

Saint Joseph Church

✠ ROMAN CATHOLIC ✠

PRE-VATICAN II - TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19th, 2023

Rev. Carlos A. Ercoli - Rev. Héctor L. Romero



ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BVM

*“O St. Joseph, foster-father of Our Lord Jesus Christ
and true Spouse of Mary the Virgin, pray for us”*

(Leo XIII, 300 days of indulgence)

✱ **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK** ✱

Sunday, March 19 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (<i>LAETARE SUNDAY</i>) Mrs. Penny Lockbeam (<i>Br. Francis</i>) 5:30 P.M.
Monday, March 20 th	ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BVM In honor of St. Joseph, for Frs. Ercoli & Romero (<i>Mrs. Yvonne Neer</i>)
Tuesday, March 21 st	St. Benedict, Ab Mrs. Carmen Garita -birthday (<i>Gael, Israel & Aris Garita</i>)
Wednesday, March 22 nd	St. Isidore the Farmer, C ✠Walter & sylvia McGowan (<i>Mrs. Kim M. Fortner</i>)
Thursday, March 23 rd	Ferial Day ✠Edmond Joseph Oberti -death anniv. (<i>Mrs. Diana Oberti</i>)
Friday, March 24 th	St. Gabriel the Archangel ✠Catherine Dang -birthday (<i>Mrs. Joan Pang</i>)
Saturday, March 25 th	ANNUNCIATION OF THE BVM Fr. Ercoli's special intentions (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Wilfredo Pablo</i>)
Sunday, March 26 th	PASSION SUNDAY Mrs. Kwee Som Nio -recovery (<i>Mrs. Marcia Aguirre</i>) 5:30 P.M.

✱ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✱

- **DAY OF RECOLLECTION DURING LENT.** We are having a *Day of Recollection* on Saturday, **March 25th** for ladies & gentlemen. Please sign up in the Chapel Vestibule.

✱ **WISDOM OF THE SAINTS** ✱

Fasting

- “*Besides the ordinary effect of fasting in raising the mind, subduing the flesh, confirming goodness, and obtaining a heavenly reward, it is also a great matter to be able to control greediness, and to keep the sensual appetites and the whole body subject to the law of the Spirit; and although we may be able to do but little, the enemy nevertheless stands more in awe of those whom he knows can fast.*” —*St. Francis De Sales*

✱ **RULES OF FAST & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT** ✱

- **RULES OF FAST:** The laws of fast apply to persons between the ages of 21 & 59. On a fast day one may eat one full meal and two light meatless meals, which together would not equal the main meal. Meat may be taken at the principal meal, except on days of complete abstinence. Liquids such as water, milk, and fruit juices may be taken between meals.
- **RULES OF ABSTINENCE:** The laws of abstinence apply to everyone seven years of age and over. On a day of complete abstinence no meat, meat gravy or soup made from meat may be taken. On a day of partial abstinence meat may be taken once.

THE TENDER COMPASSION OF JESUS TOWARDS SINNERS

by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

The Lord wrought the miracle of the multiplication of food recorded by St. John through compassion for the bodily needs of those poor people. But far more tender is His compassion for the necessities of the souls of poor sinners who are deprived of Divine grace. O infinite love of our God towards sinners, exclaims St. Bernard, to redeem a slave, neither has the Father spared His Son, nor the Son Himself!

Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, Who came into the world to obtain salvation for us His sheep, has said: *I am come that they may have life, and may have it more abundantly.* (Jn. 10, 10). Mark the expression, more abundantly, which signifies that the Son of Man came on earth not only to restore us to the life of grace we lost, but to give us a better life than that which we forfeited by sin. Yes, for as St. Leo says, the benefits which we have derived from the death of Jesus are greater than the injury which the devil has done us by sin. The same doctrine is taught by the Apostle who says that, *where sin abounded, grace did more abound.* (Rom. 5, 20).

But, my Lord, since Thou didst resolve to take human flesh, would not a single prayer offered by Thee be sufficient for the redemption of all men? What need, then, was there of leading a life of poverty, humiliation, and contempt for thirty-three years, of suffering a cruel and shameful death on an infamous gibbet, and of shedding all Thy Blood by dint of torments? I know well, answers Jesus Christ, that one drop of My Blood, or a simple prayer, would be sufficient for the salvation of the world; but neither would be sufficient to show the love which I bear to men: and therefore, to be loved by men when they should see Me dead on the Cross for the love of them, I have resolved to submit to so many torments and to so painful a death. *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep...I lay down my life for my sheep.* (Jn. 10, 11-15).

