



Saint Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 19, 2017 • Third Sunday of Lent

St. Joseph Catholic Church:
3600 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205

Parish Office Hours:
Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time! If you attend St. Joseph's regularly, please stop by the parish office to fill out a registration card.

Community Sunday

All are invited to enjoy refreshments in the lobby of the Rowland Education Building on the second Sunday of each month after all morning Masses.

Active Membership

The Facilities and Services of St. Joseph Church are available to active members. Three points determine active membership:

- Registration in the parish for a sufficient period of time and use of the envelope system in support of the parish;
- Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days;
- Volunteer and participate in Parish activities with time, talent, and resources as means permit.

Special Needs

Special needs and wheelchair seating is available in the front row of the Church. Cars must display a valid handicap sticker to park in the reserved handicap spaces in the Church parking lot.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, 4:30 PM. Include name and phone number of contact person. All announcements must be copy ready.

Protecting Our Children

St. Joseph Church and School and the Diocese of Charleston are committed to the protection of children. The following numbers are provided for your information: Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister: (800) 921-8122; Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: (843) 261-0431.

Baptism: Parents must attend one adult seminar before having their child baptized. This session will be held at 1:30 PM on the 2nd Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Baptisms will be scheduled approximately two times per month. Call the Religious Education Office at 540-1906 to register or for further information.

Marriage: Those contemplating marriage should contact the priest at least six months in advance of the wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office to request hospital visits and for individual anointing when anyone is seriously ill or having surgery.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Individuals interested in becoming full members of the Catholic community participate in a process of Christian Initiation. Call the Religious Education Office at 540-1906 or e-mail stjoe@stjoe.org for more information.

Parish Mass Schedule

Masses:

Saturday Vigil.....5:30 PM
Sunday 8:15, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM

Holy Days:

please check bulletin or website

Daily Mass:

Tuesday to Friday 7:30 AM
Tuesday..... 5:30 PM
First Saturday..... 8:30 AM

School Mass:

Friday (Sept. - May).....8:30 AM
all are welcome

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Adoration:

Tuesday.....8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM
and by appointment

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Annual Budget 1,320,000.00
YTD Actual 963,964.81

Weekly Offering

Budget 25,384.62
Received: 3-12-17 21,493.10

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a lifechanging relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

NURSERY ASSISTANT NEEDED

St. Joseph Church is seeking a Nursery Assistant for Sundays (10:30 AM.) This is a part-time paid position. Successful applicants must be 21 or older, and CPR & First Aid certified; experience preferred. All employees of the Diocese of Charleston who work with children must attend the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" training, pass background checks and sign the "Diocese Code of Conduct" and "Confidentiality Agreement." If interested, please contact Mary Kay at 254-7646 ext. 414.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Homebound: Louise Loftis, Cathy Munnerlyn, Ellie O'Shea, Sid Lacoste, Shaida Benson, Rosemary Parks, Leona Melson, Maria Perez, Angie Perez, George Rice, George Brady, Marcy Bytnar, Laddie Gatling, Betty C. McDougall, Joe Guild, Mary DeLay, Patricia Benoit, Lester Johnson and Vic Schwartz.

Catholic Corner

The Middle Ages saw an expansion in devotion to St. Joseph. Fr. John Gerson, an early 15th-century French teacher, wrote Considerations on St. Joseph, which expounded upon St. Joseph's sanctity and virtues. Fr. Gerson called on the Council fathers at Constans to officially invoke St. Joseph's intercession for the Church (at a time of great trial because of the Western Schism) and to institute a feast of St. Joseph to obtain his powerful intercession for the Church's unity. Fr. Gerson's guiding principle was that Joseph was the true husband of the Mother of God, and that all of St. Joseph's extraordinary gifts and virtues flowed from this fact.



SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Joseph Catholic School students and their parents are encouraged to join our Mary's Children Rosary Group for the Lenten season. The group will meet daily during Lent from 7:25 - 7:45 AM each school day that the school is in session. Additionally, every Tuesday and Thursday during Lent the student body, as a whole, prays the Stations of the Cross at 8:00 AM. We are believers in the power of prayer!

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL NEWS

You're Invited!

The Junior Card Players present Madagascar a Musical Adventure, Jr. Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 PM
CN Anna Tronco Williams Performing Arts Center
General Admission is \$8.00; CN students with ID \$5.00; Children 10 and under \$2.00.
Admission for Cardinal Newman alumni is free.
For more information, visit: www.cnhs.org

TEEN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

LIFE TEEN will meet Sunday, March 19, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Blossom Street House. Follow us on Twitter @stjcym_col or for more information, please contact: tom@stjosephcolumbia.org

YOUNG ADULTS/YOUNG FAMILIES

Join us this Sunday, March 19 at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall/Gym for dinner and a devotional. Childcare and supper will be provided. We'll be discussing chapter 7 in *It Starts at Home*. If you plan to attend, please e-mail fellowshipatstjoseph@gmail.com
We look forward to seeing you!

