

ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

&

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

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GIVING

Last weekend's Collection

St. Joseph's:

03/20 - Parishioners: \$874.00; Guests: \$320.00

03/27 - Parishioners: \$771.00; Guests: \$310.00

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

03/20 - Parishioners: \$281.00; Guests: \$75.00

03/27 - Parishioners: \$550.00; Guests: \$463.00

Holy Land Christians Collection: \$324.00

Seminarians & Priests Collection: \$369.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

God bless & keep you!

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 3rd, 2016

Dearest Parish Family,

Over the next two weeks, I would like to address two changes that will be coming to St. Joseph's, one relatively soon and the other later this year. The first change to be coming will be the new tabernacle, which can be seen in the basement of St. Joe's, will be installed the week of April 11th-April 15th. It was saved from a parish church in Cleveland, Ohio which had closed due to demographic shifts. After years of sitting in the basement of a church, we were able to purchase it through a "restricted" donation (meaning the money could only be used for this).

Some might wonder "Why this change is being made?" As with many things in the life of the Church, there are spiritual & practical reasons for this. On the spiritual side, the visual perception of the dwelling place of Christ being located in the center of the church reflects the teaching that Christ should be the center of all things in our lives.

It is from Him that we are given the gift of life, it is from Him that we draw our strength to live as we should, and it is to Him that we shall return at the end of our days. As I have said before, the external should always reflect and reinforce the internal. By making this change, that is what we are accomplishing.

As for the practical reasons, there are a few. First, this tabernacle will be set into the stone walls of the church and will not be able to be removed without doing serious damage to the church. This is important because the protecting and safeguarding of the Most Blessed Sacrament is one of the highest concerns we all should have. Sadly, I have known times that this was taken for granted and it has led to horrifying ends. In one case I know, the entire tabernacle was removed from a church, broken into, and the Eucharist & altar desecrated. That will not be possible with this arrangement. Also, it will help to maximize the limited space we have in our sanctuary. For the time being, it might look a bit awkward to have the tabernacle in the wall with nothing surrounding it, but that will change come later this upcoming summer. At that time, a carpenter will be installing a canopy, similar to the one that was in the original sanctuary of St. Joseph's. More on that change and the reasons for it will be in next week's bulletin. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask and I'll be glad to answer as best as I am able. I sincerely hope that you're having a wonderful and blessed Easter season!

~Fr. Shaw

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our Lady of Sorrows, intercede for all the Sick & Suffering, especially: Bob & Dee Burns, Marice Williams, Louis Gantnier, Nancy Thomason, Carol Badalucco, Carolyn Burns, Roseann Harris, Wayne Whipple, Kathy Weise, Maksim Rippe, Connie DiLillo, Ardith & Tom Coughlin, Pressie & Ted Raby, Arleen & Jerry Newlon, Dennis Antalick, RuthAnn Nilges, Barbara Hart, Tom Reidmiller, Ted Klug, Mary & Chuck Brogan, Bill & Joan Sutherland.

St. Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death, intercede for the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, especially: Phil Burns, Joseph Bushey, Robert Berlin, Virginia Treadway, Marie Antalick, Ruby Hornbuckle, John Arch, Trudy Klug, Alan Pickering, Nila Arroyo, Everett Wilmot, Marian Holley, Dr. Tom Krizek, Virginia Goodwyn, Jim Fogarty, Jerry Antalick, Carol Helsen, Ellen Klug, & Christina Tucker.

St. Michael the Archangel, protect & intercede for our Armed Forces Personnel, especially: Ryan Carr, Richard Fischer III, Gunnar Hale, Christopher Jones, David Spalding, Larry Studer, & Peter Young.

