

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
- Lk 2:40

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

El niño iba creciendo y fortaleciéndose, se llenaba de sabiduría y la gracia de Dios estaba con él.
- Lc 2,40

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MISSION STATEMENT

"IN SINCERE GRATITUDE AND WITH GRACE IN OUR HEARTS, ST. JOSEPH PARISH CALLS GOD OUR ONE FATHER. HIS LIFE IS SHOWN TO US THROUGH JESUS AS HIS SON AND OUR SAVIOR. IN THE SPIRIT OF THAT SAME DIVINE LIFE WE REMEMBER, PROFESS AND PRACTICE AS A FAMILY OF BELIEVERS SO THAT THE GOSPEL MAY BE LIGHT AND LEAVEN TO OUR WORLD."

Rev. Msgr. John B. Gordon - Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sean G. Winters - In Residence
Deacon George Kimball - Permanent Deacon

Deacon Ramon Torres - Permanent Deacon
Deacon Vidal Gonzalez - Permanent Deacon
Ms. Joanne McKnight - Principal
Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
December 31, 2023

From the
Pastor
Carta del Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Greetings to you as our New Year 2024 arrives! Please know of our sincerest wishes from myself, Fr. Sean, Msgr. Pafnouti and our staff for a safe, healthy and blessed New Year. We begin with the feast of Mary, Mother of God which due to being immediately after Sunday is not a holyday. Our mass for January 1 is 10:30am in English and Spanish.

Our Christmas season continues this week with the days between Christmas and Epiphany (January 7 this year). Thank you for leaving your decorations about your own homes to celebrate the season that God has been born to save us.

Our annual second offering in support of the works of charity in our diocese takes place next weekend. Thank you for your generosity which responds to many of our own neighbors as St. Vincent DePaul Society receives reimbursements from this special collection.

We continue sharing the Christmas poinsettia each weekend as a family receives this symbol to pray for the faith of loved ones and the vocations among our parish til we arrive at Candlemas day concluding the 40 days between Christmas and February 2.

With Ash Wednesday arriving in six weeks we remind our families who are considering the baptism of the young ones, that during the Lenten season there will not be any baptisms scheduled as we observe the special time of prayer and penance.

God Bless you all!

Msgr. John



Querida familia parroquial:

¡Saludos a ustedes llegando nuestro Año Nuevo 2024! Por favor, sepan de nuestros deseos más sinceros de mi parte, del P. Sean, de Mons. Pafnouti y de nuestro personal para un Año Nuevo seguro, saludable y bendecido. Comenzamos con la fiesta de María, Madre de Dios, que por ser inmediatamente después del domingo no es un día festivo. Nuestra misa para el 1 de enero es a las 10:30 a.m. en inglés y español.

Nuestra temporada navideña continúa esta semana con los días entre Navidad y Epifanía (7 de enero de este año). Gracias por dejar sus decoraciones en sus propios hogares para celebrar la temporada en que Dios ha nacido para salvarnos.

Nuestra segunda ofrenda anual en apoyo de las obras de caridad de nuestra diócesis se llevará a cabo el próximo fin de semana. Gracias por su generosidad, que responde a muchos de nuestros propios vecinos, ya que la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl recibe reembolsos de esta colecta especial.

Continuamos compartiendo la flor de Pascua navideña cada fin de semana una familia recibe este símbolo para orar por la fe de los seres queridos y las vocaciones entre nuestra parroquia hasta que lleguemos al día de la Candelaria concluyendo los 40 días entre Navidad y el 2 de febrero.

Con la llegada del Miércoles de Ceniza en seis semanas, recordamos a nuestras familias que están considerando el bautismo de los jóvenes, que durante la temporada de Cuaresma no habrá ningún bautismo programado, ya que observamos el tiempo especial de oración y penitencia.

¡Dios los bendiga a todos!

Mons. John



SACRAMENTS

Baptism (English): The second Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM.

