



St. Joseph CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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Monday- Wednesday – Thursday:

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday

APRIL 5, 2020 | PALM SUNDAY

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Joseph Parish is a welcoming Catholic community of faith that embraces its diversity and reaches out to all of God's children. We nourish our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ through the Sacraments, the Word and the Eucharist. We strive to increase our stewardship by sharing our time, talents and treasures.

MASS Intentions

MONDAY, APRIL 6

- 7:00 James "Razzle" Rosendele+
Requested by Jim & Rita Carr
- 8:30 Steve & Nora Kineavy+
Requested by Mary Dolan & Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- 7:00 Bill O'Brien+
Requested by David & Joan Guanzini
- 8:30 Joseph & Ann Bobsein+
Requested by Mary Chretien

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

- 7:00 Paul Champigny+
Requested by Jean & George Killen
- 8:30 Giovanni Maggiore+
Requested by Ann Graffeo

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

- 7:00 People of the Parish

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

GOOD FRIDAY +

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

- 7:00pm People of the Parish
- 10:00pm People of the Parish (Spanish Mass)

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 7:30 People of the Parish
- 9:00 People of the Parish
- 11:00 People of the Parish
- 12:30 People of the Parish

For Prayer Requests, Articles of Praise, Mass Intentions, comments or suggestions, please call the Pastoral Office at 772-287-2727 ext. 102 or aritam@sjcflorida.org

WELCOME TO ALL

This church is our heavenly Father's house, a place of solace and grace, so feel at home here. Enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully and come back gladly. Remain in the church after Mass for some personal quiet time with the Lord, or exit quietly to the Gathering Area for fellowship and sharing. Whether you are a Registered parishioner, new to our community or a visitor, welcome.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ms. Marie Argana	Mr. F. Shields McManus
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When traveling, for Mass times and church locations, Please call : 1-800-627-7846 or log onto www.masstimes.org.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 8:30 a.m.
Vigils at 4 p.m.
& 7:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m.,
11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

WEEKDAYS: 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS: On the Thursday before the first Friday of each month at 3 p.m.; Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. By appt. with Priest

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD:

During the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass from September through May (CLOW not held on the first Sunday of the month)



REMEMBER in your prayers

Please remember the intentions of the following as you pray this week:

Daniel McNerney, Gladys Concepcion, Sergio Pedro Arrebato, Marie Collamer, Baby Pio Tobillo, Don Colitte, Bob Frank, Flordeliza Naval, Jillian D'Angelo, Debbie Boyce, Avelina Symaco, Tammy Bjorge, Deborah Martinez, Jose Centino and those who have no one to pray for them.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Regina Sloan, Fr. Richard Murphy, Michel Dermarkarian, Salvatore Izzo, Brendan Cody, Donald Belfi, Josee Englehart, Sheila Carr, Josephine De Biase, Gloria D'Amiano, Godofredo Mejia, Denise Sullivan, Tyler Grimm, Baby Mila Grace Montuno, France Borrigo, Pasquale Borrigo, Francisco, Fred Finomore, Ann Ungerland, Alfred Ward, Antonio Jose Ramirez, Maria Metzger, Gene Rifkin, Marilyn Savarese, Richard Brandenburg, Emily Miller, Elizabeth Yerks, Hudson Matakaetis, and all souls in Purgatory.

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2020

Freedom from Addiction
We pray that those suffering from addiction
may be helped and accompanied.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. (Is 50:7a)

Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading: He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel: But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. (Mt 27:11-50-51)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2020

SUN 5th :Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-2

MON 6th Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

TUES 7th Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn

WED 8th Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 d 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-

THURS 9th Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/ Ps 89:21-2

FRI 10th : Is 52:13—53:12/ Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16,

SAT 11th : Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12

SUN 12th Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23



Gluten Free Communion Hosts

To those people who would like to receive Gluten Free Communion Hosts, please

inform the Priest Celebrant before Mass. When all the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have taken their place at the tabernacle at Communion time, then we invite you to join the line beside them.

WILL YOU MAKE IT A HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

In this week when we remember the Passion and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ, an opportunity exists to STOP and spend time in prayer and gratitude before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. Don't miss it!