SUNDAY YEAR: C

DAILY MASS READINGS

WEEKDAY YEAR: 2

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| Monday: | SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION | Isa 7:10-14; 8:10 | Ps 40:7-11 | Heb 10:4-10 | Luke 1:26-38 |
| Tuesday: | St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest & Confessor | Acts 4:32-37 | Ps 93:1-2, 5 | | John 3:7b-15 |
| Wednesday: | Easter Feria | Acts 5:17-26 | Ps 34:2-9 | | John 3:16-21 |
| Thursday: | St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest & Confessor | Acts 5:27-33 | Ps 34:2+9, 17-20 | | John 3:31-36 |
| Friday: | Easter Feria | Acts 5:34-42 | Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 | | John 6:1-15 |
| Saturday: | Easter Feria | Acts 6:1-7 | Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 | | John 6:16-21 |

To arrange Mass intentions,
please call or email the office during the week.

SAINT JOSEPH'S MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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| (04/02) <u>Saturday:</u> | 5:00pm: | †Lee Holt (requested by Sonia Holt) |
| <u>Sunday:</u> | 11:15am: | Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish) |
| <u>Monday:</u> | 10:30am: | Easter Novena |
| <u>Tuesday:</u> | 10:30am: | Special Intention |
| <u>Wednesday:</u> | 4:30pm: | Brian & Jeanine Lasusky (requested by Dcn. Bill & Ann Shaw) |
| <u>Thursday:</u> | 10:30am: | Special Intention |
| <u>Friday:</u> | 10:30am: | Special Intention |

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

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| (04/02) <u>Saturday:</u> | 7:00pm: | Easter Novena |
| <u>Sunday:</u> | 9:00am: | Easter Novena |

CONFESSIONS

St. Joseph's: Every Saturday from 4:15pm-4:45pm
and after each daily Mass.

CONTACTS & MINISTRIES

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(828) 488-2266

Winter Hours:

Wednesday-Friday: 10:30am-3:30pm

Saturday: 10am-1pm

Divine Mercy Sunday!

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday,
there are two possible indulgences available:

Plenary indulgence - On Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy **or**, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (exposed or reserved in the tabernacle) recite the Our Father & the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS***Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd:***

OLG 9:00am: Reader: S. Pulte; EMHC: G. Jarrett;
Ushers: The Antalicks

SJ 11:15am: Reader: K. Posey; EMHC: J. Thomason;
Usher: TBD

3rd Sunday of Easter Season, April 10th:

OLG 9:00am: Reader: S. Pulte; EMHC: G. Jarrett;
Ushers: The Antalicks

SJ 11:15am: Reader: K. Holt; EMHC: J. Holt;
Usher: S. Samson

FELLOWSHIP**GOOD JOES****Upcoming Meeting: Resuming in the Spring**

The Good Joe's meet every 1st and 3rd week of the month. Meetings are usually on Tuesdays at 11:30am, with Mass and then lunch. Any man is welcome. Contact either Bob Burns (rjbrns213@gmail.com) or Tom McCarty (TomWPB@aol.com) if you plan to attend so that we can make sure that you are on the mailing list and have enough food.

SISTERS IN SPIRIT**Upcoming Meeting: April 11, 2016**

Our parish's women group meets every month at St. Joseph's at 10:30am with Mass, followed by a light lunch & dessert served in the parish hall. All women are invited to participate. Contact Pat Pickering at (828)736-0756 for more information.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

NEXT MEETING: 6:30pm, April 6th, 2016

WHERE: Parish Hall, St. Joseph's

TOPIC: The Divine Comedy, Inferno, Cantos 18-22
Join us as we read this powerful, beautiful, & spiritual
work of literature!

Mercy & Mary Weekend Retreat

Featuring speaker: Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC

Conferences, Daily Mass, Adoration, Confession, & Devotions

April 29, 30 & May 1st, 2016

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly

84 Blue Ridge Circle, Black Mountain, NC 28711

To Register and for more information:

Events.MarianMissionaries.org or (413)944-8500

Partial Indulgence - A partial indulgence, granted to the faithful who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation. [e.g. Jesus I trust in You. My Jesus mercy. or any other approved invocation]

The usual conditions for every plenary indulgence:

Sacramental Confession [within 20 days before or after]

Eucharistic Communion [preferably within a day before or after]

Prayers for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff [certain prayers are not specified, but usually the Our Father, Hail Mary, & Glory Be are said]