



*In the spirit of St. Joseph,
we lovingly serve Jesus Christ
and His people.*

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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NEW PARISHIONERS Please register in person at the Parish
Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please
return to Parish Office or put in collection.

MASS TIMES	Saturday	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
	Mass in Spanish	Sunday 1:30 p.m.
	Holy Days	Check inside of bulletin
	Weekdays	Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. | Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m.
or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES Arrangements should be made through the Parish
Office at least eight months before any other planning.

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday
at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal
Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of
each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome
to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office. *Bautismo*
en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo.
Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el Centro
Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Please have bulletin
announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or
e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 29 and 30, 2023
29 y 30 de Abril del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 1

6:00 p.m. The People of the Parish
 Readings: 559: Gn 1:26-2:3/Ps 90/Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday, May 2

6:00 p.m. Dick Bassetti
 Readings: 280: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 3

8:15 a.m. Nick J. Contini
9:00 a.m. Rosary
 Readings: 561: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19/Jn 14:6-14

Thursday, May 4

8:15 a.m. Dale and Polly Wherley
9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 Readings: 282: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89/Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 5 (First Friday)

8:15 a.m. Special Intention
9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration and
 Procession

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Readings: 283: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 6 (First Holy Eucharist)

The Vigil The Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Kathy Thomas

Sunday, May 7

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Martha Bearducci
11:00 a.m. George Lusic, Sr.
1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish
 (Spanish Mass)

Readings: 52: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33/1 Pt 2:4-9/
 Jn 14:1-12

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, May 2 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary Salvo

Wednesday, May 3 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham

Thursday, May 4 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, May 5 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

May 6, 2023

4:00 p.m.

First Holy Eucharist

Lectors: Matt Ritzert – 1st Lector

Janice Cosenza – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Erin Neff, Beth Cecil,

Jessica DeBois, Cups to be determined

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Servers will be called

May 7, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Jack Burnham – 1st Lector

Nancy Allen – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary LaBrake, Andrea Settimio,

Lou Settimio, John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczirka,

Doug Telle, Jeannine Kennedy, Lyle Tope

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: John Nguyen, Greg Nguyen, Volunteer Needed

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Cathy Galbraith – 1st Lector

Sue Quillen – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Joe Sciarretti,

Dan Galbraith, Mike Ernest, Beth Ernest, Mary Elco,

Erin Deeds

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Larry and Linda Clawson,

Beth Ernest

Servers: Vince Sciarretti, Patrick Sciarretti, Joseph Miller

Offertory for April 22 and 23, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 3,181.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,099.00
Online Giving	\$ 445.00
Total	\$ 7,725.00

Other Funds

Poor Fund	\$ 130.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 260.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 15.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 145.00
Other Collections	\$ 365.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.

If you know of a friend or family member that is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.



Prayer Chain: To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available, please leave a message.

Please Note: If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.

Spiritual Notes

In Acts today, we hear part of Peter's speech at Pentecost. His announcement is a challenge by ultimately good news: "God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified," he tells the crowd in Jerusalem. That they are cut to the heart indicates Luke's view that they share in the responsibility for Jesus' death. "What are we to do?" they ask. Peter calls them to repent and be baptized. This response will be a sign that they are distancing themselves from the corrupt generation. As a result of Peter's words, about three thousand persons were added that day, a sign that the Spirit is at work in the believers. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses imagery of sheep and shepherds, something familiar to His audience. Old Testament imagery often presented God as shepherd and Israel as God's flock. As the shepherd, Jesus cares for His sheep and leads them to green pastures. That the sheep would be called by name indicates a relationship between shepherd and sheep: "I know mine and mine will know me," He says. In this text, we have the background for Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene on Easter morning. The shepherd's task is to hear and follow the shepherd's voice, for He came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. The letter of Peter picks up on the imagery of sheep and shepherd: "you have gone astray like sheep through sin." Christ suffered for us, leaving an example that we should follow. As shepherd and guardian of our souls, He offered His life to save us. He truly is the Good Shepherd.

For reflection: How can I better hear the voice of the good shepherd in my life? Am I doing my part to bring people into God's flock?



Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

This will be Bishop Fernandes' first trip to our parish. Everyone is welcome to attend! A reception will follow in the Family Life Center.



