

Saint Joseph Church

✠ ROMAN CATHOLIC ✠

PRE-VATICAN II - TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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Low Sunday

April 12th, 2026

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Doubting Thomas

*“Because thou hast seen me, Thomas, thou hast believed:
blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed.” (John 20:29)*

* **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK** *

Sunday, April 12 th	LOW SUNDAY My family (Mrs. Yvonne Neer)	5:30 P.M.
Monday, April 13 th	St. Hermenegild, M Mr. James Burke & family (<i>Fr. Ercoli</i>)	
Tuesday, April 14 th	St. Justin Martyr Father Romero (<i>Mrs. Carmen Garita</i>)	
Wednesday, April 15 th	Ferial Day ✠Peter Nguyen Thao (<i>Mrs. Lan Hoang</i>)	
Thursday, April 16 th	Ferial Day Al & Mary Treder (<i>Mr. Michael Treder</i>)	
Friday, April 17 th	St. Anicetus, PM ✠Wynisha Shafer (Will Shafer)	
Saturday, April 18 th	St. Mary on the Sabbath In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (<i>Anonymous</i>)	
Sunday, April 19 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Our Seminarrians (Mrs. Yvonne Neer)	5:30 P.M.

* **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *

- **EASTER DUTY:** all parishioners are reminded of this serious obligation to be performed between the *First Sunday of Lent* and *Trinity Sunday*. Negligence of this precept constitutes a mortal sin.
- **HOLY MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S:** Sundays at 5:30 P.M. **Potluck** every 1st Sunday of the month after Mass.

* **WISDOM OF THE SAINTS** *

Faith

- *“Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe.” — St. Augustine*
- *“I believe though I do not comprehend, and I hold by faith what I cannot grasp with the mind.” — St. Bernard*
- *“Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God.” — St. Francis de Sales*
- *“If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.” — St. Augustine*
- *“When the faith is in danger everyone is obliged to spread it among others, either by instructing and confirming them in it, or by reproving them and arresting the attacks of the enemies.” — St. Thomas Aquinas*

DIGNITY AND POWER OF THE PRIEST

by St. John Chrysostom

Love and esteem of the faithful for the priest. Let us do all we can, then, to possess the Holy Ghost and to reverence with all honour those to whom his power has been confided. In truth, great is this priestly dignity. *When you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven (John 20, 23)*. For this reason St Paul adds: *Obey those who have charge over you and yield to their will (Heb. 13, 17)*. Hold them in great esteem. You look after your own affairs and if they go well then there is no need for you to give an account of those of others; while the priest, even though his own life may be sound, if he does not look after yours and others under his charge, will go to hell with the evil ones. Often, although his own sins do not cause him to lose his soul, yours do if he has not been faithful to his obligations. Knowing their great danger, then, show them much affection. St Paul implies this when he says: *They are keeping unwearied watch over your souls because they know they will have an account to give (Heb. 13, 17)*. For which reason it is just that they should enjoy your esteem... *We are Christ's ambassadors, then, and God appeals to you through us (2 Cor. 5, 20)*.

The grandeur of the Christian Priesthood. Although it is true that the priesthood is exercised on earth, still it pertains rather to the order of heavenly things, and rightly so. It was no man, angel or archangel, nor indeed any created power which instituted this hierarchy, but the Consoling Spirit himself, thus bringing it about that, while still in mortal flesh, men could think of exercising the ministry of angels. For which reason the priest should be as pure as if he were in heaven, in the midst of the angelic powers... Think of the Lord crucified and lying as a victim on the altar; look at the priest who presides over this sacrifice and prays; look at all those present, bathed and washed in that precious blood and tell me then if you think that you are still among men or if you do not rather consider yourself caught up into heaven...

The power of pardon. To dwellers on earth it has been granted to dispose of the treasures of heaven and to men God confided a power which neither angels nor archangels ever attained; for it was not to these that it was said: *I promise you, all that you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and all that you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matt. 18, 18)*. It is true that those who wield power on earth have the authority to bind, but only the body; while this priestly bond holds the very soul and reaches heaven, for what the priests do here below God ratifies in heaven and what the slave delivers as sentence the Lord confirms. What else is this but to grant to them the very powers of heaven? He says: *When you forgive men's sins they are forgiven, when you hold them bound they are bound (John 20, 23)* Can there be a greater power than this? But I see that all this judgment has been placed by the Son in the hands of his priests. Therefore it may well be said that, on being elevated to such a sublime dignity, they have been translated to heaven, transcending our human nature as if they were free from our human passions.

The priest as father. There is little or nothing that human fathers can do for their children when these have offended against one of the great ones of the earth; but the priests can reconcile us, not with earthly emperors or princes, but with God himself, who is angry with us.

* A NOTE TO NEWCOMERS *



Welcome to the traditional Latin Mass, and to the unchanged Catholic Faith. The priests and parishioners of St. Joseph Church 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 *



If 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 Sundays* 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 St. Joseph Church:** If you intend to attend Holy Redeemer Chapel regularly, please complete the Registration Card in the vestibule.