

St. Joseph Church
March 19, 2017

3rd
Sunday of Lent

This is truly the Savior of the world.

John 40:42



SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

Celebrating 166 years of living faith since the foundation of our parish in 1851.

LEAVE YOUR WATER JAR

“Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.” (Mark 5:19)

Jesus is so merciful! The outcome of his encounter with the Samaritan woman in her transformation: “the woman left her water jar” (Jn 4:28) and ran to the city to tell people about her extraordinary experience.



She has gone to draw water from the well, but she found another kind of water, the living water of mercy from which gushes forth eternal life. She found the water she had always sought!

Because

every encounter with Jesus changes our lives, it is a step closer to God. So we likewise find the impetus to “leave behind our water jar,” the symbol of everything that is seemingly important, but loses all its value before the love of God. What is your interior water jar, the one that weighs you down, that distances you from God? Let us set it aside. Let us hear Jesus’ voice offering us another kind of water that brings us close to him. We are called to rediscover the importance and the sense of our Christian life and witness to the joy of the encounter with Jesus who changes our life. And so we must tell of the marvelous things the Lord can do when we have the courage to set aside our own water jar.

What most distances me from God that I need to leave behind?

Daily Lenten Reflections by Pope Francis

2017 Catholic Charity Appeal

THE APPEAL CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND WITH THE SECOND “IN PEW” COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES. TO DATE

WE HAVE RAISED **\$21,112**

WHICH IS LESS THAN ONE-THIRD OF OUR **\$75,000** GOAL



*Live with faith
... give with hope*

Our Faith requires that we help the least fortunate among us (Matthew 25:31-46) – and giving to the Appeal allows each one of us to do just that. Please support the work of your Church by being as generous as possible. And remember: Even the smallest gift can mean everything to someone who has nothing.

THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO HAVE RESPONDED AND GOD BLESS

‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡

Saturday, March 18

5:00 p.m. Special Intention, Maureen Kenner, requested, the DeLuca family

Sunday, March 19 *Third Sunday of Lent*

9:00 a.m. Intentions for the St. Joseph Church Legacy and Permanent Endowment donors

11:15 a.m. In honor of St. Joseph

Monday, March 20 *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m. Month’s Mind, Patrick (Al) Kelly, requested, Banking Committee

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 a.m. Birthday remembrance, Alice Thibeault, requested, Bob and

Pauline Anthony

Thursday, March 23 *St. Turbius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

8:00 a.m. Memorial, George A. Silva Sr., requested, daughter Shirley

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Friday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Ermir Blushas, requested, family

Saturday March 25

5:00 p.m. 62nd Anniversary, Michael Iapaolo, requested, grandson

Thomas Bruzzese

Sunday, March 26 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

9:00 a.m. 8th Anniversary, Ann Vandermillen, requested, family

11:15 a.m. Memorial, David F. Donnelly, requested wife Connie, daughters

Kate and Connie

ALTAR SERVERS

Thursday, March 23 Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Hannah, Abigail, Grace

Saturday March 25

5:00 p.m. Olivia (SS), Max, Grace, Kirsten

Sunday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Joseph (MC), Laura, Lily, Daniel

11:15 a.m. Ben (MC), Will, Jessica, Sophia

LECTORS

Saturday, March 25

5:00 p.m. Jan Carrara

Sunday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Jim Vandermillen

11:15 a.m. Jeff Harrington

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, March 25

5:00 p.m. Pam DeLuca

Sunday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Shirley Sears

11:15 a.m. Brian Medeiros

**THE "PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH" WHICH ARE THE RULES OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, ARE AS FOLLOWS:
EASTER DUTIES REQUIRE THAT YOU RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST AND ALSO THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ASH WEDNESDAY AND PENTECOST SUNDAY**



"A Year With Mary" Devotions

March Devotions will be held this weekend at all Masses in Honor of

A Year with Mary Our Mother



PENANCE SERVICE

St. Joseph's Parish Lenten Penance Service will be held on **Monday April 3rd at 7:00pm**. All Religious

Education students are required to attend. Parents and Parishioners are also welcome to attend.

SANCTUARY CANDLE MEMORIAL

Each week the candle will burn and the Bread will be offered to the honor of God and in memory of your intention. The suggested offering is \$15 for the candle and \$15 for the Altar Bread. The names or intention will be listed in the bulletin each week or listed anonymously and will be remembered in the prayers of the Mass. Please call the Rectory at

421-9137



Lent at St. Joseph Church

Preparation

Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. "Come back to me, with all of your heart," our Lord beckons. It is an extraordinary invitation to each one of us.

- 1: Fasting means eating a lesser amount of food. While fasting only one full meal is taken. Two other smaller meals are usually eaten, but the two smaller meals do not exceed the amount of food taken at the full meal. While fasting, food is not eaten between meals.
- 2: Catholics who are 18 and not yet 60 are asked to observe the fast days established by the Church, which are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 3: Abstinence means not eating any meat. Dairy products as well as fish and sea food are taken.
- 4: All Catholics age 14 and older are required to abstain on days of abstinence, which the Church has established as Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent.
- 5: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we both fast and abstain. The Church still maintains Friday as a day of abstinence from meat: The faithful are permitted to substitute an alternative penance if they so desire.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each

Thursday at **6:30 p.m.** on March 9, 16,

23, 30 and April 6 Good Friday April 14 at 3:00 p.m.

Confessions

Confessions will be heard at **6:00 p.m.** before each of the

Thursday Stations of the Cross listed above. This is in addition to the usual schedule of Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:30

Rice Bowls

These are an annual reminder of the social dimension of Lenten fasting. If you have not received a rice bowl, they are available on the tables at the church entrance. As we fast from one meal or activity we place the dollar value in these bowls to support Catholic Relief Services in more than 40 countries, with 25 percent remaining in the United States. The collection will be taken on Palm Sunday Weekend. Please participate in this sacrifice with your family.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Remember, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, our beloved patron, never was it known that anyone invoked your protection and sought your aid without being comforted. Inspired with this confidence, I come to you and commend myself to you. Do not despise my petition, dear foster father of our Redeemer, but accept them graciously and pray for me to adopted Son, Our Lord. AMEN



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

	2016	2017
Envelopes	\$ 2,638.50	\$1,955.00
Loose:	\$ 195.00	\$ 115.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 676.00	\$ 848.00
Children:	\$ 19.75	\$ 4.00
TOTALS:	\$3,529.25	\$3,770.00

Quarterly Haiti \$1,490.00