Baptism (Spanish): The first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m.
Please arrange for the obligatory preparation session by calling the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The Holy Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick are available to the sick and shut-ins upon request.

First Penance, First Eucharist, Confirmation: Children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to receive ongoing Religious Education in the years preceding the reception of these sacraments.

Matrimony: To allow ample time for preparation, please contact the Parish Office at least one year before the intended wedding date.

Holy Orders or Religious Life: If you are considering serving God as a Priest, Deacon or Religious, you may contact your Parish Priest or Deacon; or phone the Office of Vocations at 732-562-2457 for additional information.

MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 PM (*Saturday evening Vigil Mass*)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM
12:30 PM - Spanish Mass

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM; Saturday: 8:30 AM
Thursday: 7:00 PM - Spanish Mass
St. Peregrine Mass for the Sick
Second Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM

Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

MAILING ADDRESS

Parish	School
7 Locust Street	865 Roosevelt Avenue
Carteret, NJ 07008	Carteret, NJ 07008

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Parish Office	732-541-8946
Parish Office Fax	732-541-0500
Religious Education	732-969-8767
School	732-541-7111
St. Vincent de Paul Society	732-541-8946 x108

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Registration: New parishioners are welcome. Please call the parish office to register. Please inform us if you move.

R.C.I.A.: Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the parish office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Parish Organizations: Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Ministry to the Sick & Elderly, RCIA Team, Food Pantry, Hispanic Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Home School Association, Athletic Association, and Catechetical Instruction.

Sponsorship: To act as a Godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation, the sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, Confirmed, received Communion, and live a morally good life; if married, done so within church law. Ordinarily the sponsor must be at least 14 years old.

WEBSITE:

sjps.net

EMAIL:

stjosephparishcarteret@sjps.net



Parish office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday
The office will reopen January 3rd at 9am.

Update your parish information


St Joseph Parish office is currently in the process of updating our parishioner files. If you have not done so already, please update your family information. Complete information below and return to parish office.

Family Envelope Number: _____ Do you receive
Family Last Name: _____ envelopes?
His First Names: _____ Yes No
Her First Name: _____ (Please Circle)
Phone number: _____
Email Address: _____



Dates to Remember in 2024

January 1	New Year's Day with 10:30am mass & blessing of New Year
January 6	Three King's Day with visit of Magi at January 7, 12:30pm mass
January 20	St. Joseph School Bingo Night
January 28	Catholic School Week 2024 parish mass celebrating our School, 10:30am
February 2	Candlemas Day with 7pm mass blessing Baby Jesus and candles for home
February 9	First Confessions for Parish Children, 7pm
February 14	Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast and Abstinence- beginning of Lent)
February 17	St. Joseph School Bingo Night
March 17	St. Joseph Raffle in honor of St. Joseph Day celebration with parish evening
March 24	St. Joseph School Bingo Night
March 25	Palm Sunday (<i>beginning of Holy Week</i>)
March 29	Good Friday
March 31	Easter 2024
April	Trip to Sight and Sound Theater for show "Daniel" (TBA)
April 21	St. Joseph School Bingo/Tricky Tray evening
May 11	First Communion celebration for our parish children
May 12	Mother's Day
May 17-19	National Pilgrimage of Eucharist arrives at diocese en route to National Congress
May 22	Confirmation celebration for our parish youth
June 7	St. Joseph School 8th Grade Graduation , 5:30pm
June 16	Father's Day
June 17-20	National Congress for the Holy Eucharist Revival , Indianapolis, IN
July 4	Independence Day
August 15	Assumption of Blessed Mother Feast Day (<i>Holy day of Obligation</i>)
August 30	Labor Raffle Drawing for parish fundraiser
September 3	St. Joseph School , first day of school year
September	St. Joseph School Bingo Night (TBA)
October	Parish Dinner Dance @ St. Joseph School Gym (TBA)
October 12	Family Mass and Blessing of Catechists (Catechetical Sunday celebration)
October	St. Joseph School Bingo Night (TBA)
October 31	Trunk or Treat @ St. Joseph School for all students
November 1	All Saints Day Feast (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>)
November 10	Veteran's Day blessing at all Sunday Masses
November 28	Thanksgiving Day
December 1	First Sunday in Advent
December 9	Feast of Immaculate Conception (transferred to Monday, not a holyday)
December 25	Christmas Day (<i>Holyday of Obligation</i>)

