

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

**He himself bore our sins
in his body upon the cross,
so that, free from sin,
we might live for
righteousness.
By his wounds
you have been healed.**

1 Peter 2:24



LENT

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

8:00am +Deborah Conaway
5:00pm Derek & Jessica Mayer

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8:15am For the Parish
11:15am +Elisa Enriquez

MONDAY, MARCH 19

7:00am +Fr. Gary New, S.D.S.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

7:00am +Clare Gibbons

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

7:00am +Alice Murphy

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

7:00am Laura Colligan
9:00am* +Catherine Yarbrough

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

7:00am Beverly Coco

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

8:00am +Allan Cusack
5:00pm Vince & Julia Aquila
and Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Palm Sunday

8:15am +Charles Wissel
11:15am For the Parish

*HFS School Mass

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Henry Hollman, James Hudson Miller, Janice Mazikowski, Marie McCune, George Franklin, Debi Royer, Cecilia Hall, James McGee, Janet Ennis, David Miller, Barbara Brodeur, Jim Berthot, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Reb Salvo, Chuck Salvo, Teresa Gregory, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Kia Batchelder, Karlie Batchelder, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Greg Riley, Cindy Morales, Richard Chandler, Mary Chandler, John Dimmock, Linda Dimmock, Sharron Vandurn, Sally Purvis, Wanda Sharp, George Wertz, Ada Carden, Dollie Jackson, Josephine Stratton, Katherine Algie, Nick Rosa, Helen Kissel, Ralph Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, Marrison Lefebvre, Eva Nave, Mary Jean Brost Travis, John Howard, Lisa Andrews, Harold Jones, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Bill Mitchell, Bob Sayre, Elaine Sayre, and Melissa Lee.

Note

This is our new, updated prayer request corner. If you wish to add someone to the list, please contact Renate at the parish office. When that person recovers, please call again to remove their name so that others can be put on the list.

Thank you, Fr. Joe

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last weekend, I included the first two points of the text of Pope Francis' 2018 World Communication Day message. This weekend I am sharing the conclusion, the last two points of the Holy Father's message. Let's take the time to read, reflect and pray so that we can grow not just in age, but in the grace of God.

3. "The truth will set you free" (Jn 8:32)

Constant contamination by deceptive language can end up darkening our interior life. Dostoevsky's observation is illuminating: "People who lie to themselves and listen to their own lie come to such a pass that they cannot distinguish the truth within them, or around them, and so lose all respect for themselves and for others. And having no respect, they cease to love, and in order to occupy and distract themselves without love they give way to passions and to coarse pleasures, and sink to bestiality in their vices, all from continual lying to others and to themselves." (*The Brothers Karamazov, II, 2*).

So how do we defend ourselves? The most radical antidote to the virus of falsehood is purification by the truth. In Christianity, truth is not just a conceptual reality that regards how we judge things, defining them as true or false. The truth is not just bringing to light things that are concealed, "revealing reality", as the ancient Greek term *aletheia* (from *a-lethēs*, "not hidden") might lead us to believe. Truth involves our whole life. In the Bible, it carries with it the sense of support, solidity, and trust, as implied by the root *'aman*, the source of our liturgical expression *Amen*. Truth is something you can lean on, so as not to fall. In this relational sense, the only truly reliable and trustworthy One – the One on whom we can count – is the living God. Hence, Jesus can say: "*I am the truth.*" (*Jn 14:6*) We discover and rediscover the truth when we experience it within ourselves in the loyalty and trustworthiness of the One who loves us. This alone can liberate us: "The truth will set you free." (*Jn 8:32*)

Freedom from falsehood and the search for relationship: these two ingredients cannot be lacking if our words and gestures are to be true, authentic, and trustworthy. To discern the truth, we need to discern everything that encourages communion and promotes goodness from whatever instead tends to isolate, divide, and oppose. Truth, therefore, is not really grasped when it is imposed from without as something impersonal, but only when it flows from free relationships between persons, from listening to one another. Nor can we ever stop seeking the truth, because falsehood can always creep in, even when we state things that are true. An impeccable argument can indeed rest on undeniable facts, but if it is used to hurt another and to discredit that person in the eyes of others, however correct it may appear, it is not truthful. We can recognize the truth of statements from their fruits: whether they provoke quarrels, foment division, encourage resignation; or, on the other hand, they promote informed and mature reflection leading to constructive dialogue and fruitful results.

4. Peace is the true news

The best antidotes to falsehoods are not strategies, but people: people who are not greedy but ready to listen, people who make the effort to engage in sincere dialogue so that the truth can emerge; people who are attracted by goodness and take responsibility for how they use language. If responsibility is the answer to the spread of fake news, then a weighty responsibility rests on the shoulders of those whose job is to provide information, namely, journalists, the *protectors of news*. In today's world, theirs is, in every sense, not just a job; it is a mission. Amid feeding frenzies and the mad rush for a scoop, they must remember that the heart of information is not the speed with which it is reported or its audience impact, but *persons*. Informing others means forming others; it means being in touch with people's lives. That is why ensuring the accuracy of sources and protecting communication are real means of promoting goodness, generating trust, and opening the way to communion and peace.

