

**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 25

8:00am: Paula Cushman
5:00pm: +Victor Pesqueira

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:15am: +Gary Mahon
11:15am: For the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 27

7:00am: +Marco, Brian & John Gonzalez

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

7:00am: Viju Oommen

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

7:00am: +Emma Lavergne Robert

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

7:00am: Elfriede Nollmann
9:00am*: HFS/St. Joseph Staff

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

7:00am: +Katherine Balsler

SATURDAY, APRIL 01

8:00am: For the Unborn
5:00pm: +Dorothy Ivero

SUNDAY, APRIL 02

Palm Sunday

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Jacqueline (Brown) Leahy

***HFS School Mass**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



This past Monday, March 20, we celebrated the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast day is normally on March 19 but, because of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the feast was moved to March 20. This past Monday, we also celebrated the first day of Spring. So, we are in the last half of Lent and quickly approaching Holy Week.

This is the second part of the discussion of Lent. Remember the first part of Lent, Ash Wednesday through Saturday of the Third Week of Lent, is a call to a life of Gospel conversion. The second half of Lent, Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent through Mass on Holy Thursday, focuses on Jesus as healer, life-giver and gatherer of the scattered children of God.

The following comes from *The Spirit of Lent* by Mark Searly, in *Assembly, Volume 8:3, Notre Dame Center for Liturgy* found in the ORDO (*Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours*).

How do these two sections of the lectionary fit together, and what can they tell us about the spirit of Lent? The shift from the “ethical” to the “Christological” is no accident. The purpose of the first part of Lent is to bring us to compunction. “Compunction” is etymologically related to the verb “to puncture” and suggests the deflation of our inflated egos, a challenge to any self-deceit about the quality of our lives as disciples of Jesus. By hitting us again and again with demands which we not only fail to obey, but which we come to recognize as being quite beyond us, the Gospel passages are meant to trouble us, to confront our illusions about ourselves.

“Remember, you are dust...” From this perspective, Lenten penance may be more effective if we fail in our resolutions than if we succeed, for its purpose is not to confirm us in our sense of virtue but to bring home to us our radical need of salvation.

It is in answer to this profound awareness of need that the lectionary shifts from the Synoptics to John, from the demands of discipleship to the person of Jesus. John presents Jesus as the Savior, but Jesus can only save those who know their need for salvation. Confronted with our sickness and powerlessness, we pray for our salvation.

“The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the right of election, the scrutinies and the catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayers, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises.” (*Ceremonial of Bishops, 249*).

You continue to be in my thoughts and prayers each day. Have a blessed day.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



James McGee, Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, John & Linda Dimmock, Sharon Vandurn, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, John Howard, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Antonio Beltran, Ramona Hallit, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Wanda Boren, Richard Brown, Cathy Filippo, Jena Lanzell, Charlotte Johnson, Michael Pesqueira, Jim Kollar, Emma Lang, Heidi Brown, Patricia Hendersen, Diane Goguen, Julie Algie, Matthew M., Selena M., Steven Weems, Serge Corvington, Bob Strang, Mateo Hernandez, Jacqueline Meador, Laura Velkei, Adrianna Hilburm, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Mary Bell, Emma Rose Montague, Art Sandridge.

Note

If you wish to add someone to the prayer 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**

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to John Nolin, his wonderful team and the many volunteers who made this year’s two Lenten fish fries a big success. Great food, great fun and great fellowship. I so appreciate each and every one of you.

Fr. Joe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 John 8:1-11	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, 16-21 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	Isaiah 50:4-7
Thursday	Genesis 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 John 8:51-59	Palm Sunday	Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66



ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT Easter Sunday, April 9 after the 11:15 a.m. Mass at 12:45 p.m. on the church grounds. All are welcome!

In keeping with health guidelines, eggs will be commercially pre-stuffed. An award will be given to the finder of the golden egg.

Monetary donations would be appreciated to support this event.

Sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary

THE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS group will meet for lunch at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Ichiban Japanese Steak House, 4851 Whitesburg Drive in Huntsville (next to Publix). Please call Cathy at 256-489-7111 for information, reservations or cancellations by April 11. Join us, newcomers are always welcome .

