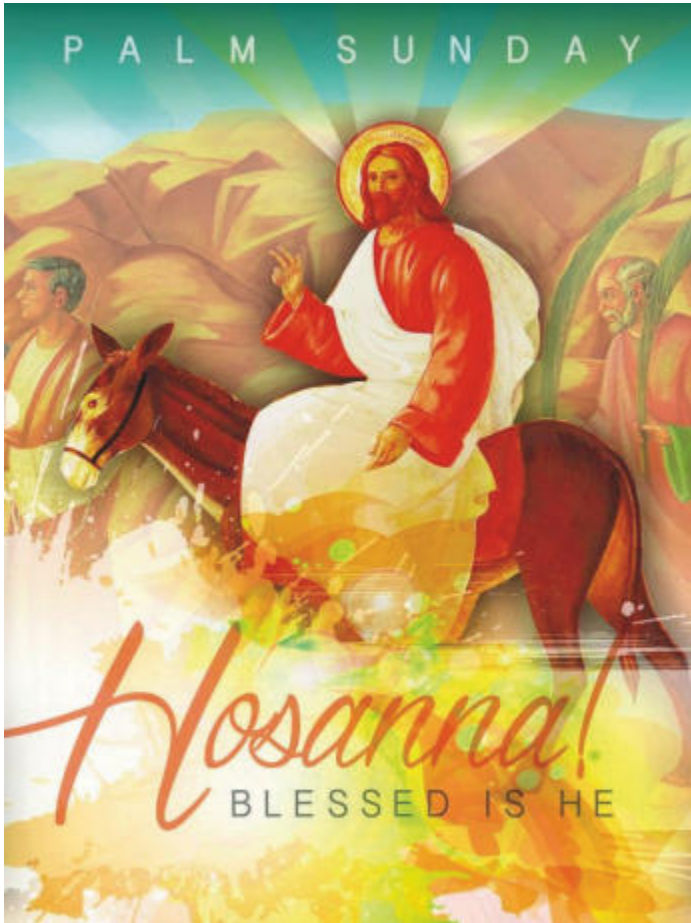


WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.

— March 11:7-8

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March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Immaculate Conception – St. Joseph Parish welcomes you!

Thank you for coming today! Whether you are just visiting or have recently moved to our area, we are happy that you joined us! Newcomers are invited to register at the Parish Office during regular business hours, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am to Noon; 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

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Sunday Masses

Sat. Vigil 4:00 pm St. Joseph
 5:30 pm Immaculate Conception
 Sunday 8:00 am St. Joseph
 10:30 am Immaculate Conception

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30 am Mass—Immaculate Conception
 Tuesday 8:30 am Mass—St. Joseph
 Wednesday 8:30 am Mass—Immaculate Conception
 Thursday—NO MASS
 Friday 8:30 am Mass—Immaculate Conception
 Saturday 8:30 am Mass—St. Joseph

Confessions 1:00-1:30 PM every Saturday at Immaculate Conception Church.

Baptisms Please call the Parish Office for the time and place of class.

Weddings Before setting a wedding date, contact Fr. Glenn at least 6 months in advance.

Bulletin Notices Must be submitted in writing to the Parish Office by Tuesday at 11:30 am.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS: 1:00-1:30 PM

For Saturday Confessions at Immaculate Conception Church. Enter through the main front doors and wait in the church foyer for your turn. A confession usher will give you directions. Confessions are heard in the Mary Chapel. Please wear a mask and follow the social distance guidelines.

Altar Angels

For the week of March 22 to April 2
 SJ - Patty Fontenot and Pat Rea
 IC - Kathryn Wills

The bulletin cover today features an image of Jesus arriving in Jerusalem, what is now celebrated as Palm Sunday.



Saturday, March 27

4:00 pm †Robert Winterscheidt (2nd Ann) (SJ)
 5:30 pm †Deborah Wood (IC)

Sunday, March 28

8:00 am †Rachel Jackson (SJ)
 10:30 am Our Parishioners (IC)

Monday, March 29

8:30 am †Agnes C. Forge (IC)

Tuesday, March 30

8:30 am †Oscar A. Burvenich (SJ)

Wednesday, March 31

8:30 am †Jim Navinski (7th Anniversary) (IC)

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1

7:00 pm †Jim & Jane Frey (IC)

Good Friday, April 2

3:00 pm The Passion of the Lord (SJ)
 7:00 pm The Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3

8:00 pm †Gloria Milbourn (SJ)

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:00 am †Francis D. Gail (SJ)
 10:00 am †Mary Steinbach (IC)
 11:30 am †Ruth Jauernig (IC)

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The “Year of St. Joseph”

St. Joseph, refuge and strength of fathers... pray for us.