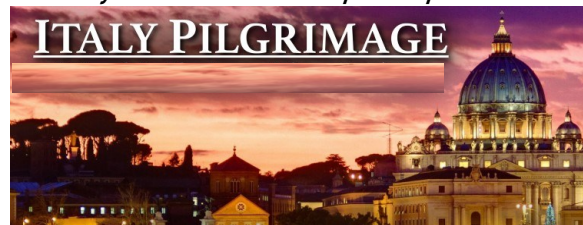


Zumba is coming to St Joseph Parish.
Starting January 3rd, 2024 we will have
Zumba Classes on Wednesdays from
7pm to 8pm at the Church hall.
Cost: \$10 per person
Ages: 12 and over

Please note: Minors must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please contact Johanna at:
joperez1575@yahoo.com or (201) 282 - 9023

JUST A LITTLE Reminder Fellowship hour

Jan 13th and 14th Join us for fellowship after all Masses. Please remember to bring in baked goods to share with the parish community. *Thanks in advance for your donation and participation.*



Holy Year Holy Doors Italy Pilgrimage
Msgr. John Gordon
December 7-11, 2024—5 Days
\$2,499.00 from Newark
For more information contact the Parish office at
(732) 541-8946
or email: pjuanla@aol.com



Saint Joseph School
 PreK-3 and PreK-4 through 8th Grade
 A Place to Believe, Achieve, Serve & Succeed

What Makes Saint Joseph School Stand Out



- ✓ Catholic Faith Based Education
- ✓ Robotics & Coding Program
- ✓ Enriched Student Life
- ✓ Student Collaboration
- ✓ IXL & STREAM
- ✓ Rigorous Academic Program
- ✓ Eagles Before and After Care program
- ✓ Fine Arts
- ✓ Athletic Program
- ✓ FLEX Program

Become A Part Of Our School Family
Please Visit the following link to register:

<https://saintjosephschoolcarteret.net/2023-2024registration>

Forme en parte de nuestra familia Escolar
Por favor visite el siguiente enlace para registrarse:
<https://saintjosephschoolcarteret.net/2023-2024registration>

Regístrate ahora 2023-2024

Llama al (732) 541-7111 y Programa un Visita



Calendar Raffle Tickets

Saint Joseph Parish School is selling tickets for its Annual Calendar Raffle. Each ticket costs \$20.00 and you get up to 10 chances of winning \$400.00. Don't miss your chance to be a winner. Each family has a chance to purchase tickets after Mass or contact the parish office at 732 541 8946. Thanks in advance for your support. All proceeds go to fund Saint Joseph School Improvements.



St Joseph Life Care Center

Saint Joseph Parish Life Care Center is open. It is located at 55 High Street.

The Life Care Center is a non-profit information center for moms to be. The Life Care Center provides compassionate Pro-Life support to women and men faced with pregnancy decisions. Pregnancy isn't always expected and can often come at a difficult time; that's where our pregnancy centers comes in. With our center you can trust that you'll only receive accurate Pro-Life information, pregnancy and material resources and confidential services, without charge. Our Hours are Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 9a.m. -12p.m. For more information call 732 541 8946.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2024**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

ESCUELA CATÓLICA 2024 -2025 ASISTENCIA DE MATRÍCULA PROCESO DE APLICACIÓN EN LÍNEA ESTA ABIERTO

Las familias interesadas en solicitar asistencia con la matrícula para acudir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen, pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora a través FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment en la dirección electrónica:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) antes del **31 de Marzo de 2024**. Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y en español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o necesiten acceso a una computadora para postularse deben comunicarse directamente con su escuela.

