

St Joseph Catholic Church

203 Plum Street, Florence, AL
256.764.3303 www.stjosephflorence.org



Sunday March 9, 2025
1st Sunday of Lent

Fr. Jonathan Howell, Pastor

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am—12:00 am

MASS TIMES

Monday.....	no Mass
Tuesday.....	7:15am
Wednesday.....	8:15am 5:30pm
Thursday.....	7:15am
Friday.....	7:15am
Saturday.....	7:15am 5:00pm
Sunday.....	8:00am 10:30am 5:00pm

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Jueves	7:00pm
Domingo.....	12:00 pm

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Check the bulletin

Adoration Times

Thursdays (In Chapel).....	8:00am Until 7:00pm
1st Fridays (Church).....	8:00am Until 9:00am
1st Saturday (Church).....	After 7:15 am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

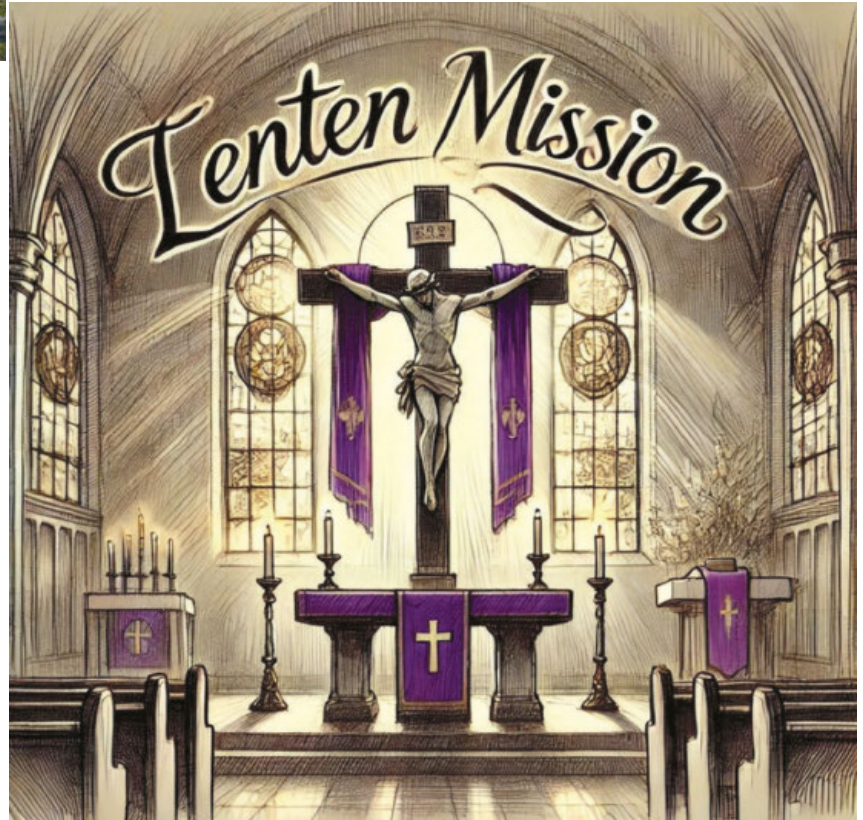
Wednesday.....	4:30-5:15 pm
Saturday.....	3:30-4:30 pm

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK / LAST RITES

Call Office — 256-764-3303
If no answer then call rectory— 256-284-7178

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

All families and individuals are welcome at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Parish registration forms are located in the vestibules, the church office and on our website. Please use the form to update your information. You can place the form in the collection basket.



LENTEN MISSION

Sunday, March 16, 2024

Monday March 17, 2024

"Transformation: Our Lenten Pilgrimage of Hope"

All are Welcome!

St. Joseph Parish in Florence is hosting a Two-Part Lenten Mission with Deacon Rick DiGiorgio of Prince of Peace Parish in Hoover, AL.

As we continue to follow Pope Francis' call to HOPE in this special Jubilee Year, Deacon Rick shares the Kerygma (the core message of the Gospel) which leads us to a personal relationship with Jesus that changes everything about how we understand life and the world around us. Through our Baptism, the Holy Spirit empowers us to know and understand what it means to love our neighbor as we are transformed by God's loving plan that is "ANCHORED IN HOPE" (Hebrews 6:19)!

