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MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & Vigil at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: 6:00 and 8:00 a.m. (the 8:00 a.m. daily and the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Masses are LIVE STREAMED on our Facebook page AND on our YouTube channel).

**Monday & Thursday evenings:
Mass at 7:00 p.m. (also LIVE STREAMED)**
**CONFESSIONS under the red umbrellas on
Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and on
Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.**



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Anointing: Call the office.



John 12:28



THE GLORY OF GOD

THE GLORY OF THE FATHER
THE GLORY OF THE SON
THE GLORY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



John 12:28

All of our Masses are celebrated INSIDE the church.

FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

Blessed Springtime of prayer, fasting, and works of mercy, everyone!

Come, Holy Spirit, please inspire us, fill us, so that this sacred season might indeed become a Springtime of soul and body for each one of us, and for all of our families and communities! We are fast approaching Holy Week, but if it's ok with you, can I just linger some more on St. Joseph in this afterglow of his Solemnity just two days ago? The Gospel for his special day, plus the larger context of that reading, can help to inspire our last two weeks of Lent—as well as the whole rest of the year. Here is what we heard at Mass last Friday, plus a few extra verses:

“Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife into your home, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” ...When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him (he took his wife and he called the Child Jesus...). Now when the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him.” And he rose and took the Child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod... But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel” (Matt. 1-2).



Can you see the pattern? An angel of the Lord gives St. Joseph something to do, and then St. Matthew shows how he did exactly what he was asked to do! We are given no hint of how he felt about it, how hard or easy it was for him, nor any worries he had while doing it. Not that the author thinks that Joseph didn't have any feelings or thoughts. St. Matthew simply wants to focus our attention on what is most important: Joseph's listening heart and obedient spirit, come what may, and what a crucial part that plays in God's plan for “loving the world so much that He gave His only Son, that the world might be saved through Him” (John 3:16). **Come, Holy Spirit of the Father and Jesus, fill us today, this whole Year of St. Joseph, and please give us a listening heart and obedient spirit like his, so that we, too, may know the joy of helping You save the world!!!**

And thank you, St. Joseph, pillar of family life and example to parents, for all of your help with the full opening of our suffering and glorious Saint Therese Carmelite School. Finally!!! WOO HOOOOOO!!!

**Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph,
Fr. Thomas, OCD**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday
March 28

CONFESSIONS (Tuesday & Wednesday (March 30 and 31):

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. each evening

MASSES & SERVICES:

NO morning Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday

Wednesday (March 31)

7:30 p.m.: *Tenebrae Service (*Latin for Darkness) - more info next week!

Holy Thursday (April 1)

7:00 p.m.: Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Adoration and...

9:15 p.m.: Tenebrae Service

Good Friday (April 2)

12:00 p.m.: Reflections on the Seven Last Words; **1:00 p.m.:** Way of the Cross; **2:00 p.m.:** Sacred Liturgy; **3:00 p.m.:** Sacred Liturgy at **Cloistered Nuns' Carmelite Convent**; **7:00 p.m.:** Sacred Liturgy (repeated); **9:15 p.m.:** Tenebrae Service

Holy Saturday (April 3): 8:00 p.m.: Solemn Easter Vigil Mass, beginning with the lighting of the Easter fire

Easter Sunday (April 4)

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.; and 1:00 p.m. Latin High Mass AND 5:00 p.m.





Easter Sunday
April 4




Maundy Thursday
April 1



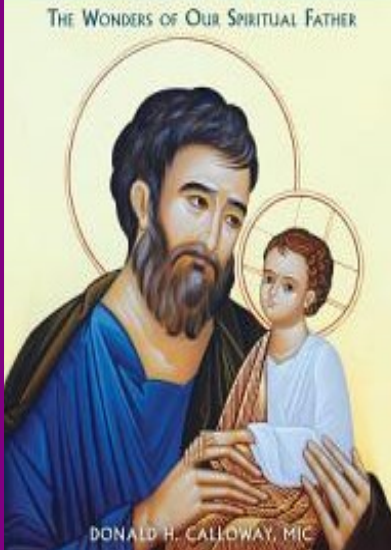

Good Friday
April 2

Holy Saturday
April 3



CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH
THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER



DONALD H. CALLOWAY, MIC

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

THE NEXT PREPARATION SESSIONS for those wishing to be consecrated to St. Joseph will begin **THIS Wednesday, March 24**, at your **choice of Noon or 6:00 p.m.**, in the Guadalupe Courtyard (enter on parking lot side—near Adoration Chapel entrance).

