

**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, FEBRUARY 21

8:00am: Ezra Morris
5:00pm: +Victor Pesqueira

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:15am: +Demy Robley
11:15am: For the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00am: +Ariel Tellez Muñoz

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00am: Emma Robert

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00am: +Viviana Uribe Torres, +Sara Nava

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00am: Engaged Couples
9:00am*: +Marion Conover

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00am: Viju Oommen

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00am: Paulette Risher
5:00pm: +Damien Donnelly

SUNDAY, MARCH 01

2nd Sunday of Lent

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Bud & Climene Lubrano

**HFS School Mass*



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today I would like to share a meditation with you from *The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations for Catholics*. It was the meditation for Ash Wednesday, February 18, which was absolutely terrific and I wanted you to have the opportunity to read and reflect upon it. It has a good way of thinking about Lent as we begin this special season. The readings for that day were: **Joel 2: 12-18/Psalm 52:3-6, 12-14, 17/2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2/Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.**

“Even now, says the Lord, return to me. (Joel 2:12)

Here we are at the beginning of Lent! We often look at this season with an eye toward the future: as the time of preparation for Easter, perhaps, or as an extended time of repentance, fasting, an almsgiving in the hope of a change of hearts somewhere down the line. Of course, there's some truth to that view. But looking only to the future can cause some anxiety. What if I start strong but give up halfway through Lent? Or What if I succeed, but still don't feel any different by Easter?

So, let's focus on the present as well. Let's follow God's call from today's first reading and turn to the Lord . . . even now **(Joel 2:12)**.

Even now. You don't have to wait, no matter what obstacles seem to stand between you and God. You don't have to wait until you feel enough sorrow for your sins or until you fasted or given away enough. If you turn to the Lord right now, he will turn to you.

Even now. It's an invitation, not a threat. Your heavenly Father is ready to help you - even now. That's the wonder of his love! He has already decided to forgive you and welcome you. In Christ, he has already provided cleansing for every one of your sins. He is ready - even now - to shower you with his mercy and his love.

Even now. You don't have to get everything exactly right or deny yourself for forty days before he answers you. Just “rend your heart” before the Lord **(Joel 2:13)**. Reach out your arms to him. Cry out to him, even wordlessly. If all you can muster is a heartfelt “Father! Forgive!” he'll come running to you and gather you into his embrace.

If we only knew how much our Father loves us, we would never hesitate to come to him. So, turn to the Lord this Lent and ask him to change your heart. Even now.

“Here I am, Lord! I need your mercy today!”

I hope you have a blessed day and a blessed start to this sacred time of Lent. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

Laws for Fast and Abstinence during Lent

The law of abstinence obliges those **14 years of age and older not to eat meat**. The law of fast obliges all those from **ages 18 through 59** to refrain from eating between meals and to limit their eating to one full meal and two lighter meals for the day.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Note

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please contact 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



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!

Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, Linda Dimmock, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Judi Trygg, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Jane and Dena Bell, Marie Basta, Richard Brown, Jena Lanszell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Jackie Weems, Bob Strang, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburn, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Mary Vandergraft, Jeff Baldwin, Ben Sunde, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Kennita Turner, Eva Nave, Anna Belander, the Price family, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, George deVuyst, Milly Kuszynski, Brent Weisbecker, Mary Jean Travis, Jean Arndt, Mil White, Fr. Tim Pfander, Bobbie Quintana, Jr., Ezra Morris, Larry Barnett, Susan Sheehy, Chris Johnson, Peter Donnelly.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Matthew 25:31-46	Friday	Ezekiel 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Matthew 5:20-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Matthew 6:7-15	Saturday	Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Luke 5:43-48
Wednesday	Jonah 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Luke 11:29-32	Sunday 2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9
Thursday	Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Matthew 7:7-12		

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION February 21/22, 2026

For 141 years, the Black and Indian Mission Collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans. Historically, our evangelization efforts are funded by the Collection’s grant awards, which are instrumental in building Christian communities, educating seminarians and sharing the joy of knowing Christ.

In our diocese, this collection supports six parishes, four schools and four diocesan ministries each year.

Education is fundamental in changing the morals of a society. Your assistance creates opportunities for solid Catholic education in our mission schools, allows the purchase of catechetical materials and bibles and helps with the formation of lay leadership.