I would like, then, to invite everyone to promote a *journalism of peace*. By that, I do not mean the saccharine kind of journalism that refuses to acknowledge the existence of serious problems or smacks of sentimentalism. On the contrary, I mean a journalism that is truthful and opposed to falsehoods, rhetorical slogans, and sensational headlines. A journalism created by

FROM THE



PASTOR

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday <i>(Feast of St. Joseph)</i>	2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a	Friday	Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-7; John 10:31-42
Tuesday	Numbers 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8:21-30	Saturday	Ezekiel 37:21-28; Ps Jeremiah 31:10,11-12abcd,13;John 11:45-56
Wednesday	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Ps Daniel 3:52-56; John 8:31-42	Sunday <i>(Palm Sunday)</i>	Isaiah 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39
Thursday	Genesis 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; John 8:51-59		

people for people, one that is at the service of all, especially those – and they are the majority in our world – who have no voice. A journalism less concentrated on breaking news than on exploring the underlying causes of conflicts, in order to promote deeper understanding and contribute to their resolution by setting in place virtuous processes. A journalism committed to pointing out alternatives to the escalation of shouting matches and verbal violence.

May you have a blessed week. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe



**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH EASTER EGG HUNT
FOR YOUTH AGES 1-12**

Sunday, April 1 After 11:15 A.M. Mass

Your donations of large plastic eggs and candy for filling the eggs are appreciated. Please place your donations in the boxes located in the church breezeway. Thank you!!!

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Contact Booker Terry 256-721-0606 or Brenda Brown 256-520-4937

ANNUAL SEDER MEAL

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

The Seder Meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 25 in the Fr. Messmer Center. Tickets for the meal are \$8.00 per person and \$5.00 for children ages 3-12 years.

There is a maximum cost of \$25.00 per family. Tickets are available in the church vestibule and the parish office, and should be purchased by March 18.

Volunteers to help set up and clean up can sign up in the breezeway, or contact Theresa Arnold at (256) 503-5773.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



If you would like to make a donation to seasonal flower arrangements, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 11,114.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,565.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,702.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE • MARCH 24, 2018 - MARCH 25, 2018

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: JP Ross, Joey Ross
8:15am: Joshua Spradlin, Juliet Spradlin
11:15am: Skye Grant, Daniella Nweke

LECTORS

5:00pm: Lori Reynolds, Randy Buckner
8:15am: Bart Lynch, Bob Joffrin
11:15am: Helen Taylor, Bruce Taylor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Ben Sunday*, Karen Sunday, Ann Gunderman, Branden Mitchell, Webb Tadesse
8:15am: Renee Northcutt*, Jeff Bullington, Teri Lynch, Joan Morean, Nonda Sloan
11:15am: Norma Whitehead*, Booker Terry, Bea Terry, Quitman Turner, Carrie Turner,

GIFT BEARERS

5:00pm: Sabine Wlodarski
8:15am: Tommy & Margaret Whitfield
11:15am: Sidney Jackson

USHERS

5:00pm: Joanne Boyd
8:15am: Richard McNulty
11:15am: Cramin Wiltz/Ade Odutola

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

Join our faith community and thousands of others across the country in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with **CRS Rice Bowl**. If your children are not part of our RE program, and your family wants to participate, pick up a **Rice Bowl** from the vestibule this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

Encounter Alefa in Malawi where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more information. **Rice Bowls** are due back on April 8. Thank you!

CALENDAR

- March 18** No RE/RCIA/Adult Ed
- March 25** RE/RCIA/Adult Ed 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
- March 28** No Adult Ed 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Please note: Sunday Adult Ed participants are to come in through the gym entrance doors.

Upcoming Meetings

- April 8** Confirmation parent /sponsor meeting 10:00 a.m. in St. Francis Hall.

THANK YOU to all of our Holy Family School-Huntsville Silent Auction Sponsors!

Golden Eagle Sponsors (\$5000 or more): Jerry Damson Honda/Acura, Higher Echelon (Joe & Sherry Ross), Sandy LLC (The McGraw Family), Danny & Nancy Archuleta, and JPII.

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Special Thanks to all of our Volunteers- especially Keithsha Hall, Vickie & Brian Marks, Bridget McGraw, Mark & Sharon Wiegmann, Sherry Ross, Matt Spradlin, Jamie Stewart, Margaret Lagasse, and Stephanie Samples for their work on this project in the months leading up to the Silent Auction. You were FANTASTIC! Special thanks to all the room moms who made the class projects and baskets.

All of these efforts helped us make a net profit of \$65,000, which was much needed!

Please be sure and thank these great sponsors for us!



ST. JOSEPH 2018 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE TRIDUUM

- Holy Thursday, March 29** No Mass at 7:00 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. HFS Stations of the Cross at 9:00 a.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. Adoration following the Mass until 11:00 p.m. in the Chapel
- Good Friday, March 30** No Mass at 7:00 a.m. Outdoor Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m. (**HFS Soccer Field**) Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday, March 31** No Mass at 8:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Blessing of the Easter Foods at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Confessions at 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 1** **Easter Sunrise Mass at the Monte Sano Overlook at 6:00 a.m.** Easter Sunday Masses at 8:15 & 11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt after the 11:15 a.m. Mass

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

- 10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
- 6:00pm: Boy Scouts (HFS)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

- 5:30pm: Film *Passion of the Christ* (SFH) *open to all*
- 6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul
- 7:00pm: 8:15 am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

- 9:00am: HFS School Mass & Confessions (SJC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

- 12:00pm: Stations of the Cross (SJC)
- 5:00pm: Lenten Fish Fry (FMC)

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

- 6:15pm: Gospel Choir Practice (SJC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Palm Sunday

- Liturgy of the Word w/Children @ 8:15 a.m. Mass**
- 9:30am: RE/RCIA/Adult Ed (LMR/LIB/SFH/HFS)
- 10:00am: Sanctuary Choir Practice (SJC)
- 12:30pm: ACA (LMR)
- 5:30pm: Parish Seder Meal (FMC)

Facilities Key

- FMC = Father Messmer Center/Gym
- SJC = St. Joseph Church
- LMR/LIB = RE Center
- SFH = St. Francis Hall
- STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
- BEA = Beasley Hall
- BRZWY = Breezeway