Saint Joseph School

January 20th | Doors open at 6 PM | Open Entry

Must be 18+ to enter

865 Roosevelt Ave, Carteret, NJ (732) 541-7111 HSA@sjps.net



St. Joseph Church
Parish Religious Education Program

PREP Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

2023 - 2024

PREP Classes

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Grades 5, 6, 7, 8

Wednesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Grades 1, 2, 3, 4

The St. Joseph Parish Religion Education Program (PREP) Office is located in the St. Joseph School.

Please give us a call or send an email to
mndoherty@sjps.net for additional information.
Phone: 732-969-8767 or 732-969-6677
Fax: 732-541-0712

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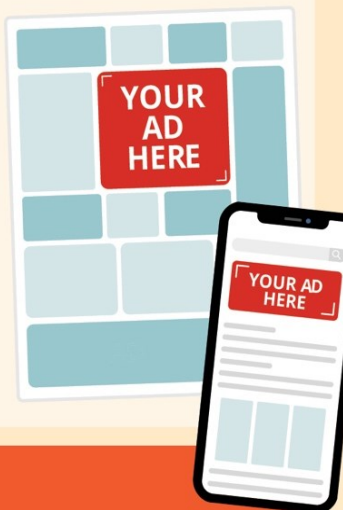
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Donna Delgrosso from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



Donna Delgrosso
609-339-1112
ddelgrosso@4lpi.com

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



GOSPEL

Mothers think their babies are pretty special, and Mary was no different. She probably kissed his nose, snuggled his little cheeks, and sang songs to him. But a lot of people thought her baby was special. Mary had more than just curious relatives showing up to visit. Angels praised God, and shepherds came running to see the baby, too. When it was time to name him Jesus, Mary knew he was the Savior.



PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for letting everyone know that Jesus was more than a special baby. He was the Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen Immigration Services Program

Free 15-Minute In-Person Assessment

Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Programa de Servicios Inmigratorio

Evaluación en Persona Gratuita

por 15-minutos

Los Miércoles de 10:00 am a 3:00 pm

at/en

Unity Square Community Center

81 Remsen Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Making the Good News Known

The Office of Communications and Public Relations is committed to making the Good News known and telling the story of the Diocese of Metuchen, which includes telling the stories of our parishes, schools, ministries and the faithful. Do you have a positive, inspiring story to share about an individual within our local Church of Metuchen? Is your parish doing something that lights a fire in the heart of our part of the world? We want to hear from you! We invite you to share your news with us by emailing communications@diometuchen.org and, as always, news@catholicspirit.com.

Rosary for Life – January 19, 2024

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country). Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! Friday, January 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm on Main Street in Woodbridge. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, contact amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar – January 25, 2024

All are welcome to join our Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Our four speakers will be: Dr. Gregory Popcak (Catholic HOM), Damon Owens (Communio), Enza Cerami (Living Stones, Inc.) and Patrick Metts, LPC (RESTORE Catholic Marriage Resource). This event presents a chance to learn and grow parish outreach to families and also minister to marriages. For more information and/or to RSVP for the Zoom link please contact cdaverso@diometuchen.org

DÍA 1
Ciudad de México

DÍA 2
Cholula - Puebla

DÍA 3
Basílica de Guadalupe
Palacio de Bellas Artes

DÍA 4
Coyoacán
Xochimilco

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Thanksgiving

In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 16 - 18.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information
(Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Acción de gracias

En esta temporada de Acción de Gracias, ¿por qué no celebrar su matrimonio y sus muchas bendiciones asistiendo a un Fin de Semana de Encuentro Matrimonial?

Un Fin de Semana Mundial de Encuentro Matrimonial le brinda el tiempo y las herramientas para revitalizar el romance, profundizar la comunicación y nutrir la espiritualidad en su matrimonio.

El próximo Fin de Semana Mundial de Encuentro Matrimonial se llevará a cabo del 16 al 18 de febrero.

