

Saint Joseph Church

✠ ROMAN CATHOLIC ✠

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15th, 2026

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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 15 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT In honor of St. Joseph (Mrs. Yvonne Neer) 5:30 P.M.
Monday, March 16 th	Ferial Day Family & children, return to faith (Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Nguyen)
Tuesday, March 17 th	St. Patrick, BpC Blessed Virgin Mary (Mrs. Coleen Cortese)
Wednesday, March 18 th	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, BpCD Special Intention (Anonymous)
Thursday, March 19 th	ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF BVM, C Father Ercoli -Special Intentions (Mr. & Mrs. Wilfredo Pablo)
Friday, March 20 th	Ferial Day ✠Edward R. Shafer (Will Shafer)
Saturday, March 21 st	St. Benedict, Ab Rosa Tunupopo (Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lambert)
Sunday, March 22 nd	PASSION SUNDAY Holy Souls in Purgatory (The Aguirre family) 5:30 P.M.

✱ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✱

- **SEVEN SUNDAY OF ST. JOSEPH DEVOTION.** Today is the seventh Sunday.
- **TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH, IS THE FEAST OF ST. PATRICK.** In many places in the USA before Vatican II, it was customary to dispense from the fast on St. Patrick's Day.
- **THURSDAY IS THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH.** Solemn High Mass at 11:00 A.M. @ Holy Redeemer.
- **PARISH POTLUCK** next Sunday after Mass.
- **DAY OF RECOLLECTION DURING LENT** @ Holy Redeemer Chapel. We are having a *Day of Recollection* this Saturday, **March 21** for ladies & gentlemen. More information is available in the vestibule.
- **EASTER OCTAVE REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES:** are available in the vestibule. Please fill them out and turn them in before Easter Sunday, to be offered at each Mass during the octave of Easter.

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

Diligence

- *“Many believe that they can do no true penance for their sins except by giving themselves up to corporal austerities. But we know that he does a very good penance for his sins, who takes pains to perform all his actions well, to please the Lord, which is a matter of great perfection and great merit.”—St. Francis de Sales*

* DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH *

SERMON OF THE FEAST *by St. Jerome*

Why was the Lord conceived of an espoused virgin rather than of a free? First, that through the genealogy of Joseph the (Davidic origin) of Mary may be demonstrated. Secondly, because she was thus saved from being stoned by the Jews as an adulteress. Thirdly, that Himself and His mother might have a guardian on their journey into Egypt. To these, Ignatius, the martyr of Antioch, has added a fourth reason namely, that the birth might take place unknown to the devil, who would naturally suppose that Mary had conceived by Joseph.

“Before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.” She was found, that is, by Joseph, but by no one else. He had already almost a husband's privilege to know all that concerned her. Before they came together. This doth not imply that they ever did come together the Scripture merely shows the absolute fact that up to this time they had not done so.

“But Joseph, her husband being a just man, and not wishing to expose her to reproach, was minded to put her away privately.” If anyone is joined to a fornicator, he becomes one body with her; and it is a precept of the Law that not only the one who commits a crime, but anyone who is silently aware of it, is guilty of sin. Then how can Joseph be called a just man, when he is hiding his wife's crime? The question is not to the point. The point is that Joseph was a just man, and his conduct becomes a piece of evidence in Mary's favor. What he knew was not her crime (there was none to be known), but her chastity. What he did not know was the mystery of how she had conceived, and by his silence he kept hidden from the public the circumstance that was a source of wonder to

ST. JOSEPH POWERFUL INTERCESSION *by St. Teresa of Avila*

I took for my patron and lord the glorious St. Joseph, and recommended myself earnestly to him. I saw clearly that both out of this my present trouble, and out of others of greater importance, relating to my honour and the loss of my soul, this my father and lord delivered me, and rendered me greater services than I knew how to ask for.

I cannot call to mind that I have ever asked him at any time for anything which he has not granted; and I am filled with amazement when I consider the great favours which God hath given me through this blessed Saint; the dangers from which he hath delivered me, both of body and of soul.

To other Saints, our Lord seems to have given grace to succor men in some special necessity; but to this glorious Saint, I know by experience, to help us in all: and our Lord would have us understand that as He was Himself subject to him upon earth—for St. Joseph having the title of father, and being His guardian, could command Him—so now in heaven He performs all his petitions. [...]

Would that I could persuade all men to be devout to this glorious Saint; for I know by long experience what blessings he can obtain for us from God. I have never known any one who was really devout to him, and who honoured him by particular services, who did not visibly grow more and more in virtue; for he helps in a special way those souls who commend themselves to him. [...]

But I ask, for the love of God, that he who does not believe me will make the trial for himself, then he will see by experience the great good that results from commending oneself to this glorious patriarch, and being devout to him.

* A NOTE TO NEWCOMERS *



elcome to the traditional Latin Mass, and to the unchanged Catholic Faith. The priests and parishioners of Holy Redeemer Chapel 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 *



f 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.
- **Blessing of Religious Articles:** Every First Sunday of the month at the communion rail.
- **Mass Intentions:** For your Mass requests there are Mass Intention envelopes available in vestibule.
- **Building Fund:** A 2nd Collection is taken on the *First Sunday* of each month. This Special Collection will go toward remodeling and building expenses.
- **St. Lawrence Poor Box:** Donations will help the poor and needy. *"He who gives to the poor suffers no want, but he who ignores them shall suffer indigence."* (Prov. 28:27)
- **Purgatory League:** Holy Mass & Prayers for our deceased parishioners are offered on the First Sunday of each month. *May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*
- **Registration at Holy Redeemer Chapel:** If you intend to attend Holy Redeemer Chapel regularly, please complete the Registration Card in the vestibule.