"Since we all must die, we should cherish a special devotion to St. Joseph, that he may obtain for us a happy death. All Christians regard him as the advocate of the dying who had honored him during their life, and that for three reasons: First, because Jesus Christ loved him not only as a friend, but as a father, and on this account his mediation is far more efficacious than that of any other Saint. Second, because St. Joseph has obtained special power against the evil spirits, who tempt us with redoubled vigor at the hour of death. Third, the assistance given St. Joseph at his death by Jesus and Mary obtained for him the right to secure a holy and peaceful death for his servants. Hence, if they invoke him at the hour of death, he will not only help them, but he will also obtain for them the assistance of Jesus and Mary."

St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes for grades K5 through 8 continue on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM.

5K Religious Education students will be taking up collections for the St. Vincent de Paul Society on Wednesdays throughout Lent. **On Wednesday, March 22, students in all grades are asked to bring in toilet paper and paper towels for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

CONFIRMATION NEWS

The paper describing their patron saint is due from the Confirmation candidates. The *Service Hours Verification* and *Eucharistic Adoration Hours Verification* forms are due by March 17.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

An Introductory Session of the Creighton Model of Natural Family Planning will be offered on Monday, March 20, at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph. NFP is easy to learn, inexpensive and reliable, and it strengthens marriages and families. For more information or to register, please contact Kelli Ball at 807-0158 or kellihsball@yahoo.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



"Is the LORD in our midst or not?" Let God enhance your marriage by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is July 7-9, in Greenville. Early registration is recommended. For more information, please visit our website at:

<https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at: applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.

Schedule for
**Lenten Communal Penance Services
St. Joseph**

Thursday, March 30 at 6:00 PM

Additional Confessions at St. Joseph

Saturday, April 8 3:00 to 5:00 PM

Monday, April 10 12 Noon to 1:30 PM

*Other Area Services
at 7:00 PM unless noted*

Monday, March 20 *6:30 PM	St. John Neumann
Wednesday, March 22	St. Martin de Porres
Thursday, March 23	Transfiguration
Tuesday, March 28	Our Lady of the Lake
Thursday, March 30 *6:00 PM	St. Joseph
Monday, April 3	Our Lady of the Hills
Wednesday, April 5	St. Peter's
Thursday, April 6	Our Lady of Perpetual Help

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 19

- 8:15 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph
- 10:30 AM Mr. Eric Zona +
- 12:15 PM Mr. Charles M. Hill +

Tuesday, March 21

- 7:30 AM Mary Kay & Mike Palyok (I)
- 5:30 PM Mr. Robert Edward Brandt +

Wednesday, March 22

- 7:30 AM Mr. Sammy Funderburk +

Thursday, March 23

- 7:30 AM Helen & Herbert Hirsch +

Friday, March 24

- 7:30 AM Mrs. Pamela Sizemore & Harry Atkins +
- 8:30 AM Mrs. Anne Sullivan +
- 6:00 PM Mr. Robert Edward Brandt +

Saturday, March 25

- 5:30 PM Felyn & Sam Kopack, Sr. +

Sunday, March 26

- 8:15 AM Mrs. Candad Laut +
- 10:30 AM Mr. Sal DiMaria +
- 12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

33 DAYS RETREAT

Please join us for a small group retreat "33 Days to Morning Glory" a preparation for Marian Consecration (May 13.) Marian consecration means to consecrate our self to Jesus through Mary. The retreat participants will meet on Mondays beginning April 10 at 5:00 PM. (brief introduction and finish by 6:00 PM for those attending the Seder.) On April 17 & 24, and May 1 & 8, we will meet at 6:30 PM in the Senior Life Center of the Ministries and Administration Building. Cost: \$25 for Book and study companion. (\$20 if you only need the study companion.)

For more information, please contact Pam O'Toole at 309-3828 or pam.otoole428@gmail.com

THE LEGION OF MARY



The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of the lay apostolate, open to men and women, who wish to offer a few hours a week of their time, effort and prayers. Members participate in the life of the Parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals. This is an opportunity for personal spiritual growth and service for Christ and His Church, in union with Our Lady.

Please come to our meetings every Thursday morning at 8:30 AM at the Blossom Street House. For more information, please contact Pam O'Toole at 309-3828 or Mike Padua at 930-6453.

FRIDAYS OF LENT

March 24, 31 and April 7

During the FRIDAYS of Lent, Msgr. Harris is offering **Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM**, immediately followed by **Mass at 6:00 PM**. This will enable those who are unable to attend the morning Masses to have the opportunity for an additional Lenten devotion.



