

# ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

&

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

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### GIVING

#### Last Weekend's Collection

<u>St. Joseph's</u> 08/13: \$1669.00	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> 08/13: \$520.10
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God bless & keep all our benefactors & volunteers!

#### Parish DSA Goals for 2017

<u>St. Joseph's</u> Goal: \$5947.00 Raise: \$4375.25 (73%)	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> Goal: \$4279.00 Raised: \$3504.00 (82%)
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### Sunday of the 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### Astronomy, Astrology, & the Church

Since it is the topic that is on many people's minds right now, it seems fitting to note the Church's understanding of things dealing with the stars and celestial bodies. In Sacred Scripture, we find it noted in many places that the movement of the stars can be used as markers for major events. Our Lord's own birth coincided with the star of Bethlehem's appearance to the 3 wise men and His crucifixion was marked by a solar eclipse that covered the area in darkness for 3 hours. (Keep that in mind when we experience less than 3 minutes of darkness...) The book of Revelation mentions great signs and wonders in the sky will happen before the Lord's return. So, it should not shock

anyone that the Church has long had an interest in studying the movements of the stars. Medieval churches would often have markers to indicate the dates so that they could time the celebration of Easter correctly and the Church has one of the most technologically advanced observatories in the world, located in Arizona. The field of astronomy has long been given high regard by the Church and continues to be. Yet, the Church does not condone the practice of "astrology". This is the attempt to take the observed pattern of the movement of the stars and apply fortune telling and predictions to them was banned early in the time of the people of Israel (Deuteronomy 18:10). In some cases, the fortune tellers, palm readers, or mediums were simple frauds. In other cases, the person was utilizing information obtained from fallen angels, also known as demons. In either case, it was and is for the protection of people that these practices are still banned. It should be noted that there is a difference between a "prophet" and a "fortune teller". The prophet is one who reminds the people of what God has already said and what will happen when God is honored & obeyed or what will happen if He is not. Notice this is not a secret knowledge being revealed. Instead it is a re-presenting of the Truth that people need to be reminded. So, let's marvel at the beauty and ordering of God's creation, but remain faithful sons and daughters of the Father, trusting that He will always reveal to us that which will truly aid us. ~Fr. Shaw

### PRAYERS

**Our Lady of Sorrows, intercede for all the Sick & Suffering, especially:** Bob & Dee Burns, Maurice Williams, Louis Gantner, Nancy Thomason, Carol Badalucco, Carolyn Burns, Roseann Harris, Wayne Whipple, Kathy Weise, Maksim Rippe, Connie DiLillo, Ardith & Tom Coughlin, Pressie & Ted Raby, Arleen Newlon, Dennis Antalick, Ruth Ann Nilges, Barbara Hart, Tom Reidmiller, Ted Klug, Bill & Joan Sutherland, Iretta Wang, Kim Samson, John Ross, Doris Kearns, Mary Brogan.

**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, Chuck Brogan, Patricia Swan, Jerry Newlon, Donald Samson, LeWanda Myers, Phil Balin.

**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: A

### DAILY MASS READINGS

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Monday:	Pope St. Pius X, Confessor	Judg 2:11-19	Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43-44	Matt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Judg 6:11-24	Ps 85:9, 11-14	Matt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	<i>St. Rose of Lima, Virgin Confessor</i>	Judg 9:6-15	Ps 21:2--7	Matt 20:1-16
Thursday:	ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE & MARTYR	Rev 21:9-14	Ps 145:10-13, 17-18	John 1:45-51
Friday:	<i>King St. Louis of France</i>	Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22	Ps 146:5-10	Matt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Feria	Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17	Ps 128:1-5	Matt 23:1-12

Regular = Feria/Obligatory Memorial, *Italic* = Optional Memorial, ALL CAPITAL = Feast, **BOLD CAPITAL** = Solemnity

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

**SAINT JOSEPH'S MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

(08/19) **Saturday:** 5:00pm: †Phillip Balin  
**Sunday:** 11:15am: Pro Populo  
(For the people of the Parish)  
**Monday:** 10:30am: Society of Jesus (Jesuits)  
**Tuesday:** 10:30am: Daughters of the Virgin Mother  
**Wednesday:** 4:30pm: Women discerning religious life  
**Thursday:** 10:30am: Missionaries of the Church  
**Friday:** 10:30am: The Church & People of France

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION**

(08/19) **Saturday:** 7:00pm: The Sandoval Family  
**Sunday:** 9:00am: Mary Brogan

**CONFESSIONS**

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

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**ST. JOSEPH'S THRIFT STORE**

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**Hours:**

Wednesday-Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am-1:00pm



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Our Knights of Columbus Council #16543 will  
be having their monthly business meeting:

**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**  
in St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Sunday of the 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, August 20<sup>th</sup>:**

**OLG 9:00am:** Reader: G. Jarrett;

**SJ 11:15am:** Reader: C. DiLillo; Usher: T. McCarty

**Sunday of the 21<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, August 27<sup>th</sup>:**

**OLG 9:00am:** Reader: S. Pulte;

**SJ 11:15am:** Reader: D. Kearns; Usher: M. Breen

**GOOD JOES**

**Upcoming Meeting: August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

The Good Joe's meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (rjbns213@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.

**Parish Council Meeting**

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the parish council will meet in the Kateri Center of OLG at 9:30am. All members of the council are expected to be in attendance. Also, Coordinators should submit reports beforehand.



**New Women's Spirituality Group!**

As a woman, are you looking to understand more about the Catholic Faith? On **Tuesday evenings at 6 PM in the Church Hall**, a Woman's Spirituality Group meets. It will focus on opportunities to grow in our faith through Church Teachings, Lives of the Saints, Spiritual Exercises, & teachings from well-known Spiritual Teachers in the Church.

All women are invited!

**Current program:** Catholicism 201 series by Fr. James Mallon

August 22 – Introduction to Christian Morality

August 29 – The Thorny Issues (Same Sex Marriage, Contraception, Abortion, Capital Punishment, "Just War", etc.)

**Join us in our Spiritual Adoption program!**

Organized by the parish Respect Life Committee, spiritually adopt a child who's life is threatened by abortion. While the identity of this child might never be known to you in this life, the simple prayers offered each day for nine months for them and their mother unite you together in this expression of love.

Prayer cards are available near main doors at St. Joseph's Church & Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission.