

ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

&

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

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GIVING

Last weekend's Collection

St. Joseph's:

04/24 - Parishioners: \$1007.00; Guests: \$360.00

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

04/24 - Parishioners: \$541.00; Guests: \$114.42

Thank you for your continued generosity.

God bless & keep you!

Sunday of the 6th Week of Easter

May 1st, 2016

Dearest Parish Family,

As many of you are aware, I will be leaving at the end of this month to begin studies for the summer in Washington, D.C.. During my time away, Fr. Richard Sutter, L.C., will be taking care of the sacramental & emergency needs of the parish. He will be arriving Memorial Day weekend to begin his time with us.

This May presents a myriad of celebrations for us to embrace & enjoy. First, the

month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. We will celebrate this by having the Rosary recited before Masses during the month and we will have a "May Crowning" celebration. Additionally, we have the Solemnities of the Ascension (05/08), Pentecost (05/15), Most Holy Trinity (05/22), & Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (05/29). Each of these celebrations are solemn, joyful events in the life of the Church and we will have special aspects incorporated into each of these days, so please keep an eye & ear out for these. Of these, the largest will be the procession and benedictions done with the Most Blessed Sacrament done on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ). At the end of the 11:15am Mass, we will process around the exterior of St. Joseph's, giving public witness to our love and devotion to the Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist. As Catholics, we have the great gift of the Eucharist and the great responsibility to give public honor and witness to Him, especially through Eucharistic Adoration and Processions with the Most Blessed Sacrament. In an age where approximately 70% of Catholics neither believe or profess the Truth of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, we need to do all that we can to give that public testimony. For our parish, we will have the joy of having Katie Carpenter receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist for the first time on Trinity Sunday. Truly, there is no greater moment in the life of a person than when they enter for the first time into union with Our Lord through reception of Holy Communion. Please pray for Katie as she makes her final preparations. This is also a good time to evaluate how we approach Our Lord in the Eucharist. Do I appreciate the gift of the Eucharist and value it as the dearest, most precious gift given to us? Do I believe and reflect that in the way that I live? Do I strive to live in the "state of grace" and go to confession if I commit grave sins? Do I commit sacrilege by receiving our Lord when I know that I should not be receiving Him in the Eucharist? It is one of the Precepts of the Church that we each make a good confession and a worthy reception of the Eucharist during the Easter Season each year. Have I done that? Do I place the Eucharist as a priority in my life or do I choose lesser things over the Eucharist, especially when it comes to going to Mass *every Sunday & Holy Day of Obligation* that we are able to attend? As Our Blessed Lady receive Christ into her body at the moment of the Incarnation, we also should profess, with humility, our love of God and pledge our lives to serving Him each time we receive Blessed Sacrament. Christ endured torment and death to give us His Body, Blood, Soul, & Divinity. Let us not waste the graces or profane the strengthening gift He has given us!

~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. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor	Acts 16:11-15	Ps 149:1-6, 9	John 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday:	FEAST OF STS. PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES	1 Cor 15:1-8	Ps 19:2-5	John 14:6-14
Wednesday:	Easter Feria	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1	Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14	John 16:12-15
Thursday:	Easter Feria	Acts 18:1-8	Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4	John 16:16-20
Friday:	Easter Feria	Acts 18:9-18	Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	John 16:20-23
Saturday:	Easter Feria	Acts 18:23-28	Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10	John 16:23b-28

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

SAINT JOSEPH'S MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

- (04/30) Saturday: 5:00pm: Special Intention
- 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: Special Intention
- Friday: 10:30am: Special Intention

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

- (04/30) Saturday: 7:00pm: Special Intention
- Sunday: 9:00am: †Poor Souls in Purgatory
(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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday of 6th Week of Easter, May 1st:

- OLG 9:00am:** Reader: H. Weichel; EMHC: G. Parris;
Ushers: The Antalicks
- SJ 11:15am:** Reader: K. Posey; EMHC: J. Thomason;
Usher: T. McCarty

Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord, May 8th:

- OLG 9:00am:** Reader: S. Pulte; EMHC: TBD;
Ushers: The Antalicks
- SJ 11:15am:** Reader: TBD; EMHC: B. Burns;
Usher: S. Samson

FELLOWSHIP

GOOD JOES

Upcoming Meeting: May 3rd, 2016

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: May 9th, 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, May 4th, 2016

WHERE: Parish Hall, St. Joseph's

TOPIC: The Divine Comedy, Inferno, Cantos 23-27

Join us as we read this powerful, beautiful, & spiritual work of literature!

