

St. Joseph Parish

Established in 1878



Pastor: Fr. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.
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Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30am to 12:30pm
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MASS TIMES:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday	7:00 pm
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

**FOR SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM,
FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND
MARRIAGE** please contact the parish to begin the
process of preparation.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday before the vigil Mass

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Pope Francis 2019 Lenten Message (part 1 of 4)

"For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom 8:19)

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Each year, through Mother Church, God "gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed... as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ" (*Preface of Lent I*). We can thus journey from Easter to Easter towards the fulfilment of the salvation we have already received as a result of Christ's paschal mystery – "for in hope we were saved" (*Rom 8:24*). This mystery of salvation, already at work in us during our earthly lives, is a dynamic process that also embraces history and all of creation. As Saint Paul says, "the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (*Rom 8:19*). In this perspective, I would like to offer a few reflections to accompany our journey of conversion this coming Lent.

1. The redemption of creation

The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, the culmination of the liturgical year, calls us yearly to undertake a journey of preparation, in the knowledge that our being conformed to Christ (cf. *Rom 8:29*) is a priceless gift of God's mercy.

When we live as children of God, redeemed, led by the Holy Spirit (cf. *Rom 8:14*) and capable of acknowledging and obeying God's law, beginning with the law written on our hearts and in nature, *we also benefit creation* by cooperating in its redemption. That is why Saint Paul says that creation eagerly longs for the revelation of the children of God; in other words, that all those who enjoy the grace of Jesus' paschal mystery may experience its fulfilment in the redemption of the human body itself. When the love of Christ transfigures the lives of the saints in spirit, body and soul, they give praise to God. Through prayer, contemplation and art, they also include other creatures in that praise, as we see admirably expressed in the "Canticle of the Creatures" by Saint Francis of Assisi (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 87). Yet in this world, the harmony generated by redemption is constantly threatened by the negative power of sin and death.

— — *to be continued*



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Fridays in Lent

Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm and followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

Seniors Meeting...

Due to bad weather we had to cancel senior's planning meeting. The new date for meeting will be **March 13 at 7:30pm** at the Church. All are welcome to attend.

St. Joseph Novena

We will begin novena to St. Joseph today. St. Joseph feast will be celebrated on March 19, 2019 during 9:00am Mass.

Offerings

Sunday, March 3

Sunday Offertory | \$ 1244.40
Pancake Breakfast | \$ 1110.00



Rite of Enrolment:
TODAY Sunday, during the
10:00AM Mass

FISH & CHIPS



When:

Every FRIDAY NIGHT
from March 8th—April 19th

Time:

5:00 pm—7:00pm

Where:

St Joseph Parish Hall

Price:

Single Fish and Chip @ \$8.00
Double Fish and Chip @ \$10.00
Child (under 10) \$5.00

The meal includes Tea, Coffee, Juice box
for the child, Dessert
Take out available

50/50 Draw Tickets if you wish to buy



MASS INTENTIONS †

(March 10—March 16)

Sunday, Mar 10

10:00am **Community of St. Joseph**

Monday, Mar 11

9:00am **Family Intentions**
Req. Alfredo Costa

Tuesday, Mar 12

9:00am **All Souls in Purgatory**
Req. Alfredo Costa

Wednesday, Mar 13

7:00pm **+Eugene and Beatriz**
Req. Maria Medeiros

Thursday, Mar 14

9:00am **Lenten Weekday Mass**

Friday, Mar 15

7:00pm **Lenten Weekday Mass**

Saturday, Mar 16

5:00pm **+Manuel and Lords**
Req. Maria Medeiros
+Francisca Guerrero
Req. Family

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all who purchased tickets and attended the 8th Annual Pancake Breakfast in support of our fundraising activities. A BIG THANK YOU to the committee members and volunteers who set up the hall, cooked and served the food, and cleaned up afterward.



Are you grieving? Are you or anyone you know looking for grief support? St. Joseph parish will have a grief support group starting in April 2019. Please call Fr. Francis for more information.

During Lent, we turn away from habits that diminish our spirits, and instead turn towards the selfless love Christ offers us. The Catholic tradition of eating plant-based meals every Friday during Lent is a small step towards growing in humility and simplicity. What's more, it's a way of living more sustainably in our common home.

Catholics choose plant-based meals during Lent. To protect creation and those who share it, we invite you to add one more day to your practice, or even abstain from meat entirely this Lenten season. This helps us grow in simplicity and protect our common home.



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