

PARISH INFORMATION SCHEDULE

Baptism Class - By Appointment
Baptisms - The Sunday after the class
Marriages - Contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph did consecrate domestic life by thy ineffable virtues, grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by their example and may attain to their everlasting fellowship. Who lives and reigns world without end, Amen.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL 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 in 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. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

St. Joseph's Altar Donations

St. Joseph's Regional School will be celebrating the Feast of their patron, St Joseph, next Sunday, March 26 from 10:30 am to 3 pm. A spaghetti lunch will be served and they are seeking donations for their St. Joseph Altar. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more information.

Standing-up for Caregivers!

Beverly Nelson (beverly@standupforcaregivers.org) has provided a resource guide for caregivers.

Visit <https://standupforcaregivers.org> for helpful tips on taking care of you!



Online Giving Link!

<https://www.archgh.org/ways-to-give/parish-offertory-support/>

Contribution Statements To Be Distributed

The 2022 Contribution Statements are in the vestibule. If yours is not there, it had to be adjusted and will be mailed out on Monday. Thank you for your patience!

Stations of the Cross During Lent (in Church)

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Friday at 6 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Mar.	18	5 PM	For John Lemelle on his 80th Birthday requested by Jean and Kenneth Simon
Sun.	Mar.	19	9 AM	For the people of Holy Family Catholic Church
Sun.	Mar.	19	12 Noon	For Divine Mercy on those in California suffering with bad weather
Mon.	Mar.	20	8 AM	For John Lemelle on his 80th Birthday requested by C. Allen and M. Ebow
Tues.	Mar.	21	8 AM	For Myles Ebow on his birthday as requested by Mike and Michele Ebow
Wed.	Mar.	22	8 AM	For the healing of Jace Patrick Collins and strength for his family
Thurs.	Mar.	23	8 AM	For the health of Ron Patterson, Nicolle Thibodeaux, and Adaya Semien
Fri.	Mar.	24	8 AM	For Kenneth Simon on his 80th Birthday requested by Jean and Tonja
Sat.	Mar.	25	8 AM	No Mass Today

The Pastor's Desk

When the Pharisees interrogated the blind man in today's Gospel passage there was a "division." To resolve it, they asked him what he thought. When he answered that Jesus was a "prophet" they threw him out because they did not believe him. Let us trust those close to us who confide in us and request our help.

Weekend Collection for March 11-12, 2023

Stewardship	\$5380.70
Capital Campaign	\$1305.00
Other Collections	\$80.00

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Fast and abstinence from meat. Fasting means only one full meal; two smaller meals which together do not equal a full meal are also permitted. For those with health issues, modification is permitted. Applies to those age 18 to 59 inclusive.

All Fridays of Lent: Those age 14 and older must abstain from eating meat.

Free Tax Preparation Services

Free tax preparation services are available at the J. D. Walker Community Center on March 23, and April 6 from 10 AM to 6 PM. No appointments, walk-ins only. Please see flyer on the vestibule table.

2023 DSF Collection (\$3485.00 Collected So far)

Our parish goal this year is \$20,000. If you have contributed and your name is not listed please contact the office. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

F. Pitt	D. Fontenot	S. Thibodeaux	L. Thibodeaux
M. Ebow	J. Collins	E. Sifuentes	M. Richard
D. Allen	C. Allen	F. Laday	M. Collins
J. Muniz			

Parish Cleanup Next Weekend

Next Saturday, March 25, there will be a cleanup of the parish grounds at 10 AM. Please join us if you can!

March 19, 2023

SEEING THE LIGHT

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday:	St. Toribius of Mogrovejo
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	The Annunciation of the Lord

Fourth Sunday of Lent

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer in Time of Sadness and Grief

O God of compassion, your people are in pain. Send your Holy Spirit among us to dispel the fear that accompanies grief. We cry out to you in our confusion; comfort us in our affliction. Help us to travel this road of grief and sadness with our eyes fixed on the salvation promised us through the death and resurrection of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Three Lenten Disciplines: Fasting

The season of Lent is characterized by fasting and abstinence. I remember that when I was a child, my parents instilled in me the practice of give up eating sweets and abstaining from candy during Lent so I could share the bitterness of the suffering that Jesus endured for my sins. Eventually in our parish, the priest encouraged us to put aside the money saved from not buying candies in order to send it to poor children. Fasting and abstinence were not only ways to accompany Jesus in his suffering on the cross, but also means of encouraging and consoling him in his suffering children of today's world. The pastor taught me that fasting is not simply refraining from sweets and candy; fasting teaches me how to deny myself so that it is not I who live but Christ who lives in me. To fast means to deny myself certain things in order to give life to others, and thus, with my small sacrifice, to make the world a little better.

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

SPRING

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

—Henry Van Dyke

CHARITY

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.

—St. Vincent Ferrer

LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't.

—Blaise Pascal

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March 19, 2023



Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday
8 am

Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm

Sunday
9:00 am & 12 Noon

First Saturday of Month
Eucharistic Adoration
and Confession
7:00 to 8:00 am
Mass
8:00 am

Stations of the Cross
(During Lent)
Friday at 6:00 pm

Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:30-4:50 pm
Sunday: 8:30-8:50 am
Sunday: 11:30-11:50 am

Business Hours
Wednesday-Friday
10 am-3 pm

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Remember the Star Wars movies, in which the Dark Side was a symbol of evil? In our Second Reading, Paul uses darkness as a symbol of shame. Shame is not just sorrow for sins; it is the fear of being caught in sin, or of telling our weaknesses to another because we think the other will look down on us. Paul was a sinner himself and was blinded when Jesus appeared to him, asking, "Why do you persecute me?" So he knew that the only way to be free of shame is not to hide sins, but to expose them. Does that mean we have to broadcast our sins on the evening news, no, we just need to confess them to God and receive forgiveness. We can do this through the sacrament of reconciliation. The priest shows us that God loves sinners, no matter what they have done. If you wreck your car, you take it to the repair shop and tell the mechanic what is broken so it can be repaired. In reconciliation we bring our sins to the priest so that we can experience forgiveness. When we know that God forgives us and still loves us, we don't have to fear what we or others might think. Let us instead hold our sins up to the light of forgiveness and be free of our shame.

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