"Besides physical hunger, people have another hunger, one that cannot be satisfied with ordinary food. It is the hunger for life, hunger for love and hunger for eternity." (Pope Francis)

DO YOU STOP BY the Adoration Chapel from time to time? Have you considered making a choice to spend time on a regular basis? The need right now is great, we have many uncovered hours. Could you please give one hour a week to the One who loves you? Please contact Michele at 646-320-4233 or email tjoeadoration@gmail.com

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

As disciples of Jesus who love Him, we share our treasures to build His kingdom on earth.

Financial support is very important for the spiritual and physical work of the church, particularly in our own parish community.

In these challenging times, our parish staff will continue to work and our monthly bills continue just as with your family budget. We know you will continue to be as generous with your weekly financial contributions to the Church. We are conscious some people will be challenged financially in these difficult times and may not be able to be as generous. Perhaps, conscious of them, as you reflect on your blessings, you may be able to give a little more in your weekly donation. Be conscious, we have also lost the income of our seasonal visitors.

We ask you to continue mailing in your donations preferably by check. This is also a time to think of Faith Direct and sign up by telephone or online.

Please visit. www.faithdirect.net or call

1-866-507-8757 to set up your account. Enter our Church code FL569

Thank you for your support!



GIVE SERVE LIVE



Be sure to connect with St. Joseph Parish on Facebook to stay on top of all the wonderful things happening at our Parish! Join our Facebook page today!
www.facebook.com/sjccflorida

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RCIA

RCIA provides spiritual and doctrinal formation for those desiring to enter the Catholic Church. The RCIA program begins in September each year and usually meets on a Wednesday at 7pm. The program ends at the Easter Vigil ceremonies on Easter Saturday at the 7pm Liturgy. Through prayer (liturgy), information sessions (catechesis), and fellowship (discipleship), each individual will be provided the opportunity for exploration and inquiries. Throughout the process, we explore the Catholic Faith with the help of our faith filled team of presenters. For more information, contact Deacon Laurence Condon at 772-285-3417.



BAPTISM

We are happy to welcome new members to our Catholic faith community. Infant Baptisms are usually celebrated on the third Sunday of the month.

Requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for a child involves a serious obligation and faith commitment on the part of the parents and Godparents. Parents must be registered and active members of the Parish for three months before beginning the baptismal preparation process. We encourage parents to begin this process prior to the birth of their child.

Call Maily Rychcik in the Pastoral Office at 772-287-2727, ext. 106 to schedule an initial appointment. After the necessary paperwork, which may be obtained at the initial appointment, is filled out, Baptismal Preparation Class is attended and completed Godparent Eligibility Form and Birth Certificate are received, then the Baptism will be scheduled. Our Baptismal Preparation Class is held the first Sunday of each month at 10:15am in the Pastoral Office Conference Room.

Please call 772-287-2727, ext. 106 to confirm class attendance.



MATRIMONY

Wedding Masses are celebrated on Saturday, and may begin as early as 12:00 noon, but no later than 1:00 p.m. Engaged couples must be registered in this parish for a minimum of 6 months, attending Mass regularly, and participating in our envelope system before initiating the marriage preparation process, which requires approximately 6 months to complete. You must call the Parish Office ext. 106 at least six (6) months prior to your intended marriage to begin the marriage preparation program, and in advance of scheduling the wedding reception hall. Tentative wedding dates require meeting with a parish priest and his subsequent approval, before being confirmed/scheduled on the Church calendar.



RECONCILIATION

A priest is available to hear confession on Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and on Thursday before First Friday, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Penitential Services are held during the Seasons of Advent and Lent. First Reconciliation is usually celebrated in the Second Grade prior to First Eucharist. Please call the Parish Office ext. 100 for more information or to schedule a time convenient for you.



CONFIRMATION

Candidates for this sacrament are those already baptized and who have received formation in religious education. We celebrate Confirmation with the Bishop. For High School students, this is a 2-year program. Contact the Parish Office ext. 107 Adults wishing to be confirmed can contact the Religious Education Office for the RCIA program.



HOLY ORDERS

If you feel you may have a vocation to serve the People of God through the Ordained Ministry as a Priest or Deacon, or the Vowed Religious Life, please contact the Diocesan Vocation Office at (561) 775-9555 or speak to one of the parish priests.



