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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass
Sunday (English)
Sunday (Spanish)

Daily Mass (Tue -Fri) and 1st Saturday

4 pm
8 am and 10 am
12:00 pm
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 \underline{six} (6) months in advance. Dates may \underline{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 April 12 - no church

Tues Apr 13 - 9 am Mass Joshua Arehart

By: Ted A

6 pm Parish Council Meeting

Weds Apr 14 - 9 am Mass † Roslyn Heinemann

By: Heinemann

:30am Rosary church

*** 6:30 pm 1st Communion Confessions ***

By: Trudy P-P

7 pm Rosary (grotto)

Fri Apr 16 - 9 am Mass Dr & Mrs Om Kapoor

By: Trudy P-P

9:30am – 12pm Adoration

Sat Apr 17 – 10 am 1st Holy Communion

4 pm Mass † Roger & Norma Lewandowski

By: Lewandowski

Sunday April 18 3rd Sunday of Easter

8 am Mass † Pat & Willie Mauboules

By: Mary M

10 am Mass People of the Parish

By: Ruggiero

12:30 pm Mass (Spanish) Dr & Mrs Om Kapoor

By: Trudy P-P

CCD 11:15 - 12:15 Marian Hall

April 17/1	.8 4pm	8am	10am	
Usher	Donna T	Gary C	Ken Hay	
	Steve L	Frank U		
Server	Conrad K	Katie E		
	Emmett K			
Reader	Jackie H	Carolyn C	Teri S	
		Eric E	Vanessa B	
EMHC Please check with Fr Julius before Mass				
Temperatures will be checked				

Church Cleaning April 19 – Maria F Maria L Counters: Ron H Susan M

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

April 3/4, 2021 Week 40

Attendance: 292 weekly Need: \$ 4063 week +/-Offering Online YTD 5290 450 + 677 + 2306 Capital Exp 310 Capital Build Fund 40 Good Shepherd 309 Feed My Sheep 28 Seminarian Ed. 285 Holy Land 431

Flowers 110

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



Fray 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 – Maria Baeza, Wilfredo Castro, Jose Guzman, Fatima Lopez, Emily Magana-Espinoza, Evelyn Mondragon, Osvaldo Mora, Michael Orr, Teresa Pena, Angelique Quintana, Deisy Zavala, Mario Zavala, Roberto Zavala

Happy Anniversary - Richard & Karen Burris 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 at the grotto.



Urgent: Please return your Rice Bowls to the Church.

Thought for the Week: "Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God..All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy." (No.301) ...**Sr. Faustina**

"There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy... that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God." Pope St. John Paul II

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



After nearly 15 years, our Parish Office Secretary/Bookkeeper, Sue Mangiaracina is retiring at the end of this June. Sue has touched the lives of many parishioners during her time at SJTW. On behalf of our faith community, I appreciate all

the support she has provided to the parish. We are grateful. I am certain you will join me in wishing Sue the best in all her future plans. FYI: Sue will still be around as Director of Religious Education.



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting iktems for their **Annual Yard Sale**. Contact Ed Harless (423-884-2575) or Dan Callan (423-884-6760) for more information.

ONLINE GIVING

Visit our website at www.sjtwrcc.org

click on the "Donate Now" button

Council of Catholic Women Activities:

Smoky Mountain Deanery CCW: May 1, 2021 - General Meeting at *Our Lady of Fatima, Alcoa.* Mass at 9:00 am. Meeting to follow.

Knoxville Diocesan CCW: June 10, 11, 12: Convention at *The Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*. Theme "Heart to Heart: Our Yes to Jesus through Mary". For more information contact Barbara Callan or contact Michelle Peckham at misha1109@yahoo.com.

If you are experiencing emotional/spiritual difficulties from a past abortion, you are not alone. Catholic Charities is here to assist you with Rachel's Vineyard healing and recovery retreat April 23rd – 25th, 2021 at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, TN. Complete confidentiality is honored. Deadline for registration is April 16, 2021. If you are unable to attend a weekend retreat, one-on-one counseling is available with counselors who have been trained in this area. For more information, please Davidson (865) 776-4510 or contact Sandi sandi@ccetn.org.

Pope Francis proclaims 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph.



The feast of St. Joseph the Worker was instituted on May 1, 1955. The faithful can gain a plenary indulgence through such diligence. Those "who daily entrust their activities to the

protection of St. Joseph and all the faithful who invoke with prayer" the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker "so that who is looking for work can find a job and work [for] everyone is more dignified" will benefit. *National Catholic Registry*

First Annual Race for Kids Virtual 5K & Family Walk:

You can help support CCETN's Children's Emergency Shelter and C.H.A.P. Program by joining the Kids Virtual 5K & Family Walk. It will be held Sunday, April 18 through Wednesday, April 28, 2021. You can do it virtually, from home or from anywhere. Just go to www.ccetn.org/RaceForKids for more details or to sign up.