"FORWARD WITH JESUS" We are moving forward in the Light of Christ Jesus and ever more dependent on our Lord who is with us always. The Appeal is a major source of funding for evangelization, vocations, Catholic school tuition assistance, and social concerns efforts throughout the diocese. Your contributions help diocesan ministries and services in providing a path to move forward. Our parish goal is \$69,680.00. Please prayerfully consider your gift today and contribute to The Appeal. Thank you for your generosity! Next week is Commitment Weekend for the Appeal, at which time you can make your gift or pledge. We can accomplish this if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

"Mark Your Calendars!"

May 1st

St. Joseph The Worker Mass - 6:00 p.m.

May 4th

First Communion Rehearsal - 6:00 p.m.

May 5th

First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.

May 6th

First Communion

Mass - 4:00 p.m.

May 7th

Chicken BBQ

May 8th

TCCES May Crowning

Church - 1:00 p.m.

May 17th

St. Joseph Seniors

Manor Restaurant - 12:00 p.m.

May 21st

Confirmation

Mass - 3:00 p.m.

May 29th

Parish Office Closed

June 2nd

First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.

July 14th and 15th

St. Joseph Festival

Save the Date

Sunday, June 25, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.

Bishop Fernandes will celebrate our Anniversary Mass, followed by dinner at the Union Country Club. Everyone is invited! More information coming soon!

175th Anniversary!

We need your help! Do you have photos from parish events in the past? We are doing a video to celebrate our 175th Anniversary, and are looking for more candid pictures, if you have some you would like to share. We are also looking for mementos that you may willing to share for display at the Anniversary Dinner. They will be returned to you. Please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.

St. Joseph Parish	
175th Anniversary Raffle	
The holder of this ticket number will be entered in 12 monthly drawings beginning January 2023 for \$175. Drawings will be held on the 17th of each month at 5:00 pm.	
Cost: \$20.00 Per Ticket One Winner Per Number	
No. 011	No. 011
NAME _____	PHONE _____
EMAIL _____	

Our next drawing will be
Wednesday, May 17th at 5:00 p.m.
Each drawing will be livestreamed!!

L.C.B.A Crafty Ladies

There will be No Crafty Ladies meeting on Tuesday, May 2nd due to voting. We will have our regular L.C.B.A. meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the upstairs of the Family Life Center. Our guest speaker will be Ann Luers. She will be sharing information about the Mini Food Pantry. Please bring canned items to donate. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Youth Ministry News

Sunday, April 30th

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Boulevard Lanes, Dover

Sunday, May 7th

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Family Life Center

Guest speaker - Jeremiah Jones, Music Director

Sunday, May 21st

No Meeting

July 7th to July 9th

Franciscan Youth Conference



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School



A Catholic education is a priceless investment in the future of our children. In addition to strong academic programs, we offer:

- Safe, loving environments where we believe every child is a gift from God and can succeed.
- Moral and character development based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- Opportunities for participation in many co-curricular activities.
- Small class sizes where every student receives the attention and support they deserve.

Call us and learn more about what it means to Be A Saint!
Call 330-343-9134 to learn more or schedule a visit.



St. Joseph Parish Festival!!

July 14 and 15, 2023,

5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Booth Chairpersons, we will have a Festival Committee Meeting, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Festival Sponsors

If you or your company are interested in becoming Festival Sponsors, we are accepting donations. For more information, please contact Milt Hamilton or the Parish Office.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Festival, please contact Joe and Sarah Sciarretti, or you may call the Parish Office.

More information coming soon!

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need; the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimo or the Parish Office.

May 3, 2023 - Team K (Hannah Jacobs)

May 10, 2023 - Team L (Chrissie Hensel)

May 17, 2023 - Team M (Fran Mason)

May 24, 2023 - Team O (Pat Figuly)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Tuna

Dried Black Beans

Canned Baked Beans

Cereal

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church; or you can make monetary donations by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Mini Pantry."

Office of Social Concerns - Action Alerts!

For Action Alerts, visit

<http://socialconcerns.columbuscatholic.org>.

Care for the Unborn

Several pro-life bills calling for a reduction of abortions will work their way through the Ohio General Assembly and Congress. For updates, visit www.ohiocathconf.org/I/AB/Abortion.htm.

Immigration Reform

With a new Congress, comes a renewed debate on immigration reform. The immigration system is broken. Visit the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants Campaign website for the latest action alerts and education resources, www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

Care for Creation

The Ohio Catholic Rural Life Conference issued a Care for Creation Calendar which identifies various patron saints associated with God's creation. For more information, visit www.ohiocathconf.org.