O men! O men! what greater proof of love could the Son of God give us than to lay down His life for us His sheep? In this we have known the charity of God: because he hath laid down his life for us. (1 Jn. 3, 16). No one, says the Saviour, can show greater love to his friends than to give his life for them. *Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends.* (Jn. 15, 13). But Thou, O Lord, hast died not only for friends, but for us who were Thy enemies by sin. When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son. (Rom. 5, 10). "O infinite love of our God," exclaims St. Bernard, "to spare a slave neither the Father spared the Son, nor the Son Himself." To pardon us, who were rebellious servants, the Father would not pardon the Son, and the Son would not pardon Himself, but, by His death, has satisfied the Divine justice for the sins which we have committed.

When Jesus Christ was near His Passion, He went one day to Samaria; the Samaritans refused to receive Him. Indignant at the insult offered by the Samaritans to their Master, St. James and St. John, turning to Jesus, said: *Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?* (Lk. 9, 54). But Jesus, Who was all sweetness, even to those who insulted Him, answered: *You know not of what spirit you are.* The Son of Man came not to destroy souls, but to save. He severely rebuked the disciples. What spirit is this, He said, which possesses you? It is not My spirit: Mine is the spirit of patience and compassion; for I am come, not to destroy, but to save the souls of men: and you speak of fire, of punishment, and of vengeance. Hence, in another place, He said to His disciples: *Learn of me, because I am meek and humble of heart.* (Matt. 11, 29). I do not desire you to learn of Me to chastise, but to be meek, and to bear and pardon injuries.

* A NOTE TO NEWCOMERS *



elcome to the traditional Latin Mass, and to the unchanged Catholic Faith. The priests and parishioners of St. Joseph Church reject the changes of Vatican II. They want to preserve the Roman Catholic Faith by maintaining everything that was taught and done by the Church prior to Vatican II. In order to receive the sacraments here, it is therefore necessary that you attend exclusively the traditional Latin Mass, and avoid the new Mass and reformed sacraments. We also invite you to take our booklet entitled *The Traditional Latin Mass*, which is very informative. We encourage you to visit our bookstore for some additional reading & information about the present crisis in the Church.

* PLEASE, OBSERVE OUR DRESS CODE *

For Men: A shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes on Sundays and holy days of obligation. No earrings. **For Ladies:** A dress or skirt is required; no pants. The skirt must at least cover the knee, and should not be tight or otherwise revealing in any way. Immodest slits are forbidden. Clothing should be loose and not form-fitting. A head covering is also required. See-through blouses are forbidden, as well as clothing which is low-cut. **For Everyone:** No tennis shoes, sandals, denim, even on weekdays. The standards of Catholic modesty must be observed.

* APPOINTMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION *



if you wish to make an appointment with the priest, please call the rectory at (206) 299-1522. **Baptisms** are by appointment. At least one of the **Parents & Godparents** must be practicing Catholics in good standing who reject the changes of Vatican II. If you are contemplating **Matrimony**, catechism instructions may be needed; depending on the case, you may need to contact the priest as early as one year in advance of your wedding. When making arrangements for **Funerals**, please contact the priest before contacting the funeral director. **Extreme Unction & Sick Calls**, please do not put off making arrangements until the last moment. Let us know if a member of the Chapel is sick, hospitalized or in danger of death. For any emergency, please call **Fr. Ercoli** at (586) 215-3251.

• **Confession Schedule:** Sundays & Holydays, 30 minutes before Mass. Saturdays after Mass.

A MEMORARE TO ST. JOSEPH



EMEMBER, O most illustrious Patriarch St. Joseph, on the testimony of St. Teresa, thy devoted client, that never has it been heard that anyone invoked thy protection or sought thy mediation who has not obtained relief. In this confidence I come before thee, my loving protector, chaste spouse of Mary, foster father of the Saviour of men and dispenser of the treasures of His Sacred Heart. Despire not my earnest prayer, but graciously hear and obtain my petition. (*Mention your intention*)

Let Us Pray. O God, Who in Thine ineffable Providence didst vouchsafe to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, grant, we beseech Thee, that he whom we venerate as our protector on earth may be our intercessor in Heaven. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.