Sunday: 6:00 pm (after Mass) Dinner in Parish Hall followed by Deacon Rick's talk.

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A short 15-minute period of Eucharistic Adoration will follow each talk in the Church with Benediction.

And for all the grandparents, Deacon Rick looks forward to showing you "Evie's Rock" for Lent!

From Fr. Jonathan

There are three components to lent: Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We cannot have a fruitful lent while neglecting one of these three essential parts of this season. Here at Saint Joseph we are doing what we can to help you enter into these holy days.

1. Prayer: take advantage of the various things we will be offering during lent especially the stations of the cross, the parish mission, time of adoration and Holy Week. Without increased devotion to the Lord, fasting and almsgiving don't make sense.
2. Fasting: This is something more personal obviously, but you will want to at least do the bare minimum that the Church requires: Giving up meat on Fridays and fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It's a wonderful tradition to give up other things for the entire period: especially things that we are attached to or are not good for us.
3. Almsgiving. Traditionally the money that we save by fasting we offer for the poor. This year we will be joining forces with St. Joseph school to raise money for the passing on of the faith in Communist Cuba. Catholic education is illegal, and the parishes are limited by having almost no resources. I'm working directly with the diocese of Santa Clara where I know the bishop and some of the priests. Please be generous with the rice bowls.
4. May the Lord bless us and all with the gifts of joy and peace during these holy days.

This Week at St. Joseph Church 2025

Mon 3/10	No Mass Bible Study Group (Janet Woods)	6pm
Tue 3/11	Mass Young Adults Group (in the youth room) Bible Study Class Lenten Penance Service (4 priests are available)	7:15am 6:30pm 6:00pm-7:00pm
Wed 3/12	Mass Bible Study Group (Janet Woods) Confession Women's Bible Study Lenten Soup Supper PSR Family Catechesis Night	8:15am, 5:30pm 9am 4:30pm-5:15pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 6:10pm
Thurs 3/13	Mass Adoration Youth Sports	7:15am 8am-7:pm 7:30pm
Fri 3/14	Mass Stations of the cross (English) (Spanish)	7:15am 6:30pm 7:15pm
Sat 3/15	Mass Confession	7:15am, 5pm 3:30pm-4:30pm
Sun 3/16	Mass Spanish Mass OCIA Class in Fireside Room Lenten Mission with Deacon Rick DiGiorgio and Deacon Greg With meal in the parish hall / all are welcome	8:00am, 10:30am, 5pm 12pm 9:15am 6:00pm



Tuesday	March 11
7:15am	+Fr. Michael Klauck
Wednesday	March 12
8:15am	Debbi Nerstad
5:30pm	Sallie Polk
Thursday	March 13
7:15am	
7:00pm	
Friday	March 14
7:15am	+Fr. Michael Klauck
Saturday	March 15
7:15am	Debbi Nerstad
5:00pm	+Suzanne Safford Quick
Sunday	March 16
8:00am	Wayne Newbern
10:30am	Gayle Birchfield
12:00pm	

WEEKLY ALTAR FLOWERS : Easter Flower memorial forms are located in the main and side entrances of the church. Donate flowers to honor a loved one at Easter.





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Brittany Bandstra, Sponsorship Coordinator
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St. Joseph's Table

St. Joseph Table March 19th, Mass at 5:30pm and a meal to follow. The church will provide Pasta and sauces. Parishioners are asked to bring a salad, bread or dessert. The St. Joseph Parish Council will assist with this event

Deacon Rick DiGiorgio will give a talk on March 16 & 17. A main entrée will be provided by the church each night and parishioners are asked to bring a side dish. All three churches are invited to attend. Helping Hands will assist with the event.

The Church is need of a windows 7 laptop with key pad on the side. If you have one and would like to donate it to the church please bring to the church office. Your donation helps us get our important work done



JOIN US IN THE MUSIC MINISTRY!