Lenten Dinner Menus

Fish Fry

Fried fish (catfish or tilapia)
French fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw, brownies
Cheese pizza available
Drinks: tea or lemonade

Enchiladas

Cheese enchiladas (four per plate)
Rice, beans
Street corn available @ \$5.00/cup
Drink: soda

2026 ST. JOSEPH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Adoration & Stations of the Cross

All Fridays during Lent
11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Church

Lenten Communal Anointing

Saturday & Sunday, March 14/15
After all Masses Church

Lenten Communal Reconciliation

Thursday, March 19
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Church

Fish Fry

Friday, February 20/March 6/March 20
5-7 p.m. Fr. Messmer Center
Eat in/take out - \$15 adults, \$6 ages 6-12

Enchiladas/Beans/Rice

Friday, February 27/March 13/March 27
3:30 – 6:30 p.m. Fr. Messmer Center
Eat in/take out - \$10 per plate

WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 11,302.26
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,565.32

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 28, 2026 – MARCH 01, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Grady Harmon
8:15am: Levi Stewart
11:15am: Aaron Goudeau

LECTORS

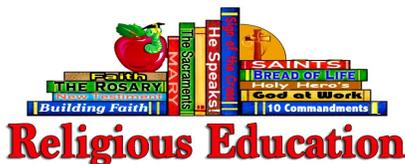
5:00pm: Maritza Holland, George Holland
8:15am: Ann Kvach, Gina Bain
11:15am: Joe Pohuski, Jerolyn Golightly

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Tammy Hoskins*, Gus Smith, Marian Kilgore,
Sherri Lynn Ross, Ben Sunde
8:15am: Jamie Stewart*, Kevin Nash, Michelle Nash,
Ellen Styles, Alicia Owens
11:15am: Maggie Taylor*, Bea Terry, Donnis Aragon,
Gerald Wocken, Bernita Briggs

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

- Feb. 22 Confirmation I Parent Meeting—HFS #120
9:50 a.m. Spanish, 10:25 a.m. English
RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
- March 1 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
- March 8 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARISH REGISTRATION: If you attend Mass regularly at St. Joseph, you should be registered here. Single adults who no longer share an address with their parents should have their own separate registration. If you are planning to be married or are newly married, you are invited to join the parish. As a general rule, registration with a particular parish is important for any sacrament, such as baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, marriage and becoming a godparent. Please call the parish office if you have questions.

BAPTISM: Baptismal preparation class is required for parents and godparents. We offer the class four times a year, at the beginning of each quarter. Please call the parish office to register. If you are a godparent from another parish, you must provide a letter of good standing from your pastor.

MARRIAGE: Marriage preparation classes are required if you plan to be married at St. Joseph. The preparation time is six months. You must be registered in the parish, complete the marriage preparation classes, attend an Engaged Encounter day or weekend and supply all the necessary documentation.

FUNERAL: Please call the parish office before making arrangements with a funeral home to ensure that the church and pastor are available. Schedule an appointment with the pastor to plan the service.

PARISHIONER UPDATE

If you are 18 years of age or older, attend St. Joseph on a regular basis and have not registered or if you have had an address or telephone number change, please complete the following information and drop in the offertory basket or bring it to the parish office. If you are not catholic but are interested in learning more about the faith, please check "O.C.I.A."

Name _____
 Address _____

 E-mail _____
 Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

_____ O.C.I.A.
 _____ Leaving Parish
 _____ Address Change
 _____ Telephone Change

If you are new to St. Joseph, please fill out a parish registration form.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:00pm: HFS Capital Campaign (LMR)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

10:30am: Adult Formation (LMR)
 6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LMR)
 6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)
 7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)
 4:00pm: HFS Construction Meeting (LIB)
 5:00pm: Joyful Workers (LMR)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

1:00pm: HFS Grant Committee (LIB)

SUNDAY, MARCH 01

9:30am: RE/OCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)
 12:30pm: KPCLA Junior Daughters (LIB/LMR)

Facilities Key

FMC = Messmer Center/Gym
 SJC = St. Joseph Church
 SFH = St. Francis Hall
 LMR/LIB = RE Center
 STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
 BRZWY = Breezeway
 VBC = Von Braun Center