

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH



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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Julius Abuh
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Coordinator of Youth Ministry (CYM)	
Director of Music	Jodi Swiderek

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass	4 pm
Sunday (English)	8 am and 10 am
Sunday (Spanish)	12:00 pm
Daily Mass (Tue -Fri) and 1 st Saturday	9 am

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass at 9 am and 7 pm (Bilingual)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 1 pm
Bulletin items due Tuesday before 12:30 pm
Call office to schedule facilities.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal preparation is required for parents who desire their baby / child to be baptized. Parents must be registered with the church. Forms and information are available in the office.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DUE TO COVID PLS CALL

Saturday 3pm Sunday 9:15 – 9:45 am or upon request
Domingo 12:00 pm Spanish

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If one is seriously ill or having surgery, please call the parish office or the rectory for Anointing of the Sick. A Priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion will administer Holy Communion on a weekly basis to shut-ins.

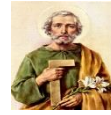
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Pastor a minimum of six (6) months in advance. Dates may not be set prior to the second meeting with the priest. The Diocese requires that couples attend an Engaged Encounter or Picture of Love Weekend.

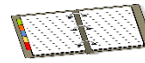
First gathering: Sept. 16, 1992 Blessing of Building: May 25, 2001

Consecration of Altar & Church January 12, 2003

Canonically erected Parish May 1, 2006 Feast of St. Joseph the Worker



St Joseph the Worker, as a happy faith community, welcomes you and your family with joyful hearts to our church. If you are not registered and want to belong to this happy family of worshippers, please stop one of the ushers or myself, Fr. Julius, and request a registration form. Or you may always call the office at (423) 442-7273.



A Week Ahead in our Parish

Mon Mar 8 - no church

Tues Mar 9 - 9 am Mass

Don Maurer

By: Archart

Weds Mar 10 - 9 am Mass

Betty Calabria

By: Galante

9:30am Rosary church

Thu Mar 11 - 9 am Mass

George Price

By: Galante

7 pm Rosary (grotto)

Fri Mar 12 - 9 am Mass † *Edward & Rita Galante*

By: Galante

9:30am – 12pm Adoration

Stations of the Cross 6pm and 7 pm Spanish

Sat Mar 13 - 4 pm Mass † *Roger & Norma Lewandowski*

By: Stephen

Sunday Mar 14 4th Sunday of Lent

8 am Mass

People of the Parish

By:

10 am Mass

† *Leo & Helen Harteis*

By: Harteis

12:30 pm Mass (Spanish)

Becky

Dempsey

By: Galante

CCD 11:15 – 12:15 Marian Hall

Mar 13/14	4pm	8am	10am
Usher	Donna T Steve L	Gary C Frank U	
Server	Conrad K Emmett K	Katie E	
Reader	Barb C	Donna H Dottie E	Art S Marvin D
EMHC	Please check with Fr Julius before Mass Temperatures will be checked		
Church Cleaning	Mar 15 – Jack & Marion Croker		
Counters:	Ron H Susan M		

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WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Feb 27-28, 2021 Week 35

Attendance: 220 Needed: \$ 406

Offering	Online	week +/-	YTD
\$ 3443	\$ 200	- \$ 420	+\$ 2308

Capital Exp \$ 160 Capital Build Fund \$ 0

Good Shepherd \$ 464 Feed My Sheep \$ 323

Thank you all who give so generously. God Bless you!



Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Dale Bauer Mary Cornejo

Charles Downs Ron Eydt Maria Figueroa

Jeanne Huffor Alvaro Pina Karen Ruggiero

Susie Ryan Hugo Schielke Patty Swatzell

Dennis Wilson

Any parishioner who is sick or having surgery, notify Fr. Julius or the office (privacy is extended to those who request it).

Event of Death: notify the office if you would like the Parish to share your grief if a family member dies. Mass can be offered immediately or at a date convenient to the family.

Happy Birthday – Debany Cortez-Martinez, Chris Cotler, Diana Figueroa, Carlos Gonzalez, Walter Huffor, Jacquelyn Hull, Dainey Jimenez, Isela Martinez, Carey McHugh, Fernando Mora, John Reiner, Linda Riggio

Happy Anniversary – Nelson & Deborah Hearl
To add or remove a name from the list, please contact the office.



Our Blessed Mother has asked us to pray the rosary for world peace. Join us to recite the rosary together at **7:00 PM on Thursdays in the Marion Hall.**

Thought for the Week: St. Bonaventure explains that God created all things "not to increase his glory, but to show it forth and to communicate it."

St. Bonaventure- (1221 – 1274) Seraphic Doctor -

Feast - July 15th; Influential Work: Journey of the Soul into God

The Best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.Helen Keller



Flowers: Please consider purchasing flowers for the altar for after Lent. We can place your intention in the bulletin. The cost is \$45. Contact the office for scheduling.

ONLINE GIVING TO OUR PARISH:

Visit our website at www.sjtwrcc.org

click on the "Donate Now" button



Stations of the Cross during Lent: Stations of the Cross will be held here at the Church on Fridays at 6:00 PM (in English) and at 7:00 PM (Spanish).



Support Operation Rice Bowl this Lent: During Lent, please be generous in supporting Catholic Relief Services (CRS) with "Operation Rice Bowl". Take a Rice Bowl home with you to highlight the beauty of our Lenten triptych of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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National Collection for Catholic Relief Services: A collection will be taken up on the weekend of March 14 to support the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the international humanitarian agency of the US Bishops and Catholic community. With your generosity, CRS is helping to break the cycle of poverty in more than 90 countries in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. CRS also provides emergency relief in the wake of natural disasters. Your donation also assists the work of the US Bishops' Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services and Pastoral Care, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, and the relief work of the Holy Father.



Pope Francis has declared this the Year of St. Joseph. Plenary indulgences are available for this year. As long as one is in the state of grace, a single sacramental confession

suffices in order to gain several indulgences, however, a separate Holy Communion and separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required for each plenary indulgence. The only living person one can apply it to is oneself. It can be applied to any soul in purgatory. Think of how many souls the faithful can help.

Please Note: The Bishop has given us a prayer to St. Joseph for this special Year to St. Joseph and he has requested that we recite it after every Mass. Pick up your prayer card, available in the Narthex. We will recite the prayer at the end of Mass.

You Can Take Action: Please visit the [USCCB Action Center](#) to view their current action alerts and sign up for future alerts so that you can contact your elected representatives to express your concerns and opinions on upcoming legislation.



Thank you to the Cotlers for their donation of a new flag for outside of our Church. It was greatly appreciated.



**VATICAN
NEWS**

Pope Francis' Apostolic Journey to Iraq offers an opportunity to learn about the history of Christianity in Mesopotamia.

Today Iraq covers most of the area of ancient Mesopotamia. After a period of Greek rule following the conquests of Alexander the Great, Mesopotamia again fell under Persian rule at the time of Jesus and the Apostles. Aramaic was the main language spoken in the entire area at the time the Son of God walked the earth. We know that there were Parthians and Mesopotamians present in Jerusalem at Pentecost (Acts 2:9). And it is possible that some knowledge or version of Christianity made its way to what is now Iraq during the lifetime of the Apostles. *The Teaching of Addai*, an important document from 400 AD, suggests that miracles (such as healings) and new ethical standards laid the groundwork for the spread of Christianity throughout Mesopotamia. The blood of martyrs also proved to be the seed of the Church in this region.

The Church of the East held its own Councils in the early 5th century. At these Councils, the Church accepted the Nicene Creed but ended up asserting its independence from the Western Church. In the Middle Ages the Nestorian patriarchs resided in the new capital, Baghdad. After periods of Mongol, Turkoman, and Safavid rule, Mesopotamia fell under the Ottomans, whose empire lasted until the First World War in the early 20th century. Today's Chaldean Catholic Church dates back to 1830, when the historical patriarchate of the Church of the East was united with an earlier Chaldean branch. Iraq has a uniquely rich Aramaic and Syriac Christian history. In this land are found two West Syriac and three East Syriac communities, as well as two Uniate and three non-Uniate Churches. And no mention has been made to the other ethnic (Armenian and Coptic) and Protestant minorities! Yet, during persecutions, pandemics, and papal visits, Iraqi Christians will certainly resonate with Jesus' words: "You are all brothers" (Mt 23:8). (from Vatican News website) By Emil Anton

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FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Julius

Brothers and Sisters in Christ; Grace and peace!

On this Third Lenten Sunday, our liturgy intensifies our covenant agreement with Jesus. Today, Jesus comes to physically cleanse the temple which had been growing in sacrilegious directions. If one were to consider how each of our souls is God's temple and should be set aside solely for the glory of God, we can understand how today's liturgy begs for great spiritual purification as Our Lord expresses "righteous anger" in the Gospel of today.

Our First Reading from the Book of Exodus reminds us how critical it is for the Ten Commandments to continue as the backbone of our personal and spiritual lives. In a larger way, they also form the crux of what our world's societies should base their civil laws upon, although current abuse of truth in our society can catch us up short. Renewing our annual understanding of these Commandments never becomes outdated. With our Second Reading, St. Paul reminds both us and the young Church in Corinth how neither signs nor reason can equate with our knowledge and mystery of Christ Crucified.

In today's Gospel, we see another dimension of Christian love in Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple. The mission of a temple is clear – a place of prayer and uniting with God. In this moment, an amazing inauguration was to occur, that Jesus would now become the New Temple. Since our Lenten penances are intended to please God, it is with great reverence for our Church that we recognize our Lord's physical indwelling. Out of this relationship with God comes mutual love, respect, and a desire for one another's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. We do not come to the Church with a business mind but with a mind to love and serve God, allowing the sweetness of His Body and Blood to transform us.

The temple cleansing by Jesus confirms St. Paul's admonition that we are God's temples because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Our Lord Jesus desires to root out all evil within the temple of our world, especially in our hearts. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by acts of laziness, ungratefulness, and impurity. Let us cleanse it by asking God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, using the many windows of opportunity I continue to make available during this Lenten season. This year, we will not be utilizing 'general confessions.' We await clear instruction from both our government and the Church with regards to physical gatherings during this viral era. However, between now and then, feel free to approach me before or after any Holy Mass or please call to make an appointment with me. With Confession, we see yet one more way to remove any obstacles between ourselves and our Lord, and our purification becomes another building block towards making our Church a holier place.

Happy Lenten Season!