year!!!

diometuchen.org/jubilee-2025



**June 19th-21st, 2025
5:00-10:00 PM**

Discounted Festa Food Tickets

\$42 in Food Tickets for \$40*
\$65 in Food Tickets for \$60*
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* While supplies last. Available after masses starting May 10th or at the St. Ann's rectory office during normal business hours.

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June 21 at 10pm**

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St. Ann's Knights of Columbus Present

**Mother's Day Brunch
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Sunday, May 11, 2025

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God's House
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Reflexion Salesiana para el Tercer Domingo de Pascua

Una reflexión salesiana sobre el Evangelio dominical por una Hija de San Francisco de Sales

La lectura del Evangelio para hoy nos cuenta cómo Pedro, al afirmar su compromiso de amar a Jesús, fue llamado a guiar Su rebaño. San Francisco de Sales nos urge a ser discípulos al igual que los apóstoles y a llevar la palabra de Dios a los demás.

Tres veces le preguntó Jesús a Pedro si lo amaba. El corazón de Pedro estaba colmado de amor por Su Amo. La providencia de Dios levantó a Pedro nuevamente. El amor es el medio universal para obtener nuestra salvación. El amor de Dios siempre debe ocupar el lugar principal en nuestros corazones. No desperdiciemos el tiempo y entreguémonos completamente a la Divina Providencia. ¡Qué amorosa es mano de Dios cuando Sujeta nuestros corazones!

Qué puede esperar Dios de nosotros si no lo mismo que le pidió a los Apóstoles. No era nada más de lo que Nuestro Señor mismo vino a hacer en este mundo: a darle vida a todos de modo que pudieran vivir en abundancia. Él lo hizo otorgándoles Su Gracia. La Gracia tiene el poder, no para dominar, sino para persuader nuestros corazones de modo que consientan los movimientos del amor de Dios en nosotros.

En la medida de lo posible, debemos llegar a los corazones de los demás como lo hacen los ángeles, con delicadeza y sin obligarlos. Aunque nuestro deber es ayudar y expresar nuestro amor a todas las personas por igual, debemos hacerlo con mayor esmero por aquellos que más nos necesitan. Debemos guiarlos a una vida más perfecta. Ellos encontrarán la plenitud de la vida si creen en la palabra de Jesús, la cual ustedes les explicarán. Ellos vivirán una vida más abundante por medio del ejemplo que ustedes les den.

Avancen con confianza y valentía, cumpliendo con la tarea que se les ha encomendado. No digan: “no estoy a la altura de esta labor”. Avancen sin preocuparse y sin retroceder, porque Dios les indicará lo que deben decir y lo que deben hacer en el momento indicado. Preocupéense solamente por una cosa: crecer en el amor y la fidelidad a la bondad divina de Dios y todo llegará a buen término.

(Adaptación de los escritos de San Francisco de Sales).

Por qué te amo, María

Unos meses antes de morir, Santa Teresa de Lisieux, la Pequeña Flor, compuso un poema a la Santísima Virgen en el que quiso expresar, como un grito salido del corazón, todo su amor por María.

¡Cantar, Madre, quisiera por qué te amo!

Por qué tu dulce nombre
me hace saltar de gozo el corazón,
y por qué el pensamiento de tu suma grandeza
a mi alma no puede inspirarle temor.

Si yo te contemplase en tu sublime gloria,
muy más brillante sola

que la gloria de todos los elegidos juntos,
no podría creer que soy tu hija,
María, en tu presencia bajaría los ojos...

Para que una hija pueda a su madre querer,
es necesario que ésta sepa llorar con ella,
que con ella comparta sus penas y dolores.

¡Oh dulce Reina mía,
cuántas y amargas lágrimas lloraste en el destierro
para ganar mi corazón, ¡oh Reina!

Meditando tu vida

tal como la describe el Evangelio,
yo me atrevo a mirarte y hasta a acercarme a ti.
No me cuesta creer que soy tu hija,
cuando veo que mueres,
cuando veo que sufres como yo.

Cuando un ángel del cielo te ofrece

ser la Madre de un Dios que ha de reinar eternamente,
veo que tú prefieres, ¡oh asombroso misterio!,
el tesoro inefable de la virginidad.

Comprendo que tu alma, inmaculada Virgen,
le sea a Dios más grata
que su propia morada de los cielos.

Comprendo que tu alma, humilde y dulce valle,
contenga a mi Jesús, océano de amor.