Youth Choir . Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 . Parish Hall

Parish Choir . Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 . Parish Hall

Coro Parroquial . Miércoles 7:00-8:00 . Salón Parroquial

Coro de Jóvenes . Jueves 5:30-6:30pm . Salón Parroquial

Become a member!
Contact Brittany Bandstra
brittanybandstra@catholicill.com

Our Lady of the Shoals in Tuscumbia is seeking a groundskeeper/custodian/maintenance person. Please inquire at the church office for a full job description. All applicants should provide an application which can be found at <https://www.bhmdiocese.org/hr> or picked up at the office. You may submit a resume and references if you choose. Please apply with the office by March 7. For benefits information

Parish Contact Information**Parish office number 256-764-3303**

Pastor	Fr. Jonathan Howell	fatherjonathanhowell@gmail.com	ext. 5
Deacon	Rev. Greg Beam	deacon@stjosephflorencia.org	
Parish Secretary	Brenda Bruce	secretary@stjosephflorencia.org	ext. 4
DRE / Bookkeeper	Kim Kroeger	dre@stjosephflorencia.org	ext. 6
Dir of Music	Brittany Bandstra	brittanyfbanfstra@catholicill.com	
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Youth Minister	Ana Castillo	youthminister@stjosephflorencia.org	ext. 7



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"For I will restore
Health to you
and heal you of your
wounds," says the Lord.
-Jeremiah 30:17

Joan Lee, Rob Foshee, Cori Sparks, Linda Kelley, Paul Drummond, Rose Russell, Terri Nicholas, Nancy Davis, Jackie Grosso, Dan Penny, Sibylle Kipp, Jennifer Mussard, Vicki Bailey, Laura Lee, Martha Watkins (sister of Joann Bottoms), Garry Rosenberger, Delores Patterson, William Mathis, David Tomlinson, Kevin Schneider, Tom McHugh, Roger Burns, Wanda Morris, John Jones, Rose Beavers, Marynell Kriger, Fr. Steve Arisman, Ezra Lawler, Gonka Family, Tolentino Family, Bill Townsend, Becky Mullis, Carolyn Wilson, Joseph Sirgo, Judith Windham, Lisa Woycke (cousin of Fred Magee), Astrid David (Aunt of Ingrid Wirebjer), David Boggan, Adrian Craver, Freddy (friend of Emmy Garcia), Jerry Hayes, Sallie Polk, Chuck Landry, Jeffery Sanders, Karen McCullough, Joey Nerstad, Bill Hobbs, Chrisy Ginn, John & Bonny Siesener, Jim Arndt, Bill Carney, Debby Nerstad, Gemma Pieroni

SHARE YOUR FOOD

Non-perishable food items donated will be given out by SVDP to help feed the hungry in our community

ITEMS NEEDED

Saltine Crackers	Brown Paper Bags	Cereal
Peanut Butter	Vienna Sausages	Fruit Bar
Canned Vegetables	Canned Chicken	Soup
Boxed Rice	Canned Fruit	Chili
Canned Beans	Canned Pasta	Spam
Canned Tuna	Ramen Noodles	Boxed Pasta
Mac & Cheese	Instant Potatoes	
Boxed Pasta	Boxed Stuffing	
	Canned Pasta	

There is a brown wicker hamper in the vestibule for your donations which can be made any weekend

Bible Study Classes**Mondays 6pm**

Led by Janet Woods - 3/10/2025 Session 8: The Last Supper and the Cross: The New Passover of Christ

Wednesdays 9am

Led by Janet Woods - 3/12/2025 Session 8: The Last Supper and the Cross: The New Passover of Christ

Tuesdays 6:00pm-7:00pm

Led by Elizabeth Mokulis - In the Fireside Room, You can contact emokulis@gmail.com . OCIA becoming Catholic Classes starts **Jan 5th** @ 9:15am-10:15am in the Fireside Room

Wednesdays 7:00pm

Led by Kim Kroeger and Cindy Ray. Women's Bible Study - Fireside room,

St. Joseph
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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INVITED