For those attending the preparation or who prefer to prepare on their own by reading the book by Fr. Donald Calloway (shown to the left), the Consecration Day will then take place on **May 1** (the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker).

Books are still available for purchase in the office for \$15 each. You can also find the book on Kindle on Amazon.

REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

Today's First Reading (Jeremiah 31:31–34) is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. Jeremiah announces that God has chosen to forgive the people and that—as a sign of divine forgiveness—a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to Him in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

The psalmist (Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 14–15) gives voice to the sorrow that Israel and Judah experienced in their separation from God: "Have mercy on me, O God . . . A clean heart create for me." The same kind of obedience spoken of in the First Reading is highlighted in today's Second Reading (Hebrews 5:7–9), where the author describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made Him the source of salvation for all who obey Him. According to St. Paul, the earthly Jesus, "Son though He was, learned obedience from what He suffered." These readings remind us how close we are to Easter—only two weeks from now. They also remind us that the path to resurrection and Easter always includes suffering and death. The prophet Jeremiah spent his whole life proclaiming the word of God to kings who would not listen. As an old man, he saw Jerusalem defeated and the inhabitants taken into exile. Jeremiah himself suffered in being left behind, but in today's reading, he is looking beyond those sufferings to a time when the previously disobedient people would be transformed and live in harmony with God's law.



Today's Gospel (John 12:20–33) is part of Jesus' discourses which took place not long before the Last Supper. It begins with Philip and Andrew being asked by some Greek visitors if they will help them to meet Jesus. Once Philip and Andrew tell Jesus about these visitors, instead of

engaging with them, Jesus is grappling with His approaching death and its ultimate meaning for the world. He begins a cryptic discourse on discipleship, transformation, and divine judgment. We never hear whether or not the Greeks got to meet Jesus. Perhaps they simply blended in with the crowd?

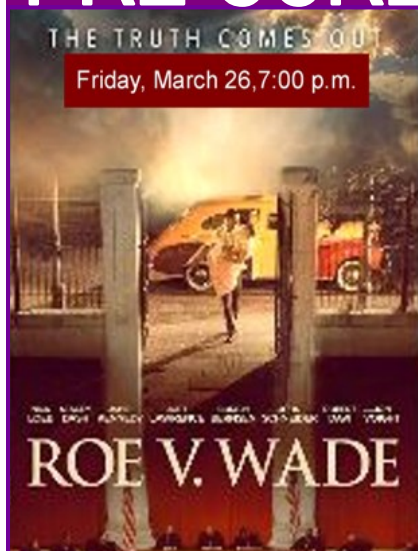
Jesus says, "When I am lifted up from earth, I will draw everyone to myself." The narrator says that Jesus' words indicate how He will die; the readers already know Jesus will be crucified. Jesus also speaks of divine judgment driving out the world's rulers and of the need to be transformed, like a seed growing into a productive plant. He warns about loving our life and losing it. Unlike Jeremiah's detailed vision, Jesus only hints at what kind of transformed life His death will bring.

What if we, like the Greek visitors, want to get close to Jesus? Does that mean that the discourse on death and judgment is addressed to us? If Jesus will draw everyone to Himself as He is "lifted up," does being closer to Him mean joining Him on His cross? (Do we want to be that close to Jesus?!) Do we want to be transformed? If we say "yes," the liturgy these next two weeks can show us the only way the Church knows to get closer to Jesus: to be willing to be "lifted up" with Him in His suffering—and in our own.

Going back to the First Reading, the promise made by God is very bold. He says that all people shall know Him, without having to be taught by others. He doesn't restrict the promise to only the holiest people: He says that the way people will know Him is through forgiveness of their sins. Remember, He is speaking to the Israelites, who had so many laws and commandments that they needed scribes and Pharisees to keep track of them. When they broke one of the commandments or laws, they were even isolated from the rest of the community. So the promise that God would place His law in their hearts meant they would be free to do God's will because they WANTED to, not because they feared punishment or rejection. We ourselves experience that promise when we bring our sins to God. When we forgive people who have hurt us, we also help them to experience that love. After all, if I can forgive someone, surely God will forgive them! We also help others to know God when we share our experience of being forgiven.