Te amo cuando proclamas que eres la siervecilla del Señor,

del Señor a quien tú con tu humildad cautivas.

Esta es la gran virtud que te hace omnipotente
y a tu corazón lleva la Santa Trinidad.

Entonces el Espíritu, Espíritu de amor,

te cubre con su sombra,
y el Hijo, igual al Padre, se encarna en ti...
Muchos habrán de ser sus hermanos pecadores
para que se le llame: ¡Jesús, tu primogénito!

...

(Ver poema completo en reinadodemaria.org)



Vamos a Coronar a la Santísima Virgen Durante la Misa de las 12pm, es próximo domingo, 11 de mayo

LECTURAS DEL TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Primera Lectura: Hechos 5:27-32, 40b-41

El gran sacerdote castigó a Pedro y a los otros apóstoles por continuar predicando cuando ya se les había ordenado no hacerlo. Pedro replicó que él prefería obedecer a Dios que a los hombres, considerando que el poder de Dios es mayor que la muerte. Se les advierte que dejen de hablar de Jesús, y luego se les deja libres.

Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 5:11-14

Juan tuvo una visión con muchos ángeles y todas las criaturas vivientes del mundo reunidas alrededor de un trono. Los ángeles decían que el Cordero sacrificado era digno de recibir el poder, la gloria y alabanza. Entonces todas las criaturas vivientes de la tierra alababan a Dios y al Cordero, y los ancianos se arrodillaron y adoraron.

Evangelio: San Juan 21:1-19

Jesús se apareció a los discípulos por tercera vez desde su resurrección. Estos pescaban y no habían agarrado nada. Entonces Jesús les aconsejó que tiraran las redes del otro lado del bote. Cuando así lo hicieron, agarraron una gran cantidad de peces. Jesús entonces preguntó a Pedro tres veces “¿Me amas?” Cuando Pedro dijo que sí, Jesús le pidió cuidar y alimentar a sus ovejas. ©1999 Bon Venture Services, Inc.

PROXIMA CLASE PREBAUTISMAL

(Para padres y padrinos):

**Lunes, 19 de mayo, 7:00 pm
en el sótano de la parroquia**

Por favor inscribirse por correo electrónico:

parishoffice@sjraritan.org o escribiendo sus datos en el formulario que esta en la entrada principal de la iglesia

¿Quién es elegible para ser padrino?

Católicos practicantes de por lo menos 16 años de edad que hayan recibido los Sacramentos de iniciación: Bautismo, Comunión, y Confirmación; y si están casados, tienen que estar casados por la Iglesia Católica. *El rol del padrino es ayudar a los padres a criar al niño en la fe; por tanto, debe llevar una vida coherente, no contradictoria, con las enseñanzas de nuestra Madre Iglesia.*

Numero de padrinos Uno o dos (máximo), un hombre y una mujer.

PALABRA DE VIDA

“El Señor nos dice: 'No temas, porque yo estoy contigo' (Isaías 41,10). Él habla no solo como alguien que observa nuestro dolor, sino como quien ha sufrido inmensamente. Y esas heridas indican la esencia de nuestra identidad y valor: somos amados por Dios. Al reflexionar sobre las heridas sanadas del Cristo Resucitado, vemos que nuestras pruebas más difíciles pueden ser el lugar donde Dios manifiesta su victoria. Él hace que todo sea hermoso, que todo sea nuevo”.

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB

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SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

Guía para la Sagrada Comunión

Para que un católico reciba la comunión, se requiere:

- Estar en estado de Gracia, es decir, libre de cualquier pecado mortal no confesado.
- Abstenerse durante al menos una hora antes de la Sagrada Comunión de cualquier alimento o bebida, a excepción de agua y medicinas.
- Saber a Quien en recibe y acercarse al altar con devoción.

“Por la actitud corporal (gestos, vestido) se manifiesta el respeto, la solemnidad, el gozo de ese momento en que Cristo se hace Nuestro huésped”. (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica 1387)

No Católicos: Les damos la bienvenida a unirse a nosotros en la Santa Misa y nos alegramos de que estén aquí. Por favor, siéntase libre de participar cantando, de pie, de rodillas, etc. **Sin embargo, la recepción de la Sagrada Comunión esta reservada únicamente a los católicos en estado de gracia.** En el momento de la Comunión, por favor, siéntase libre de pasar al frente con los brazos cruzados sobre el pecho para una bendición o permanecer en el banco.

(Fuente: “Orientaciones para la recepción de la Comunión”, p836 del “Source & Summit Missal 2025”)

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