St. Joseph is widely honored as the foster father of Jesus, husband to the Virgin Mary and protector of the Catholic Church. As we continue our Lenten journey to Easter, we can all be encouraged to consider the individual virtues that strengthened St. Joseph in his roles. To help you find ways to pray with and learn from St. Joseph, please visit <https://archkck.org/yearofstjoseph/> to find great resources for individuals, families, parishes, and schools to grow during this year through the guidance of St. Joseph.

Requesting Our Prayers

Support Our Troops With Your Prayers!

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A1C William H. Sample	SGT Michael Wall
PO Matthew D. Young	



The Parish Office will be closed Good Friday, April 2, and Easter Monday, April 5. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, April 6. Thank you!



Citywide Spring Cleanup

This year's cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 10. Volunteers are appreciated! T-shirts, gloves, and trash bags provided. Call Mike Simonis at (913)240-1181 to sign up. We will meet in St. Joseph's Kinzler Hall at 9:15 AM, or after 8:30 AM Mass. Thank you!

Digital Donuts

The monthly Digital Donuts for the Month of April has been moved from Sunday, April 4 to Sunday, April 11 due to Easter. Check next week's bulletin for more information about the April 11 meeting.

Enflame our Homes

APRIL: Joyful Homes CELEBRATE! What we choose to celebrate and how speaks volumes to our kids about what is important to our family. Who knew that family celebrations could be one of the most effective (and fun!) ways to pass on the Faith? Here's this month's page: archkcks.org/celebrate

Calix Society

The Calix Society (www.calixsociety.org) is a national association of Catholics in 12-Step recovery (AA, NA, OA, AlAnon, etc.). The Calix Society usually meets the first Friday of each month at Church of the Ascension in Overland Park. Due to Good Friday on April 2, the next meeting will be Friday, April 9. For specific information on time and meeting format, call Neil at 913-645-7244, or Mary at 913-747-5039.

From the Desk of Br. David

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Students in our Sunday morning Religious Education Program are on vacation this weekend and Easter weekend, and will return to class on April 11.

RICE BOWL UPDATE

Thank you to our religious education students who have at this point raised \$446.12 for Catholic Relief Services Project Rice Bowl. Students who have not turned in their rice bowls are invited to bring them to class on April 11.



Upcoming Food Collection

The next food collection for Catholic Charities is this coming weekend, April 3-4. Items needed include canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats and fish, peanut butter and jelly, soup, boxed dinners, cereals, pastas, bread, and crackers. They can also use personal hygiene items. Your donated items can be left in the back of both churches. Thank you for your generosity!

Elijah's Supper

In anticipation of a busy day, we would appreciate any donations of canned green beans and corn, along with our always needed cookies, fresh fruit and brownies. Our April 1 meal will be meatloaf and mashed potatoes. Last month, we ran out of food. One of our biggest challenges continues to be how many meals we need, as we never know just how many individuals will request our help. April 1 is also Holy Thursday so let us show our compassion by responding to God's call to reach out to the less fortunate. *Mitzie Fritchen*

Special Collection

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through this collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please be generous.



St. Joseph Benevolent Society Meeting

The St. Joseph Benevolent Society will host their first meeting of 2021 on Thursday, April 8, 7:00 PM, at St. Joseph's Kinzler Hall. Look forward to meeting again, see you there!

Mass reservations for the Easter Triduum opened on March 24.

Everything held at St. Joseph Church will be live streamed.

Please note: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, March 31; no morning Masses Thursday through Saturday, April 1-3; no Confessions on Saturday, April 3. Also, Good Friday, April 2, is a day of Fast and Abstinence.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Boy, God sure went through a lot of stuff in order to redeem us. I mean, couldn't God have just waved a magic wand and "ding!" made us better and fix all the stuff that's wrong with us and wrong with our world? Today is sometimes called "Palm Sunday", but the official title is "Passion Sunday". And the readings of Passion Sunday don't make a good Bugs Bunny cartoon. It's rough stuff. There's pain and torture. There is anguish and betrayal. There is cowardice and abandonment. It's all there. If you were God, would YOU have gone through all this just to redeem people? But the narrative remains, and it's a difficult narrative.