SVDP SHARE THE HARVEST APRIL 1/2 The St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry has a special need for dry cereal (small/medium boxes), rice (1 lb/2 lb bags), or other non-perishable foods. No bulk items, please. If you would like to donate, you can do so at the next regular collection at the weekend Masses on April 1 and April 2. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer, contact Mark at morgidam@gmail.com or 256-658-8981. Thank you for your continued support to help those in need.

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR! If you are interested in learning more about us and what we have to offer in grades Pre-K through 8th, please consider scheduling a tour. Contact the school office at 256-539-5221 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make an appointment or email to rlockwood@hpscatholic.com for more information.

SEDER MEAL SIGN-UPS We will have our annual Seder Meal on Palm Sunday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fr. Messmer. If you would like to attend, you can reserve your seat after the weekend Masses on March 25/26.

Prices are \$15 for single adults or two for \$20, and \$30 per family.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 9,189.85
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 4,375.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,628.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

APRIL 01-APRIL 02, 2023

Please see the full liturgical schedule for assignments on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, April 6 & 7, @ 7:00 p.m.

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Troy St. Germain, Larry Bayer
8:15am: Levi Stewart, Caed Lynch
11:15am: William Pacello

LECTORS

5:00pm: Randy Buckner, Grady Harmon
8:15am: Connie Abbott, Mary Graham
11:15am: Jerolyn Golightly, Lee Cuffe

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Laura Hall*, Geri Donnelly, Tammy Hoskins,
Jamie St. Germaine, Gus Smith
8:15am: Theresa Arnold*, Josette Dant, Renee Northcutt,
Jamie Stewart, Ellen Styles
11:15am: Donnis Aragon*, Norma Whitehead, Jane Dodds,
Maggie Taylor, Bea Terry

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

FORMATION CALENDAR

Lenten Season

FATHER JOE'S THURSDAY EVENING LENTEN OFFERING:
A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel.
 Remaining dates are March 30 and April 5, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



March 26	RE/RCIA 9:30-11:00 a.m. HFS/Parish Office Bldg. LWC @ 8:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Masses
April 2 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	RE/RCIA 9:30-11:00 a.m. HFS/Parish Office Bldg.
April 9	No RE/RCIA/LWC — Happy Easter!
April 16	RE/RCIA 9:30-11:00 a.m. HFS/Parish Office Bldg.

“TREASURES OF THE WORLD” RUMMAGE SALE FOR HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL, JUNE 15-17, 2023

Here's how you can help:

- As you do your “Spring Cleaning,” consider putting aside some treasures to donate. Please store them until we are ready to accept donations.
- Make plans to attend this great shopping event.
- Volunteer your time to help us prepare or volunteer your time to help during the event.

More details coming soon – keep your eyes on the bulletin and on the parish website.

Sponsored by the St. Joseph Joyful Workers

HUNTSVILLE AREA 2023 LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Mercy Parish/Madison	March 30 @ 6:30 p.m. **
St. John/Madison	April 3 @ 5:00 p.m. *
Holy Spirit	April 4 @ 7:00 p.m. **
St. John/Madison	April 6 & 7 @ 9:15 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. *

- * = Confessions
- ** = Penance Service

Please verify date and time with the individual parish

BENEFIT BREAKFAST APRIL 16, 2023. The Knights of Columbus Council 4080 will hold its monthly charity breakfast on Sunday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the St. Mary of the Visitation Parish Life Center, 220 Lincoln Street in Huntsville.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, MARCH 27

5:00pm: HFS Capital Campaign Committee (LMR)

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
 3:00pm: 5:00pm Mass Choir Practice (SJC)
 7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

6:00pm: Adult Formation (LMR)
 7:00pm: 11:15am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration (SJC)
 12:00pm: Stations of the Cross (SJC)

SATURDAY, APRIL 01

Hospitality after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 02

Palm Sunday
Hospitality after the 8:15 a.m. Mass
 9:30am: RE/RCIA (LIB/LMR/HFS/SFH)

Facilities Key

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