

ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

&

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

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GIVING

Last Weekend's Collection

St. Joseph's:
01/29 - \$695.00

Our Lady of Guadalupe:
01/29 - \$605.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.
God bless & keep you!

Sunday of the 5th Week of Ordinary Time February 5th, 2017

Dear Parish Family,

Right now, we are hearing much in the news about immigration and what can or should be done to aid those seeking to enter the United States and what should be done to ensure that our county's security is not compromised.

Within the teachings of Christ & His Church, there is a careful balance that is expressed in three principles, namely:

- 1 - People have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families.
- 2 - A country has the right to regulate its borders and to control immigration.
- 3 - A country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy.

All three of these principles must be taken into consideration. People who are fleeing war or famine who would be categorized as "refugees", should always be able to seek a place of refuge. As a general rule, the United States has always striven to aid those who are persecuted or endangered in their homelands. Others, we are seeking to generally improve their lives, but face no direct threat to their wellbeing would fall into a different category of general immigrants. Certainly, these people should be welcomed, but there is not right for them to enter a country, especially when they do so illegally. The Church also affirms that a government must look to care for those who are already within her borders and not overwhelm the services and infrastructures. Regulation of immigration isn't just a good idea, but a responsibility of the government. Additionally, a government must do all that they can to protect her people from those who would seek to do them harm. This is usually done by way of criminal background checks, interviews, and other examinations. Finally, a government should make sure that both justice and mercy guide the decisions regarding immigration. In a real way, we could look at it as we would think of when we decide who to let into our house: The person who is in desperate need or who is being threatened, we allow them in so that they can be protected. The visitor is allowed, but usually with the understanding that they aren't there to move in. Someone can move in, if that is agreed upon and certain conditions are met. But the person who wants to harm us or our loved ones is kept outside. Anyone who enters our home, either by stealth or force, has violated our trust and should not be allowed to stay, generally speaking. When we stop thinking of things as abstract, but in a concrete way, we can usually see how to proceed in a just and reasonable way.

~Fr. Shaw

PRAYERS

Our Lady of Sorrows, intercede for all the Sick & Suffering, especially: Bob & Dee Burns, Maurice 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, Ruth Ann Nilges, Barbara Hart, Tom Reidmiller, Ted Klug, Bill & Joan Sutherland, Iretta Wang, Kim Samson, John Ross, & Doris Kearns.

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.

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

WEEKDAY YEAR: 1

Monday:	St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	Gen 1:1-19	Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35	Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Feria	Gen 1:20—2:4	Ps 8:4-9	Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday:	<i>St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</i>	Gen 2:4-9, 15-17	Ps 104:1-2, 27-30	Mark 7:14-23
Thursday:	Feria	Gen 2:18-25	Ps 128:1-5	Mark 7:24-30
Friday:	Saint Scholastica, Virgin	Gen 3:1-8	Ps 32:1-2, 5-7	Mark 7:31-37
Saturday:	Our Lady of Lourdes	Gen 3:9-24	Ps 90:2-6, 12-13	Mark 8:1-10

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

(02/04) <u>Saturday:</u>	5:00pm:	†Lee Holt (requested by Sonia Holt)
<u>Sunday:</u>	11:15am:	†Johann George Reitz (requested by Christina Reitz)
<u>Monday:</u>	10:30am:	Persecuted Christians of Asia
<u>Tuesday:</u>	10:30am:	President Trump & Congress
<u>Wednesday:</u>	4:30pm:	Persecuted Christians of Africa
<u>Thursday:</u>	10:30am:	His Holiness, Pope Francis
<u>Friday:</u>	10:30am:	†Francis B. Richmond (requested by Maxine Studer)

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

(02/04) <u>Saturday:</u>	7:00pm:	Poor Souls in Purgatory (requested by Maxine Studer)
<u>Sunday:</u>	9:00am:	Pro Populo (For the people of the Parish)

CONFESSIONS

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

CONTACTS & MINISTRIES

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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

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

Monday, February 13th @ 6:30pm

in St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

Any man who is interested in learn more about this great
Catholic organization, should speak with
Grand Knight Bobby Bonnette.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday of the 5th Week of Ordinary Time, February 5th:

OLG 9:00am: Reader: H. Weichel;

SJ 11:15am: Reader: K. Posey; Usher: J. Kamarata

Sunday of the 6th Week of Ordinary Time, February 12th:

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

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

FELLOWSHIP

GOOD JOES

Upcoming Meeting: Next 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: February 13th, 2017

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

WE WILL BEGIN A NEW CLASS SOON! DETAILS WILL SOON FOLLOW!

Spiritual Adoption

MONTHS SEVEN & EIGHT –

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. They are completely formed, and have been since 8 weeks. All they are doing now is gaining weight - - and making their mother uncomfortable with their size. But she is not worried. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

Parish Council Meeting

On February 18th, 2017, the parish council will be meeting in the Church Hall of St. Joseph's at 10:30am.

All members of the council are expected to be in attendance. Also, Coordinators should submit reports beforehand.