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WORSHIP

203 PLUM ST.
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES**Sunday**

8:00 am | 10:30 am | 12:00 pm Spanish | 5:00 pm

Saturday

5:00 pm Vigil Mass



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
HOLY WEEK &
EASTER CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday 3/5
8:15 am | 12:00 pm | 5:30 pm
7:00 pm Spanish
Palm Sunday 4/13

10:15 Procession
10:30 Mass

Holy Thursday 4/17

6:30 pm Mass of The Lord's Supper

7:30 pm Adoration following Mass until 11:00 pm

Good Friday 4/18

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Celebration of The Lord's Passion

7:30 pm Procession with Our Lady of Sorrows

Holy Saturday 4/19

10:00 am Easter Basket Blessing

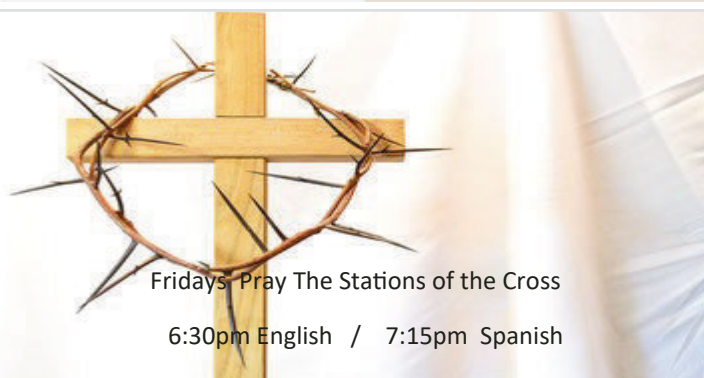
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 4/20

8:00 am | 10:30 am | 12:00 pm Spanish

Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent at
6:30 pm English
7:15 pm Spanish

Penance Service
March 11
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm



Fridays Pray The Stations of the Cross

6:30pm English / 7:15pm Spanish

The Quieting Room At St. Joseph, families with children are encouraged to sit wherever they feel most comfortable, whether it's in the front and center, toward the back, or anywhere in between. We provide a Cry Room as an option for them, meant to be accessible whenever the need arises. We see it as a training ground for children and encourage reverent behavior. It's important that the Quieting Room remains available and is used exclusively by families with small children. If you are attending Masses without children, please refrain from sitting in the Cry Room.

**Catholic Family Services:
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YOUTH NIGHT MEALS

Dinners are Wednesday Nights
at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Dates Available:

April 23

May 21

YOUTH EVENT SCHEDULE 2025

MARCH

MIDDLE SCHOOL
6:00 - 7:30 PM
HIGH SCHOOL
7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

DINNER
@ 7:00 PM

NEW
TIMES

MAR
12

PSR NIGHT

Family Catechesis Meetings

MAR
19

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY

Parish Dinner : All are Welcome!

MOVIE NIGHT

MAR
26



PARENTS

JOIN THE YOUTH

GROUP CHAT

TEENS



BILINGUAL

LENT BIBLE STUDY

Young Adults



TUESDAYS 6:30 TO 8:30 PM
IN THE YOUTH ROOM

St. Joseph Church



CAMPUS MINISTRY MASS & MEAL

Join the campus ministry for
Mass at 5:00PM followed by
fellowship and a meal in our
parish hall!

KEEP UP WITH
CCM EVENTS

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MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

DOMINGO 12:00 PM

JUEVES 7:00PM

CONFESIONES

MIÉRCOLES 4:30 -5:30 PM

SABADO 4:00 -5:15 PM

DOMINGO 12:15 - 1:00 PM

ADORACION

LOS JUEVES DE 8:00AM A 7:00PM

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

llame a la oficina : 256-338-8517

Si no hay respuesta, llame a la rectoría:

256-284-7178

BAUTISMO

Póngase en contacto con el Padre

MATRIMONIO

Se requiere aviso de seis meses

PALABRAS DEL PADRE:


Hay tres aspectos importantes de la Cuaresma: la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. No podemos tener una Cuaresma fructífera si descuidamos una de estas tres partes esenciales de esta temporada. Aquí en San José estamos haciendo lo que podemos para ayudarte a entrar en estos días santos.

