

**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 28

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 01

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

MONDAY, MARCH 02

7:00am: Spring 2026 Pro-Life Novena

TUESDAY, MARCH 03

7:00am: Ezra Morris

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04

7:00am: Bob & Elaine Sayre

THURSDAY, MARCH 05

7:00am: +Mike Sanders
9:00am*: Kia Batchelder

FRIDAY, MARCH 06

7:00am: +Mariamma John

SATURDAY, MARCH 07

8:00am: +Ron Wagner
5:00pm: Jim & Terri Stachura

SUNDAY, MARCH 08

3rd Sunday of Lent

8:15am: +Laura Ramirez
11:15am: For the Parish

***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 had some very thought-provoking questions that might be good to think about as we enter this Lenten Season. The meditation is taken from Monday, February 16, Monday on the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time. The readings for that day were: **James 1:1-11/Psalm 119: 67-68, 71-72, 75-76/Mark 8:11-13.**

“No sign will be given.” (Mark 8:12)

Jesus had just come from Tyre and Sidon, where he had healed a Syrophenician woman's daughter (**Mark 7:24-30**). He then passed through the region of the Decapolis and healed a man who could not hear or speak (**Mark 7:31-35**). Then, crowds thronged him as news of his miracles spread, and when they became hungry, he fed four thousand people with seven loaves and a few fish (Mark 8: 1-10). He had given so many signs of the kingdom of God.

So, when Jesus came to the region of Dalmanutha, and some Pharisees ask for a sign, why wouldn't he oblige them? Because he knew they were testing him. They were challenging him to prove that he was the Messiah according to their own conditions. They wanted to see a sign from heaven - some kind of validating miracle - that would overwhelm them.

But hadn't they been paying attention? It's hard to imagine that these Pharisees didn't know about the signs that Jesus had been performing throughout the region. When they asked Jesus to perform another sign, just for them, it was as if they were saying that they wouldn't believe him only if he “forced” them to. They simply didn't want to put their faith in Jesus. So, he said no.

The central truth has always been the case. God never forces anyone to accept him. He invites us into relationship with him. His mercy is a free gift, and he is looking for our free response. He's not a vending machine with buttons to push and a guaranteed result. Rather, he is constantly offering us opportunities to respond to what he has done and to surrender to him more deeply. The Pharisees should have known this, too. After all, God had loved and sustained their ancestors throughout the whole exodus from Egypt, even though “they [did] not trust me, despite all the signs I have performed among them” (**Numbers 14:11**).

So, what signs have you seen in your own life? What stories have you heard about Jesus' work in other people's lives? It may be something as simple as a fresh insight from Scripture or as dramatic as a physical healing. No matter what, each one is an invitation from Jesus to a deeper relationship with him. Answer that invitation and put your trust in him today.

“Jesus, you are all the ‘sign’ I need! I believe!”

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

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 Lanzell, 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.

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**

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday | Daniel 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13 Luke 6:36-38 | Friday | Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 |
| Tuesday | Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Matthew 23:1-12 | Saturday | Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 |
| Wednesday | Jeremiah 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Matthew 20:17-28 | Sunday 3rd Sunday of Lent | Exodus 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42 |
| Thursday | Jeremiah 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Luke 16:19-31 | | |

UNDERWEAR DRIVE March 14/15 to help the Catholic Center of Concern. Requirements:

- Boys and girls sizes 2T through 14, briefs for girls and boxer briefs for boys
- Women's M, L, XL and XXL, or sizes 10 through 20
- Men's S, M, L and XL, or waist sizes 28-40, boxer briefs only

All items must be new and in the original packaging.

After March 15, donations can be made directly to the Center at 1010 Church Street NW, Huntsville, AL 35801, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES March 7/8, 2026

With funds received through The Catholic Relief Services Collection, the office of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops launched a pilot program to combat human trafficking in the Diocese of Honolulu and the Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York.

Working with local partners, MRS staff assessed the challenges facing those communities, trained local leaders to recognize the signs of human trafficking, and helped leaders establish networks to respond to the needs of victims.

Your participation helps MRS and five other Catholic ministries to reveal Christ's love to victims of trafficking, war and natural disaster, both here in the United States and around the world.

To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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

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| Regular Collection | \$ 10,249.77 |
| Black & Indian Missions | \$ 3,510.22 |
| Other Designated Funds | \$ 1,705.00 |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

MARCH 07, 2026 – MARCH 08, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Mike Rose
8:15am: Dawson Amos
11:15am: Emma Taylor

LECTORS

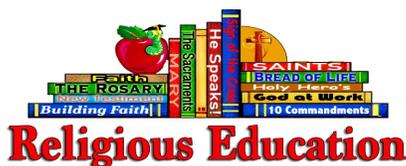
5:00pm: Bonnie Johanneman, Diane Hollingshead
8:15am: Don Gregory, Patricia Maloney
11:15am Tyrell Hongo, Cathy Tichow

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Patty Ayala*, Webb Tadesse, Maureen Chemsak, Karen Thompson, Geri Donnelly
8:15am: Linda Billingsley*, Bill Billingsley, Muriel Weston, Paula Bertrand, Gina Bain
11:15am: Brenda Brown*, Josette Dant, Jerolyn Golightly, Jane Dodds, Michelle Jansen

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

- 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
OCIA Scrutiny #1—8:15 a.m. Mass
- March 15 **NO RE/OCIA—SPRING BREAK**
- March 22 **NO RE/OCIA—SPRING BREAK**

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 03

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04

6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)
 7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 06

11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration (SJC)
 12:00pm: Stations of the Cross (SJC)
 5:00pm: Lenten Fish Fry (FMC)

SATURDAY, MARCH 07

6:00pm: Nite at the Races (SFH)

SUNDAY, MARCH 08

Hospitality after the 8:15 a.m. Mass
 9:30am: RE/OCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)
 12:30pm: KPC/KPCLA (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