If you would like to receive Action Alerts and Upcoming Events by email, please submit the following information to the Office for Social Concerns:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Parish: _____

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Mary is the Mother of the Church not only because she is the Mother of Christ and His most intimate associate in 'the new economy when the Son of God took a human nature from her, that He might in the mysteries of his flesh free man from sin,' but also because 'she shines forth to the whole community of the elect as a model of the virtues.'" ~SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL, *LUMEN GENTIUM* 55, 65

Monday, May 1 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Easter

Optional Memorial: Saint Joseph the Worker

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18 Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

Meditation: The peace and security of the Good Shepherd – Jesus Christ, who watches over us as members of his flock – is something that we can find great comfort and joy. The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). In the New Testament Jesus lets us know that he is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25).

Prayer: O God, perfect light of the blessed, by whose gift we celebrate the paschal mysteries on earth, bring us, we pray, to rejoice in the full measure of your grace for ages unending. 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.

Prayer ~ Saint Joseph the Worker: O God, Creator of all things, who laid down for the human race the law of work, graciously grant that by the example of Saint Joseph and under his patronage we may complete the works you set us to do and attain the rewards you promise. 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.

Contemplation: Jesus made three promises to those who take up his two-word invitation – "Follow me." To those who follow Christ he promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands.

Tuesday, May 2 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Easter

Memorial: Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30 The feast of the Dedication was taking place in Jerusalem. It was winter. And Jesus walked about in the temple area on the Portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered them, "I told you and you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify to me. But you do not believe, because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Meditation: Saint Cyril, a Father of the Church, comments on Jesus as our Good Shepherd: "He shows in what manner a shepherd may be proved good; and He teaches that he must be prepared to give up his life fighting in defense of his sheep, which was fulfilled in Christ. For man has departed from the love of God, and fallen into sin, and because of this was, I say, excluded from the divine abode of paradise, and when he was weakened by that disaster, he yielded to the devil tempting him to sin, and death following that sin he became the prey of fierce and ravenous wolves. But after Christ was announced as the True Shepherd of all men, He laid down his life for us (1 John 3:16), fighting for us against that pack of inhuman beasts. He bore the Cross for us, that by His own death he might destroy death. He was condemned for us, that He might deliver all of us from the sentence of punishment: the tyranny of sin being overthrown by our faith: fastening to the Cross the decree that stood against us, as it is written (Colossians 2:14). Therefore as the father of sin had as it were shut up the sheep in hell, giving them to death to feed on, as it is written in the psalms (Ps. XLviii.16), He died for us as truly Good, and truly our Shepherd, so that the dark shadow of death driven away He might join us to the company of the blessed in heaven; and in exchange for abodes that lie far in the depths of the pit, and in the hidden places of the sea, grant us mansions in His Father's House above. Because of this he says to us in another place: Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you a kingdom (Luke 12:32)."

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who raised up the Bishop Saint Athanasius as an outstanding champion of your Son's divinity, mercifully grant, that, rejoicing in his teaching and his protection, we may never cease to grow in knowledge and love of you. 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.

Contemplation: Jesus promises the security of peace and protection from evil and the greatest harm that could befall us – eternal destruction. The Lord does not spare us from all trouble. In this life we will experience pain, suffering, sickness, and death. But through these the Lord will lead us to ultimate victory and safety in his everlasting home. Even in the midst of our sufferings we can find a peace and security which no one can give except God alone. We can confidently follow the Lord wherever he leads, trusting that nothing can keep us from God *if* we trust in him. Which begs the question: Have you placed your life securely in God where it belongs?

Wednesday, May 3 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Easter

Feast: Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Holy Gospel: John 14:6-14 Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

Meditation: What is the greatest thing we can aim for in our brief earthly life? Fame? Riches? Power? The greatest thing we can aim for is to know, love and serve God. What is the best thing we can possess in this life, bringing more joy, contentment, life and happiness, than anything else? Knowledge of God! *Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me"* (Jeremiah 9:23-24). One of the greatest truths of the Christian faith is that we can know the *living* God. Our knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the personal knowledge of God as our Father – the one who created us out of love, and who out of love for us sent his only son into this world – Jesus Christ – to save and redeem us.