1. Oración: aprovecha las diversas cosas que ofreceremos durante la Cuaresma, especialmente el Vía Crucis, los momentos de adoración y la Semana Santa. Sin una mayor devoción al Señor, el ayuno y la limosna no tienen sentido.

2. Ayuno: esto es algo más personal, obviamente, pero querrás al menos hacer el mínimo que requiere la Iglesia: dejar de comer carne los viernes y ayunar el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. Es una tradición maravillosa renunciar a otras cosas durante todo el período: especialmente a las cosas a las que estamos apegados o que no son buenas para nosotros.

3. Limosna. Tradicionalmente, el dinero que ahorramos ayunando lo ofrecemos a los pobres. Este año vamos a unir fuerzas con la escuela San José para recaudar fondos para la transmisión de la fe en la Cuba comunista. La educación católica es ilegal y las parroquias están limitadas por no tener casi recursos. Estoy trabajando directamente con la diócesis de Santa Clara, donde conozco al obispo y a algunos de los sacerdotes. Por favor, sean generosos.

4. Que el Señor nos bendiga a nosotros y a todos con los dones de la alegría y la paz durante estos días santos.



¡BIENVENIDOS!
A LA IGLESIA SAN JOSÉ

¡ÚNASE A NUESTRA FAMILIA PARROQUIAL!

SI ESTÁ CONSIDERANDO UNIRSE A LA PARROQUIA, PUEDE RECOGER UN FORMULARIO DE INSCRIPCIÓN EN LA ENTRADA DE LA IGLESIA O EN LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL. SIMPLEMENTE DEVUELVA SU FORMULARIO DE INSCRIPCIÓN COMPLETO A LA OFICINA. AL REGISTRARSE, DECLARA SU DESEO DE SER PARTE DE LA COMUNIDAD DE FE CATÓLICA.

Servicio Penitencial de Cuaresma

11 de Marzo
De 5:00 a 7:00 PM

Tendremos 4 sacerdotes disponibles para confesiones.

Iglesia San José

ESCUELA PARROQUIAL DE RELIGION

Próxima Reunion

12 de Marzo

SOLEMNIDAD DE SAN JOSÉ

19 DE MARZO

MISA 5:30 PM

CONVIVIO DESPUES DE MISA



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3. Click "Recurring donation", then enter your donation amount and frequency

Offertory for**Sunday March 2, 2025****Offering : \$ 10,449.90****Building : \$ 617.50****Total : \$ 11,067.40****THURSDAY HOLY HOUR (WEEKLY COMMITMENT)**

If you signed up and cannot make your time you are to make sure that someone is in the church for that hour in your place so that Jesus is not left alone. If you need someone's phone number please call the office and we will be able to help. Anyone is welcome during any hour.!

A Holy Hour is a tradition of spending an hour in prayer and meditation in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



Helping Hands meets every 3rd Sunday after 8:00am Mass. All are welcome to join and attend. Contact Kim Oliver 256-415-8520 for information on how to join.



CCM meets Sundays after the 5 pm Mass in the Parish Hall. We are lining up meals for next semester, please contact Kim Kroeger

CCM has Mass on campus the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm at Stone Lodge. We have bible study every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in The Commons.

March 15-16, 2025 2nd Sunday of Lent**5:00pm****8:00am****10:30am****Ordinary and Extraordinary Minister**

Fr. Jonathan
Deacon Greg
Courtney Magee MC
Bryan Magee

Fr. Jonathan
Laura Ann Talcott MC
Joe Burkhardt
Debbie Dinges

Fr. Jonathan
Joyce Elliott MC
Molly Kalliath
John Foust

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Chris Rohling

Marie Horn

Camryn Austin

Blair White

Nicholas Grosso

Molly Kalliath

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Vinnie Grosso

Jessica Austin

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To volunteer to serve at Mass, contact our Liturgical Assistant, John Foust, at johnfoust@stjosephflorence.org or call 256-483-8774

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**March 16, 2025**

1st Reading / Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

2nd Reading / Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel / Luke 9:28b-36

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