FIRST EUCHARIST

First Eucharist is usually celebrated in the Second Grade after attending the required religious instruction classes either at St. Joseph Catholic School or through the Parish Religious Education Program. Preparation for First Eucharist is a two-year program. First Eucharist for children takes place in the Spring. Please call the Parish Office ext. 100 for more information.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This Sacrament will be celebrated with a special Liturgy for the Sick twice a year, Lent and Advent, or in the case of immediate need, upon request. If you are homebound or in the hospital and desire to be anointed, please contact the Parish Office. When a patient is in the hospital, please ensure you register as a Catholic so that our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can visit you.



ACTIVE PARISHIONER STATUS

We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at St. Joseph Church, and to receive the active Catholic school rate. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an “active member” of St. Joseph.

An “active member” is:

- Properly registered on the parish rolls.
- Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
- Participates in parish activities/ministries when possible
- Uses the parish envelope system for donations

These are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We welcome you to come spend some quiet time with Our Lord in the Adoration Chapel, which is accessible via a combination entry pad. Please visit the Parish office to obtain the combination code.

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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES



For PSR Schedule for 2019-2020 school year and other information please :

- * Visit the Parish Office
- * Go online at a www.sjcflorida.org. –Faith Formation

Please pray as a family and individually.

A great website for this purpose is Formed.org. Our Parish purchased the access for the whole year.

You may find:

- * Rosary
- * Divine Mercy Chaplet
- * Stations of the Cross
- * Daily Lenten Reflections
- * Movies for people of all ages (children, teenagers, adults),
- * Talks
- * Bible Studies
- * Books

To access it please follow the direction below, our parish purchased access for the whole year.

- Visit FORMED.org
- Click Sign Up
- Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
- Find your parish by name or zip – St. Joseph Church 1200 E. 10th St, Stuart, FL 34996
- Enter your name and email
- Check that e-mail for a link to begin using Formed

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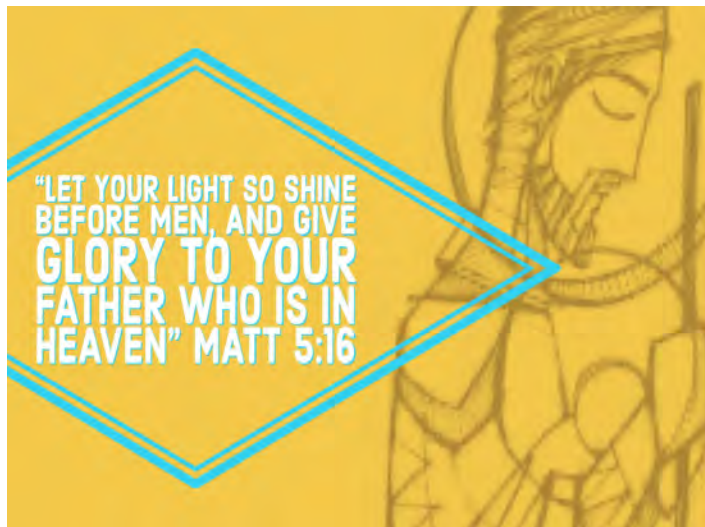
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Holy Week begins today and we should enter this week with reverence, enthusiastically embracing the rituals associated with it. To celebrate Holy Week is, after all, to celebrate who we have become through Christ's Paschal Mystery. I hope that throughout the season of Lent you have prayed, fasted, and performed works of charity. Lent ends with the beginning of Mass on Holy Thursday.

Youth Ministries



Although our in-person youth meetings have been halted, our faith and relationship with Christ has not, and should not be put on pause. In fact, these times call us to take whatever faith and relationship we may have with God, and lean all the more into it .

Join us for our Live Stream Family Prayer Nights, via Facebook Live! This source will provide spiritual guidance for you and your teens, and help strengthen the spiritual bond you have with one another!

If You are interested in joining, or for more information, please email our Youth Minister Diana Lopez at dianal@sjcflorida.org

You may also Join the Facebook group by searching it through our Parish Facebook Page (@sjccflorida), clicking on groups, and simply joining!

Singles Ministry



Attention all Singles Members:
As most of you already know all ministries and their activities have been suspended until further notice to help prevent the spread of the Corona virus and adhere to governmental guidelines. Be safe and may our Lord watch over us all.
For more information please call Irene Olson
772-485-7329



Council of Catholic Women News
Cancelled until further notice

AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT
Cancelled until further notice



Rosary Makers
Cancelled until further notice



Please help us keep our records up to date.

Father Noel invites and encourages you to send your email addresses to joyces@sjcflorida.org. This means we will be able to remain in contact with you in these challenging times. Thank you.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are available by appointment, please call our Pastoral office to schedule an appointment
Come and be reconciled to the Lord!