Jesus says something similar in today's Gospel. He tells the disciples that His crucifixion would draw everyone to Him. Now, Jesus' death showed that He took on the punishment for sins in place of us, who deserve it. In Luke's Gospel He even prays for those who crucified Him, asking God's forgiveness (Luke 23:34). By dying on the cross, Jesus shows how much God loves us. By rising from the dead, He shows that we can rise from sin to a new life of faith and love. Still not sure if God has forgiven you? The Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the assurance of God's forgiveness, as well as the experience. Along with the other Sacraments, it helps us keep God's love in our hearts. Holy Week is an excellent time to take advantage of receiving this healing Sacrament!

PRE-SCREENING OF A NEW MOVIE!



Vox Vitae invites you to a PRE-SCREENING OF A NEW MOVIE!

If you want to know the true story of how abortion was legalized in our country, COME TO THIS PRE-SCREENING of **ROE V. WADE**. It reveals how the case was really decided. Filmmaker Nick Loeb, actor and director of *Roe v. Wade*, says the film tells the truth of the case. **This top-of-the-line movie stars Jon Voight, Corbin Bernsen, John Schneider, Stacy Dash, and more.**

It will be held in the church parking lot **THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 26, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** (includes a vegetarian PIZZA DINNER. Dress warm and bring your own chair or chair pad! For more info, go to www.roevwademovie.com (includes a movie trailer). For questions about logistics, contact Catherine at cathycforlife@gmail.com. There is no charge to attend, although free-will offerings will be accepted.

Mass & Prayer Nights

- **MONDAY NIGHTS:** Join us every **MONDAY** evening to strengthen your faith! The schedule is as follows: 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:00 p.m.: Adoration; 8:00-8:30 p.m.: Teaching (indoors!)
- **TUESDAY NIGHTS:** For those wishing to celebrate Mass in Spanish, join us on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m.
- **THURSDAY NIGHTS:** Join us every **THURSDAY** evening to refresh your soul! The schedule is: 6:30 p.m.: Viewing of an Episode of The Chosen; 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:30 p.m.: Adoration
- **SATURDAY NIGHT HEALING PRAYER:** Join us **LIVE** (outside) OR via **ZOOM** for Fr. Thomas' **HEALING PRAYER TRAINING**. Training is held on **Saturday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** (join anytime during that time slot). Here is the link:
<https://zoom.us/j/91328296798?pwd=QzllQ3lSMG5aK3k3ZFJLN0gzaHVOdz09>



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God bless each of you!

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the previous four weekends.

NOTE: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month for our School.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



March 13 / 14, 2020
 Unrestricted.... \$20,570.00
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 March 7 / 8..... \$14,589.00

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Mass Intentions

For the Week of
March 20 through 27, 2021

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: R. Burr, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, INT
7:30 am: Parishioners
9:00 a.m.: Robertina Mendoza, INT
11:00 a.m.: Orlando P. Vales, B-Day INT
1:00 p.m.: Angel Avalos, INT
5:00 p.m.: Socorro Hernandez, B-Day INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Leo Viloria, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Michael Le, RIP
8:00 a.m.: Sergio Hernandez, B-Day INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Evangeline Holman, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Fidelina Adan, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Daniel Yan, B-Day INT
*7:30 am: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Eric Meade, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Moses Goh, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Ericka Arenas, B-Day INT
8:00 a.m.: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Daisy Thompson, INT
7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Jason & Sarah Hayward, INT

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
8:00 a.m.: 1) Kayla Grimm, B-Day INT
2) Ebner Sobalvarro, INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel,
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LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday–
Saturday) and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
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STATIONS

Please join us every Friday evening of Lent at **7:00 p.m. in the church** for the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS.**

This sacred tradition of meditating upon the events of Christ's suffering and passion is so important for getting closer to Our Lord.



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EASTER FLOWERS

In order to decorate the church (and the outside worship area) for Easter, we are in need of donations for Easter Flowers. Please help by picking up one of the



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