And what exactly does this "redemption" stuff mean anyway? Is there a tie-in between being "redeemed" and all that anguish and difficulty? There is indeed. First, let me remind you of what you already have learned through long years, even decades, of your own difficulties and anguish. Redemption doesn't mean taking that away. Redemption doesn't mean giving us amnesia so that we forget all the rough times and remember only the pleasant and peaceful times. That's not redemption, that's fantasy.

Redemption is my old friend Walter. Walter was the father of one of my high school students. Walter absolutely lived for his wife Rebecca and his children. They had 3 kids, and Walter's whole world revolved around raising them and providing for his family. When Rebecca died of a brain aneurism 30 years ago, Walter's world fell apart. His kids were grown and out of college, and the purpose, the meaning, the love of his life had passed away so quickly it left him in complete shock. He had to be told to eat, by one of his strong-willed children. After a few months, his daughter Julie came over to help him clean the house and go through some of their mom's things. The two of them looked at items and told stories and cried for weeks. One of the things they came across was a box filled with yarn and a weird circular contraption. Julie told him, "That's for knitting the hats." Walter replied, "What hats?", Julie told him that Mom had been knitting hats for years and giving them to the thrift store, who gave them away for nothing to the street people who needed them, especially in the winter. Walter had never known. But when Julie showed him how to use the contraption, that became his passion. His love for Rebecca, which had torn his heart out, became the fire which drove him to continue making thrift-store hats until the week he himself died.

Redemption is not the taking away of our pain, it is God giving that pain a new purpose, a new meaning, for someone ELSE. When Jesus suffered his own passion, it was through that suffering and death that WE were redeemed. In the midst of our own pain, let us seek God's redemption.

May God bless you all!

--Fr. Glenn

This Week in our Parish



SATURDAY, MARCH 27

4:00 pm Vigil Mass (SJ)
5:30 pm Vigil Mass (IC) **Live Streamed**

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 am Sunday Mass (SJ)
9:00 am No Religious Education Classes
10:30 am Sunday Mass (IC)

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
The Passion of the Lord Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15: 1-39
Gospel: John 20:19-23

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

6:00 pm Parish Rosary (SJ)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

No Eucharistic Adoration (IC)
No Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations (IC)
6-7:00 pm Last Lenten Confessions (IC)
No RCIA

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

No Rosary for Prodigals & Vocations
4-5:30 pm Elijah's Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Parish Office Closed



Triduum Schedule is on page 5 of this week's bulletin.

Prayer for Holy Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Amen.

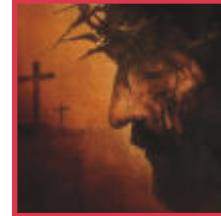
**Join us for our Celebrations of the Sacred Paschal Triduum
Call the Parish Office for Reservations**

Holy Thursday - April 1 - 7:00 PM
St. Joseph Church
Evening Mass of the Last Supper
Live Streamed



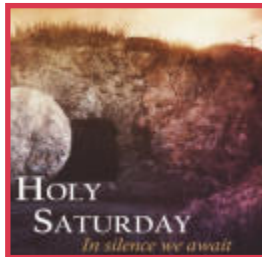
First Reading: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
Psalm: Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel: John 13:1-15

Good Friday - April 2
Passion of the Lord
3:00 PM - St. Joseph Live Streamed
7:00 PM - Immaculate Conception



First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm: Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
Passion of the Lord: John 18:1-19-42

Holy Saturday - April 3 - 8:00 PM
St. Joseph Church
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - Live Streamed



First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2
Second Reading: Genesis 22:1-18
Third Reading: Exodus 14:15-15:1
Epistle: Romans 6:3-11
Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

Easter Sunday - April 4
Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM - St. Joseph - Live Streamed
10:00 AM - Immaculate Conception
11:30 AM - Immaculate Conception



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Second Reading: Corinthians 5:6b-8
Gospel: John 20:1-9

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