Additional Easter Flower donations in Memory of:

Gerald Kyker Sr Bill Poteet Evelyn Poteet Kevin Kyker Brandi Sanchez Shannon Moody Mr & Mrs Burkholder Mary Ann & Lynette Wilson Mr & Mrs Wilson James Bauer

Thank You everyone for your gracious donations.

On Easter Monday, Pope Francis speaks of the angel's appearance and the proclamation of Christ's Resurrection, noting that in finding the Risen Christ we discover peace of heart. He recalled that the day is known as *Monday of the Angel* because "we recall the meeting of the angel with the women who arrived at Jesus' tomb" after He had risen. The Pope noted that the angel said: "I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen" This expression - "He has risen" - goes beyond human capacity, said the Pope. "Only an angel could say that Jesus had risen", he said, just as only an angel had been able to say to Mary: "you will conceive a son...and he will be called the Son of the Most High."

The Pope then noted that Matthew the Evangelist narrates that on Easter morning "there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it." He explained that the large stone, which "was supposed to be the seal of the victory of evil and death, was put underfoot," and "becomes the footstool of the angel of the Lord." All of the plans and defenses of Jesus's enemies and persecutors were in vain, he said. The image of the angel sitting on the stone before the tomb is "the concrete, visible manifestation of God's victory over evil, of Christ's victory over the prince of this world, of light over darkness." Jesus's tomb was not opened by a physical phenomenon, but "by the Lord's intervention", said the Pope. The angel's appearance, "was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow." "These details are symbols that confirm the intervention of God himself, bearer of a new era, of the last times of history," said the Pope.

There is a two-fold reaction in beholding this intervention on God's part, said Pope Francis. The first is that of the guards, "who cannot face the overwhelming power of God and are shaken by an interior earthquake: they became like dead men." The power of the Resurrection overthrows those who had been used to guarantee the apparent victory of death. The second is the reaction of the women, which the Pope described as being "very different" because "they are expressly invited by the angel of the Lord not to be afraid and not to seek Jesus in the tomb."

Pope Francis then went on to note that we can reap a precious teaching from the angel's words. "We should never tire of seeking the Risen Christ who gives life in abundance to those who meet Him," he said. He explained that "to find Christ means to discover peace of heart." The same women of the Gospel, after initially being shaken, experience great joy in discovering the Master alive, he said. "In this Easter Season, my wish is that everyone might have the same spiritual experience, welcoming in our hearts, in our homes and in our families the joyful proclamation of Easter: 'Christ, having risen from the dead dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over Him.'"

Finally, Pope Francis concluded that it is this certainty that "moves us to pray today and throughout the Easter Season." "The angel Gabriel had greeted [Mary] thus the first time: "Rejoice, full of grace!" (see Lk 1:28). Now Mary's joy is complete: Jesus lives; Love has conquered." "May this be our joy as well!" said the Pope.By

Vatican News staff writer

From the desk of Fr. Julius

Brothers and Sisters in Christ; Grace and peace!

The Divine Mercy Sunday this year is distinctly different from last year's observance when we were in the throes of complete isolation and caution. But although we were missing, God has continued to be ever available in our lives! Our Lord, who is supernaturally present in all of the Sacraments, especially sanctifies us in the Church's great Sacrament of Forgiveness. That is why our opening prayer addresses the Father as ,"God of everlasting Mercy," who sent His only begotten Son as Savior and Lord."

For all of you who were unable to participate in the Sacrament of Confession as a result of the pandemic, a good Act of Contrition enables one to confess one's sins and return us to a renewed relationship with the loving Father. "O my God, I am heartily sorry for having of- fended Thee: and I detest my sins most sincerely because they displease Thee, my God, Who art so deserving of all my love for Thy infinite goodness and most amiable perfections: and I firmly resolve by Thy holy grace never more to offend Thee."

In our First Reading, St. Luke relates how the early Church grew daily with their many acts and wonders amongst community life whilst practicing the sacrificial *agápe* love. Luke said "... every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." In the second reading, St. Peter gives glory to God the Father for showing us His mercy, in granting Jesus' Resurrection from the dead and glorious Ascension into Heaven. He suggests that although our faith may indeed be tested and tried, we have an imperishable inheritance in our salvation.

Traditionally, today's Gospel of John recalls how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of His Divine Mercy, which rightly gives his apostles the power to forgive sins with these words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of faith about Jesus' identity, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates Jesus' mercy for the doubting apostle and emphasizes the need to trust in faith even without empirical facts. Today, Thomas represents all of us and the other disciples who similarly had reservations in belief: belief in a life that escapes the senses, our unseen conviction.

When St. Faustina received our Lord's words requesting that this Feast of Mercy be celebrated the Sunday after Easter, He told her "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment...all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." [Excerpted from *Diary of Sr. M. Faustina Kowalska*.]. Finding time for Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament, performing intentional corporal and spiritual works, and partaking of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are genuine ways to receive and give thanks for His Divine Mercy. Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to Him and leads us to serve those we encounter with love.

Joyous Divine Mercy Sunday!