Por favor, aplique lo antes posible ya que el espacio es limitado.

Llame al 1-732-904-9636 para solicitar e información
(Tom y Ruth DeFalco).

Visítenos en: www.wwme.org para obtener más información.

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY December 30th

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

5:00 PM + Mario Jose Urrutia

SUNDAY December 31th

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

8:00 AM + Bill Lenahan Sr

10:30 AM + James Failace

12:30 PM Divino Nino Jesus y Nuestra Senora del Carmen por favores recibidos y fe de la familia

5:00 PM + Migdonio Torres & Napoleon Calimquim

MONDAY January 1st

*THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD*

10:30 AM + People of the Parish (Bilingual Mass)

TUESDAY January 2nd

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

8:00AM + Margaret O'Grady

WEDNESDAY January 3rd

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00AM + Helen Gilligan

THURSDAY January 4th

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Religious

8:00 AM + Sonia Vavrak

11:30 AM Adoration

7:00 PM Divino Nino Jesus y Nuestra Senora del Carmen por favores recibidos y fe de la familia

FRIDAY January 5th

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 AM + Lena Marinelli

10:00 AM School Mass

SATURDAY January 6th

Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

8:30 AM + Gail Gentry

5:00 PM + John T. Roberts

SUNDAY January 7th

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM + Maria O'Donnell; Wilfred & Julia Yeo

12:30 PM + Marcos Pintado; + Emiliano Rosillo

****Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass****

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

If you have requested a Mass to be celebrated for your Intention and would like to present the gifts that will become the Body and Blood of Christ at that Mass, please be sure to inform one of the ushers before Mass; otherwise, they will ask someone from the congregation to present the gifts. Thank you.

PRESENTACIÓN DE PAN Y VINO

Si ha solicitado que se celebre una Misa por su intención y le gustaría presentar los dones que se convertirán en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo en esa Misa, asegúrese de informar a uno de los ujieres antes de la Misa; de lo contrario, le pedirán a alguien de la congregación que presente el Pan y Vino. Gracias.

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention

For January 2024

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Intencion del Papa Francisco

Para Enero 2024

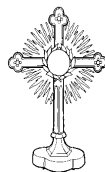
Por el don de la diversidad en la Iglesia

Oremos para que el Espíritu Santo nos ayude a reconocer el don de los diferentes carismas dentro de la comunidad cristiana, y a descubrir la riqueza de las diferentes tradiciones rituales en el corazón de la Iglesia Católica.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays in the Church Chapel

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM



Restoration, sanctification, transformation, reparation, and salvation are the graces being poured out graciously upon us with each Holy Hour we make. -Excerpt from Letter To A Brother Priest

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word,

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven..."

a time to heal... for those in our Parish who are ill and especially for Alice Benson, Anthony LaMotta, Anthony Reveillac, Angelina Virola, Arthur Fiore, Ashley Thatcher, Constance Sewing, Elsa Pacheco, Jackson Dowling, Josie Gibbs, Kelley Nelson, Kirsten Kisselman, Mary Warren, Ray Sewing, Raymond Sewing, Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Puleo.

Recently Departed but never will be forgotten...

Rose M. Borbone, Maryann Pletterer, Robert George Sulo, Carmen Peralta, Genevieve Elko, Jose Espinal, Julio Rolffot

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 17, 2023 TBD \$6701.41



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14 o Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3; /Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17 o Heb 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19; Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22. 39-40

Lunes: Nm 6, 22-27; Gal 4, 4-7; Lc 2, 16-21

Martes: 1 Jn 2, 22-28; Jn 1, 19-28

Miércoles: 1 Jn 2, 29-3, 6; Jn 1, 29-34

Jueves: 1 Jn 3, 7-10; Jn 1, 35-42

Viernes: 1 Jn 3, 11-21; Jn 1, 43-51

Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 5-13; Mc 1, 7-11 o Lc 3, 23-38 o 3, 23. 31-34. 36. 38

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