After Mass (March 24 to 31) we will offer a **simple meatless supper** of soup, bread and drink in the Parish Hall/Gym. This will give you an opportunity to sacrifice a regular meal during Lent. Donations will be accepted. These donations will be given to a local soup kitchen.

Thank you to the RCIA Class who sponsored last Friday's meatless soup supper.

OUR LENTEN BURDEN BOX



A locked wooden box has been placed at the St. Joseph Altar. Please write down your personal burdens, concerns, habits, prayers and/or petitions that you would like to offer to God during the Lenten Season and place them in the box. All of these will be kept strictly confidential. (No one will have access to the contents of the box.) On Holy Saturday night we will use the "burdens" to fuel our Easter fire.

IS GOD CALLING YOU

TO TEACH CHASTITY EDUCATION?

One of the most misunderstood topics in our country today is God's gift of sex. This lack of understanding has hurt individuals and families and had a devastating effect on our culture. But there is something you can do to help families navigate these dangerous waters: register for Family Honor's 8-week **online mini-course: *The Truth and Meaning of Sexuality, Love and Family***. Family Honor provides this course for people who want to become Chastity Presenters. But it is also extremely helpful if you want to better understand Catholic teaching on moral issues; evangelize in your own circle of family and friends; or obtain continuing education. Plus, the flexible online format works with your busy schedule. Online course starts April 24. Registration deadline is April 13. Early Bird price break in effect until March 31. For more information go to: www.FamilyHonor.org and click the **Training** tab. Questions? Call or e-mail the Family Honor office: 929-0858 or famhonor@aol.com Family Honor, created in 1988, provides and promotes a family-centered Catholic approach to chastity education. The organization is based in South Carolina and has teams of adult presenters in SC and seven other states who deliver a variety of programs to parents and teens at parishes across the country.



The Diocese of Charleston

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Soon our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC.) By participating in this collection, you are responding to **Jesus in disguise** in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. The CRSC provides services for immigrants, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, refuge for the displaced, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Let us join together in this collection to support those suffering and on the margins of society.

For example, in Niger, changes in climate in western Africa are adversely affecting poor and rural farmers. No matter how hard these farmers work, droughts are shortening the rainy season, leaving harvests too small to support families and communities. Your support of the CRSC helps connect businesses that provide drought-resistant seeds to these communities. The new relationships provide hope to these communities for a sustainable future.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Support the collection and answer the knock of **Jesus in disguise**.

In the Lord's Peace,
✠ Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston

collection to be taken March 25/26



Msgr. Richard D. Harris, VG, Pastor

cordially invites You to

the **Eleventh Annual Saint Joseph Church
Catholic Passover Seder**

Monday, April 10 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
(Doors open at 6:00 PM – Program begins *promptly* at 6:30 PM)

Parish Hall/Gym \$20.00 per person

To reserve your place for this special adult-centered evening,
return the form below with payment to the church office.

Menu

Lamb
Vegetables Potatoes
Challah Dessert Beverages



Catholic Passover Seder – Monday, April 10

Please Note: maximum seating capacity per table is 6 guests

Name of Attendee(s) _____

Phone Number(s): _____ E-mail: _____

Amount enclosed: \$20.00 X _____ (per person) = \$ _____

Deadline for Reservations is Monday, April 3

The Seder ceremony scripts will be provided for your use at the event.

If you would like to purchase a book,
Come To The Table: A Catholic Passover Seder for Holy Week
to keep, the cost is \$10.00, payable with your reservation.

Amount enclosed: \$10.00 X _____ (per book) = \$ _____

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS – 2016-17**

***Psalms: The School
Of Prayer***



During spring we will be offering the following Adult Education seminar on Wednesday evenings beginning March 29th. If you are interested in attending this class, please complete the form and return it with the indicated donation for books and materials to the Church Office by Friday, March 24th.

Adult Bible Study: Psalms: The School of Prayer

Facilitator – Ron Childress

11 sessions beginning March 29th – 6:00 – 8:00 PM - \$30

While the historical books of the Bible recount God's creative and redemptive acts in history, the *Psalms* reveal Israel's response to God's covenant offer and serve as a model for our response to Him. Participants in this program will discover a rich school of prayer for all life's circumstances, experience the transforming power of the responsorial psalms in the Mass, study the many ways the Psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus, and see how the Psalms can empower your prayer to become an honest and personal dialogue with God.

Location: Gilmore Senior Center, Ministries & Administration Building

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Daytime/Work/Cell Telephone: _____

Evening/Home Telephone: _____

Please check one:

Enclosed is \$30 to register for this session.

I will bring the donation on the first night of class.

**PLEASE RETURN form to the Ministries & Administration Building to register
or call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 for more information.**