Sacramento de Reconciliación

Confesiones disponibles a través de previa cita.
Por favor llamar a la oficina para obtener una cita.
Ven y reconcíliate con el Señor!



VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA IGLESIA

CELEBRACIÓN DE QUINCEAÑERAS

Quienes deseen celebrar sus Quince Años deberán cumplir los siguientes requisitos:

- Estar registrada en la parroquia. (Quinceañera y Padres)
- Haber recibido los sacramentos del Bautismo y Primera Comunión.
- Estar en el programa de preparación para recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación,
- Participar semanalmente en algunas de las Misas de la Parroquia, deben ponerse en contacto con alguno de los Sacerdotes de la Parroquia con seis meses de anticipación a la fecha de la celebración. Tienen que asistir a las charlas con la Hermana Jadwiga en la oficina parroquial.

BAUTISMO

La celebración de este sacramento pide a los padres y padrinos que asuman el compromiso de educar a sus hijos y ahijados en la fe cristiana católica. Requisitos: Los Padres deben acercarse a la Oficina Parroquial con tres meses de anticipación a la fecha del Bautismo, asistir a misa por lo menos 6 Sábados antes del Bautismo y anotar sus nombres después de cada misa con la persona

encargada. Estar registrados como miembros de la parroquia, ser residentes del área de Stuart, Palm City o Hobe Sound y tomar la charla Pre-Bautismal. Cada tercer Sábado del mes tenemos los Bautismos. Los Padrinos si tienen pareja deben estar casados por la Iglesia. Para mayor información pueden comunicarse con La Sra. Maily al teléfono (772) 287-2727 extensión 106. Tenemos asistencia en Español.



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HORARIO DE OFICINA:

La Oficina parroquial esta temporalmente cerrada como prevención de contagio del virus coronavirus. Solo tendremos atención al público vía telefónica. Favor llamar a 772-287-2727 para cualquier información.

TE INVITAMOS A PARTICIPAR EN LOS MINISTERIOS HISPANOS DE LA PARROQUIA.

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What is the basic story of the entry into Jerusalem?

All the accounts, with differing details, point to Jesus entering the city riding upon animal (donkey, ass, colt), the people waving or spreading plants/palms on the way, as some shouts of praise or honor. Here is one of the gospel accounts:

“Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. 3 And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, ‘The master has need of them.’ Then he will send them at once.” 4 This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: 5 “Say to daughter Zion, ‘Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” (Matt 21:2-5)

Why is Jesus entering the city on a donkey?

Actually Luke and Mark describe the animal as a colt upon which no one has ever ridden. John simply describes the animal as an “ass.” Matthew is more complicated: *on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. But all the gospels point to Zechariah 9:9-10 when narrating the story of Jesus’ entry to Jerusalem. In Zechariah a Messiah-king is described as entering the city riding on an “ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass.” This messiah-king is the one who will liberate and bring peace to Israel. Zechariah describes the proper response of the people as “Rejoice heartedlyshout for joy.” The people are hailing Jesus as the one prophesized by Zechariah – even if they don’t have a full understanding of all that is implied or that awaits Jesus.*

Why are the people waving palm branches?

It is at least a little ironic to refer to this as “Palm Sunday.” Actually only John (12:13) mentions “*palm branches.*” Matthew mentions “*branches from the trees*” while Mark describes them as “*leafy branches.*” Luke mentions nothing about any foliage.

Be that as it may, why “palms?” It was a common custom in many lands in the ancient Near East to cover the path of someone thought worthy of the highest honor. The Hebrew Bible reports that Joshua was treated this way. The gospels of Mark, Matthew and John report that people gave Jesus this form of honor. In the Matthew/Mark they are reported as laying their garments and cut branches on the street, whereas John more specifically mentions palm fronds.

The palm branch was a symbol of triumph and of victory in Jewish tradition, and is treated in other parts of both the Jewish and Christian scriptures as such (e.g. Leviticus 23:40 and Revelation 7:9). Because of this, the scene of the crowd greeting Jesus by waving palms and carpeting his path with them has given the Christian festival its name.

Why is the “Passion of the Lord” part of the celebration?

