

ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

&

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

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GIVING

Last weekend's Collection

St. Joseph's:

04/03 - Parishioners: \$987.00; Guests: \$25.00

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

04/03 - Parishioners: \$347.00; Guests: \$84.01

Thank you for your continued generosity.

God bless & keep you!

Sunday of the 3rd Week of Easter

April 10th, 2016

Dearest Parish Family,

Continuing with what I started last week regarding the changes to the sanctuary of St. Joseph's, this week we will look at the "canopy" that will be installed later this year. As can be seen in the picture outside of the sacristy in St. Joseph's, when the church was dedicated, there was a structure that covered over the altar. Formerly, this was required in all churches, but was later made optional. Why did the Church feel so strongly about this decorative element as to require it at one point in time? The first

reason stems from antiquity. In the ancient world, a person of great importance would usually be seated under a canopy during formal meetings. In the early Church, it made complete sense to transition this symbol to apply to the place where Our Lord dwells and the Eucharist is consecrated. For this reason, you can find structures that surround the altar of churches. The earliest forms usually had four pillars around the altar with a roof or dome on top of the pillars. Usually, curtains were hung from the structure, called either a *Baldachin* or *Ciborium*. During the consecration, the curtains were closed as a reflection of the passage from the book of Isaiah that says the Seraphim cover their faces. This is understood to be an act of humility because they are in the presence of God. Eventually, the curtains were no longer used, but the Baldachin remained. In some places, it was physically impossible to properly have a large structure, so adaptations were made. This is the origin of the structure we had at St. Joseph's. Some may think that adornments to the sanctuary, like a canopy, were done away after Vatican II, but the bishops of the council actually called for them and other elements of artistic beauty to be preserved (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 123; *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 289). As we prepare to celebrate St. Joseph's 75th anniversary and Our Lady of Guadalupe's 50th anniversary of dedication, it is fitting that we prepare her structures, as well as our hearts and minds. In its own way, our care for and improving of the buildings is an opportunity to say "Thank you" for the sacrifices and fidelity of the generations of Catholics that preceded us here and a gift from us to the future generations yet to come. Let us thank God for all the gifts we have received, including this wonderful parish. ~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

Monday:	St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr	Acts 4:23-31	Ps 2:1-9	John 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Easter Feria	Acts 4:32-37	Ps 93:1-2, 5	John 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Pope St. Martin I, Martyr	Acts 5:17-26	Ps 34:2-9	John 3:16-21
Thursday:	Easter Feria	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



The Knights of Columbus will be having their monthly meeting this Monday evening, April 11th in the parish hall of St. Joseph's at 6:30pm. Any knight or any man that is interested in joining is welcome at the meeting. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

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

SAINT JOSEPH'S MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

- (04/09) Saturday: 5:00pm: Shawn T. Flick
- Sunday: 11:15am: Pro Populo
(For the People of the Parish)
- Monday: 10:30am: Special Intention
- Tuesday: 10:30am: Special Intention
- Wednesday: 4:30pm: Special Intention
- Thursday: 10:30am: Katie Studer
(requested by Maxine Studer)
- Friday: 10:30am: Kevin & Kirsten Flick
(requested by Thom & Debbie Flick)

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

- (04/09) Saturday: 7:00pm: Special Intention
- Sunday: 9:00am: †Sr. M. Jaqueline Studer
(requested by Maxine Studer)

CONFESSIONS

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

CONTACTS & MINISTRIES

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ST. JOSEPH'S THRIFT STORE

(828) 488-2266

Winter Hours:

Wednesday-Friday: 10:30am-3:30pm
Saturday: 10am-1pm



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Join them for two upcoming events!
Meeting: April 14th at 6pm
Spaghetti Dinner: April 15th, 5-7pm
Both will be held at St. Mary's in Sylva.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday of 3rd Week of Easter, 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

Sunday of 4th Week of Easter, April 17th:

OLG 9:00am: Reader: G. Jarrett; EMHC: S. Pulte;
Ushers: The Antalicks
SJ 11:15am: Reader: C. DiLillo; EMHC: B. Burns;
Usher: C. Carr

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 Rita Turner at (828)488-4854 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

All Rooms Booked, Commuter Rates still available

To Register and for more information:

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