Prayer: O God, who gladden us each year with the feast day of the Apostles Philip and James, grant us, through their prayers, a share in the Passion and Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son, so that we may merit to behold you for eternity. 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.

Contemplation: In Jesus we see the perfect love of God – a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God – a God who loves us unconditionally – without reservation, unselfishly – for our sake and not his, and perfectly – without neglecting or forgetting us even for a brief moment. Jesus promises that God the Father will hear our prayers when we pray in his name. That is why Jesus taught his followers to pray with confidence, *"Our Father who art in heaven...give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses..."* (Matthew 6:9-11; Luke 11:2-3). Do you pray to your Father in heaven with joy and confidence in his genuine love and care for you?

Thursday, May 4 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 13:16-20 When Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, he said to them: "Amen, amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master nor any messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it. I am not speaking of all of you. I know those whom I have chosen. But so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, the one who ate my food has raised his heel against me. From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe that I AM. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Meditation: Jesus loved his disciples to the end and proved his faithfulness to them even to death on the cross. Through his death and resurrection Jesus opened a new way of relationship and friendship with God. Jesus tells his disciples that if they accept him they also accept the Father who sent him. This principle extends to all who belong to Christ and who speak in his name. To accept the Lord's messenger is to accept Jesus himself. The great honor and the great responsibility any Christian has is to stand in the world for Jesus Christ. As his disciples and ambassadors (2 Cor. 5:20), we are called to speak for him and to act on his behalf. Are you ready to stand for Jesus at the cross of humiliation, rejection, opposition, and suffering?

Prayer: O God, who restore human nature to yet greater dignity than at its beginnings, look upon the amazing mystery of your loving kindness, and in those you have chosen to make new through the wonder of rebirth may you preserve the gifts of your enduring grace and blessing. 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.

Contemplation: Have you ever given any thought as to how you treat those who cause you grief or harm? Especially those who are close to you in some way? In his last supper discourse, Jesus addressed the issue of fidelity and disloyalty in relationships. Jesus knew beforehand that one of his own disciples would betray him. Such knowledge could have easily led Jesus to distance himself from such a person and to protect himself from harm's way. Instead, Jesus expresses his love, affection, and loyalty to those who were his own, even to the one he knew would "stab him in the back" when he got the opportunity. Jesus used a quotation from Psalm 4:9 which describes an act of treachery by one's closest friend. In the culture of Jesus' day, to eat bread with someone was a gesture of friendship and trust. Jesus extends such friendship to Judas right at the moment when Judas is conspiring to betray his master. The expression lift his heel against me reinforces the brute nature of this act of violent rejection.

Friday, May 5 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 14:1-6 Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Meditation: The Lord Jesus came to fulfill God's promise to bring his people, not simply to a land flowing with milk and honey, but to a restored paradise and new creation where we can dwell with God in perfect peace and unity. That is why Jesus proclaims, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." Jesus does not simply give advice and direction. He personally is the Way, and we cannot miss it. Through his life-giving

word and Spirit, Jesus leads and guides us personally every day. The Lord Jesus also is the Truth. Many can say, "I have taught you the truth." Only Jesus can say, I am the Truth. Moral truth cannot be conveyed in words alone; it must be conveyed in example. Jesus embodies the truth in his person. Jesus also is the Life. He not only shows us the path of life (Psalm 16: 11); he gives the kind of life which only God can give – abundant life which never fails nor ends. Is there any fear or trouble that keeps you from the perfect peace and happiness of a life surrendered to Jesus Christ?

Prayer: O God, author of our freedom and of our salvation, listen to the voice of our pleading and grant that those you have redeemed by the shedding of your Son's Blood may have life through you and, under your protection, rejoice for ever unharmed. 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.

Contemplation: As much as we try to avoid it, we all inevitably encounter trouble and difficulties we find hard to endure. Life is not a bowl of cherries, or bed of roses – cherries have pits, and roses have thorns. Jesus knew his disciples would have to face trials and persecution after he left them to return to his Father in heaven. Adversity can make us lose hope and become discouraged, or it can press us closer to God and to his promises. "It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you, he will not fail you or forsake you; do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8). Just as God went ahead of the Israelites in the wilderness to lead them safely to the promised land, Jesus tells his disciples that he is going ahead to prepare a place for them in God's house – a place of refuge, peace, and security, and everlasting happiness. The greatest fear in this present life – whether it be the separation and loss of life to a loved one or the threat to one's own life – is put to rest by Jesus' promise that we will live forever with him and the Father in their heavenly home.