There are two gospels read on that day. At the beginning of Mass, there is a reading of the triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. During the normal spot in the Mass, the Passion is read. In a way it captures the speed at which things changed in the few days between the entry and the subsequent arrest, passion, and death by crucifixion.

On a practical level, if one is not able to “follow” the whole story by attending the celebrations on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, then the dual readings ensure you hear the “whole story” before the reading of the Resurrection accounts on Easter Sunday

Scripture Background

This information isn't meant to be read aloud, but as background for the leader. If helpful, share some of it in conversation with the group.

As the Easter Season begins, the church replaces the Old Testament readings with passages from the Acts of the Apostles instead. In today's passage, Peter gives a summary of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. He explains that Jesus entrusted him with preaching about Jesus' life, promising that all who believe in Jesus will be forgiven their sins. As the season continues, we will hear more about the disciples' words and miraculous actions as they begin to spread the word about Jesus far and wide beyond Jerusalem. In the second reading, St. Paul promises that our lives will not end in death but in glory with Jesus.

Pray the following aloud together, beginning with the Sign of the Cross:

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Good and Gracious God, thank you for this gathering to reflect on your Word of Life. Open our eyes and ears

so that we may see and hear the message you have for us today. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-9

Ask someone to read this passage aloud, then pause for a minute of silence.

Ask: What struck you about this reading or the liturgy this week?

Allow for sharing. Move on to the next section once the sharing has died down.

Reflections on the Reading

Invite each person in the circle to read one paragraph aloud:

All of the resurrection stories begin with the first witnesses to the Resurrection being confused and/or afraid, not fully comprehending what they see or hear. It makes sense that they didn't understand. As readers 2,000 years later, we have the benefit of knowing the "end of the story" before Jesus' friends and family did.

Although several times Jesus told his followers that he would be killed and then raised from the dead, the evangelists wrote that the apostles didn't understand what Jesus was saying then. How could they have?

Mary Magdalene is a central figure in this resurrection story, as she is in all of the other Gospels. She stayed with Jesus throughout his torture until he died, and all four Gospels tell us she was right there three days later when they discovered the empty tomb. Peter and a mysterious unnamed "other disciple" are a part of this story, too, as they realize Jesus' body is missing. They seem to realize that his corpse wasn't stolen (if it were, the burial garments surely would have gone with it). The unnamed disciple "saw and believed," but we aren't told what he believed. The passage ends, suggesting the trio still doesn't understand what has happened. The seven verses that follow this passage tell us that Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene, and she comes to believe he is alive again.

Questions for Discussion

Read each question aloud, one at a time, followed by time for sharing.

- 1. Have you had an experience of expecting the worst only to be surprised or amazed at an unexpected turn of events? Please share.*
- 2. It wasn't one of the 12 male apostles but Mary Magdalene who stayed at Jesus' side until his death, and she is the only person mentioned in all four Gospels to have learned of or met the resurrected Jesus first. What does that say to you?*
- 3. When you hear news that seems too good to be true, how do you first react? Do you believe it and thank God for it, or do you look for reasons it can't be true?*

Closing Prayer

Pray the following aloud together:

Jesus, may what we have heard and discussed today inspire us to leave here committed to living as more faithful disciples.

Amen.

April 12, 2020 • Year A

Easter Sunday

> Acts 10:34a, 37-43 -

Peter's discourse

> Colossians 3:1-4 -

Mystical death and resurrection

> John 20:1-9 - Peter and

the disciple at the tomb

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Join us for live Mass online!

One of the greatest challenges in the current situation, is our inability to meet in community—especially in the Mass. Desiring to meet this need, Our Priest will be Live Streaming Mass everyday; 9:00 a.m. | Saturday 7:30 p.m en Español.

Just visit our Stjosephfl Facebook page (link below) and click on the most recent video.

- You don't need Facebook to use this! Our Parish has a public Facebook page that does not require you to log in to view the content.
- The videos will continue to be available on our Facebook page, even after the live stream has ended.
- Our Priests at St. Joseph will live streaming Mass 7 days a week!

When participating in a Mass via video, we obviously cannot physically receive Holy Communion. However, we are encouraged to make an act of Spiritual Communion, inviting Jesus in to our hearts.

Here is the Spiritual Communion Prayer provided by Alphonsus Liguori.

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 our heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Hope to have you join us in prayer.



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SATURDAY 7:30PM SPANISH

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Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



*Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen*

**I WILL
BUILD
MY LIFE
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Luke 1:45

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