Saturday, May 6 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Easter **Optional Marian Memorial: First Saturday**

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:27-28 As Jesus said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Meditation: When an admirer wished to compliment Jesus by praising his mother, Jesus did not deny the truth of the blessing she pronounced. Her "beatitude" (which means "blessedness" or "happiness") recalls Mary's canticle: All generations will call me blessed (Luke 1:48). Jesus adds to her words by pointing to the source of all true blessedness or happiness - union with God in heart, mind, and will. Mary humbly submitted herself to the miraculous plan of God for the incarnation of his only begotten Son - the Word of God made flesh in her womb, by declaring: I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:38). Mary heard the word spoken to her by the angel and she believed it.

Prayer: O God, who chose the Mother of your Son to be our Mother also, grant us that, persevering in penance and prayer for the salvation of the world, we may further more effectively each day the reign of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Our ultimate goal in life, the very reason we were created in the first place, is not to attend a certain university, have a particular job, live at a certain address with a particular car parked in the driveway. No, our ultimate goal is to get to heaven where we may experience complete union with God. We were made for God and our hearts are restless until they rest in him. Saint Lucian of Antioch, an early Christian theologian and martyr, once said that "a Christian's only relatives are the saints." Those who follow Jesus Christ and who seek the will of God enter into a new family, a family of "saints" here on earth and in heaven. Jesus changes the order of relationships and shows that true kinship is not just a matter of flesh and blood. Our adoption as sons and daughters of God transforms all our relationships and requires a new order of loyalty to God and his kingdom. As in "those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28) and those who are "doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22). Think about it!

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Diocese of Columbus Museum and History

Night at the Museum (May 20, 5:00-9:00 p.m.): Have you seen the movie *Night At The Museum*? Come Join us for a fun night of experiencing history come alive. Learn about the Catholic Church throughout the centuries through art and stories. You may be surprised at who you will meet. Located in downtown Columbus near St. Joseph Cathedral at 257 E. Broad Street, Columbus. We hope to see you there! For more information, contact the Museum at 614-618-4030 or info@catholicmuseum.org.

Bus Tour of Seven Catholic Churches in Columbus: Join this fun and educational tour of several churches in Columbus. Learn about their fascinating histories as vital places of Catholic worship, evangelization, and learning in our Diocese. This event is May 13 and is \$70.00 per person (lunch is included in the price). There are 40 spots available. RSVP email is museumtours@catholicmuseum.org. For more information, contact the Museum at 614-618-4030 or info@catholicmuseum.org.



Other Information To Note:

Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day: Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

Homebound and Shut-in Ministry

Do you know of anyone who is currently homebound and not able to get to Mass, but would like to receive the Eucharist weekly? Our Eucharistic Ministers are honored to visit with them. It can be temporary or long-term needs. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Low-gluten Hosts: If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions: Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

Bulletin deadline: The bulletin deadline is Monday at 12:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

The Memorare Mom's Group continues to meet in the Family Life Center on Friday mornings after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. All mothers of school-age children and younger are invited to attend.



Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith

Your last will and testament can leave a legacy of your faith by helping to pass it on to others. When drafting your will, after taking care of your family, please consider naming St. Joseph Parish or the Diocese of Columbus as a recipient of your estate. For more information, contact the Catholic Foundation at 1-866-298-8893.



Online Giving. If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like giving to your church online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Please visit www.stjosephdover.org to get started. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.

Promise to Protect – Pledge to Heal

Believe in the possibility of help and healing. There is hope. Your local victim coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his delegate, if desired.

St. Joseph Cemetery

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Russ in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



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INTERCEDE



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

Each year, on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy, remembering the message Jesus so ardently instructed St. Faustina to spread of His endless mercy and forgiveness to those who seek it. Rooted in Christ's message of Divine Mercy is *trust*: trust that Jesus loves us, desires to heal our souls, and is with us.

This is an especially important message for expectant mothers preparing for the births of their children. They may often be gripped by fear and anxiety, without sources of support. May we prayerfully consider how we are called to help mothers who may be struggling in a particular way. And in our own lives, each of us is invited to come to Jesus just as we are and lay our cares, fears, and anxieties upon Him. The words Christ revealed to St. Faustina, He speaks to us and all who feel afraid: *"Lay your head on my shoulder, rest and regain your strength. I am always with you"* (Diary, no. 848). As we seek to live out the message of Divine Mercy, we pray for the courage for all to proclaim, *"Jesus, I trust in you!"*

ACT (choose one)

- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (usccb.org/divine-mercy-chaplet) at 3:00 pm, the Hour of Mercy, for expectant mothers.
- Jesus spoke to St. Faustina, *"Reveal all the wounds of your heart. I will heal them"* (Diary, no. 1487). Expose the cuts and wounds of your heart to Christ and allow His healing mercy to reach every hurt and hidden pain through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn about St. Faustina, the Apostle of Mercy, and the message of Christ's mercy that she conveyed to mankind: www.usccb.org/divine-mercy

DID YOU KNOW?

St. Gianna Beretta Molla was a 20th century physician, wife, and mother whose feast day is celebrated on April 28. A novena to St. Gianna is available and can be prayed any time of year: walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena.

Excerpts from Maria Faustina Kowalska, *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul*, 3rd ed. (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2007), 699. All rights reserved.

For additional prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your local area:

www.WalkingWithMoms.com

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Cuarto Domingo de Pascua
30 de Abril del 2023



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	7 de Mayo	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	14 de Mayo	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	21 de Mayo	1:00 p.m.

Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

Sábados	4:00 p.m.
Domingos	8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre

Mayo 2023

Por los movimientos y grupos eclesiales
Oremos para que los movimientos y grupos eclesiales
redescubran cada día su misión evangelizadora,
poniendo sus propios carismas al servicio de las
necesidades del mundo.



Horario de los Coros

7 de Mayo	El Buen Pastor
14 de Mayo	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
21 de Mayo	Reina de Los Ángeles
28 de Mayo	El Nuevo Sembrador
4 de Junio	Seguidores de Cristo
11 de Junio	Mensajeros de Cristo
18 de Junio	El Nuevo Sembrador
25 de Junio	Seguidores de Cristo



Ya está abierta la registración para la escuela TCCES, si usted tiene niños en edad escolar o conoce a alguien que le interese registrar a sus niños, por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela.

Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Todos somos bienvenidos a venerar en la Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Podemos encender una vela que permanece prendida por tres días, con una donación de \$ 3.00. (2 velas por \$6.00, etc.). **Por favor usar sólo las velas de la Capilla.**

Notas Espirituales

En Hechos hoy escuchamos parte del discurso de Pedro en Pentecostés. Su anuncio es un reto, pero finalmente una buena noticia: "Dios ha hecho Señor y Cristo, este Jesús a quien vosotros habéis crucificado," le dice a la multitud en Jerusalén. Que estén "profundamente conmovidos" indica la opinión de Lucas que comparte la responsabilidad por la muerte de Jesús. "¿Qué vamos a hacer?" ellos preguntan. Pedro los llama a "arrepentirse y ser bautizados." Esta respuesta será una señal de que se están distanciando "de esta generación perversa." Como resultado de las palabras de Pedro, "como tres mil personas se añadieron aquel día," una señal de que el Espíritu actúa en los creyentes.

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús utiliza imágenes de ovejas y pastores, algo familiar para su audiencia. Imágenes del Antiguo Testamento presenta a menudo a Dios como pastor e Israel como el rebaño de Dios. Como el pastor, Jesús se preocupa por sus ovejas y las saca a pastos verdes. Que las ovejas se llamaría "por su nombre" indica una relación entre el pastor y las ovejas: "Yo conozco las mías y las mías me conocen a mí," dice. En este texto, tenemos el segundo plano de la aparición de Jesús a María Magdalena en la mañana de Pascua. Ella sólo viene a reconocerlo después de que él la llama por su nombre. La tarea del pastor es de preocuparse por el bienestar de las ovejas; las ovejas están llamadas a oír y seguir la voz del pastor, pues él "ha venido para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia." La carta de Pedro tomó la imagen de ovejas y pastor: "se habían extraviado como ovejas" por el pecado. Cristo sufrió por nosotros, dejando... un ejemplo para que sigáis." Como "pastor y guardián de (nuestras) almas," ofreció su vida para salvarnos. Él realmente es el buen pastor.

Para reflexionar: ¿Cómo puedo escuchar mejor la voz del buen pastor en mi vida? ¿Estoy haciendo mi parte para traer gente al rebaño de Dios?



Por favor, recuerde en su oración, a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.

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