

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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SAINT CYRIL WAS BORN IN JERUSALEM AROUND THE YEAR 315. HE WAS RAISED A CHRISTIAN AND WELL EDUCATED. HE BECAME A DEACON AND THEN A PRIEST.

HE WAS ORDAINED BISHOP OF JERUSALEM, BUT A HERETIC BISHOP NEARBY REFUSED TO ACCEPT HIM. I am in charge of Jerusalem too!

CYRIL ARGUED AGAINST THE ARIAN HERESY BUT HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE TRINITY HIMSELF EITHER. I know that Jesus was alive even before He became Man.

Yes, Jesus and the Father are consubstantial.

SAINT CYRIL TAUGHT THE FAITH TO THE NEW CHRISTIANS. WE STILL HAVE SOME OF HIS TEACHINGS. Do not think it mere bread and wine.

EVENTUALLY HE DID AGREE WITH THE CHUCH TEACHING AT A COUNCIL.

MEANWHILE, HE WAS SENT INTO EXILE THREE TIMES BY THE HERETICS AND THE EMPEROR. He sold church furniture to help the poor! Send him away!

FINALLY HE CAME BACK AND FOUND JERUSALEM IN A SAD STATE OF SIN AND CORRUPTION. HE WORKED THERE UNTIL HE DIED AROUND THE AGE OF 70.

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH , 2025

Saturday, March 15

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members
of the Stan & Phyllis Makowski Family

Sunday, March 16

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Duane & Kathy Scott Family

Monday, March 17

No public Mass

Tuesday, March 18

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Mary Cavanaugh

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, March 19

5:00-6:00 p.m. *Adoration*

5:00-5:45 p.m. *Confession*

6:00 p.m. Francis Andrews

Thursday, March 20

8:00 a.m. William Francis Dunn

Friday, March 21

8:30 a.m. Wanita Lambert +

Saturday, March 22

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Martin & Lois Simon +

Sunday, March 23

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Mary Porrata-Doria

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 17 - Lenten Weekday [2] - St. Patrick, Bishop - Dn 9:4b-10 / Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 / Lk 6:36-38

Tues., Mar. 18 - Lenten Weekday [2] - St. Cyril of Jerusalem - Is 1:10, 16-20 / Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 / Mt 23:1-12

Wed., Mar. 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thurs., Mar. 20 - Lenten Weekday [2] - Jer 17:5-10 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Lk 16:19-31

Fri., Mar. 21 - Lenten Weekday [2] - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Ps 105:16-21 / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat., Mar. 22 - Lenten Weekday [2] - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun., Mar. 23 - Third Sunday of Lent - Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 / Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 / 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9

This weekend (March 15th/16th), the Church celebrates the **Second Sunday of Lent**. Having heard of Jesus' forty days in the desert last weekend, we now join Him atop the mount of the transfiguration, Mount Tabor. Though the Transfiguration occurs immediately before Jesus' final approach to Jerusalem, or immediately prior to **Holy Week**, we hear of it now, near the beginning of **Lent**, to help prepare us for our **Lenten journey**.

The Transfiguration is meant to help us journey from one mountain to another. Shortly after coming down from Mount Tabor, the Lord "*resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem*" (Luke 9:51) and, ultimately, approached Mount Calvary and the Cross. Today's reading offers us an anticipation of what is reflected from the other side of the Cross. Yet, we cannot receive that crown of glory, God's radiance, without first going through the Cross.

The glory of Mount Tabor prepares us for the trials of Mount Calvary. The light that shines forth today serves as a reminder that the light of Christ will always defeat the darkness of sin and death. This is the hope of our **Lenten journey**, that it is not one made in vain nor without purpose. These forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are meant to "*transfigure*" us to become more and more like the Lord; To reflect His light in the world today.

Last Sunday, we joined several of our Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion for the **Rite of Election** with Bishop Rhoades at the Cathedral. These men and women have spent the past year prayerfully discerning their desire to enter into the Catholic Church. We, in turn, continue to pray for them as they near the **Easter Vigil**. Over the next three weekends, we will have a chance to pray over them as a parish family through the **Lenten Scrutinies**.

LENT THROUGHOUT THE LITURGY

Entering into the **Second Sunday of Lent**, we have already seen how the practice of Lenten observances are reflected even in our liturgy. As a parish, we "fast" from many of the joyful elements that normally draw our eyes, ears, mouths, and hearts to the Lord. Our gilded altar candles and crucifix are replaced with more somber wooden ones, bleached candles replaced with unbleached candles, and the penitential color of violet shrouds the Sanctuary.

Liturgical hymns of praise, such as the Gloria and the Alleluia, will not rise again from our lips until that night at which we celebrate Christ rising from the grave. As we recess out from Mass, following the Prayer to St. Michael, we do so in silence. Fasting from these joyous hymns that normally ring from our lips should give us a moment of pause and call us to enter into the silence of the tomb as we reflect on the true cost of our salvation.

Such liturgical fasting is also meant to help recall to mind the true meaning the practice of fasting. The practice of fasting is the means to an end, not the end in itself. Fasting is a means to heighten our awareness of that which is missing and deepening our sense of gratitude for what we so often may take for granted. Fasting assists us as we grow in discipleship as it trains our will and breaks us out of the complacency of the everyday.

These forty days of **Lent** are meant to somehow feel different *because* they are different. This journey, walked every single year of our earthly life, is meant to draw us closer and closer to the Lord each and every year. Though our world and our culture may not recognize a difference in these sacred days, let us allow the differences we see and hear be a reminder that we are called to something different, to something greater, to Heaven.

ST. JOSEPH' DAY

On Wednesday, March 19th, we will celebrate the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, our Parish Patron. Don't forget to join us for Mass and Trivia Night this Wednesday as a chance to celebrate our parish feast day together. Next weekend, we will also continue the practice of having the **St. Joseph Table** in the narthex after all Masses as a small way to celebrate our parish patron.



LENTEN DEVOTION: "The Seven Last Words"

Join us for our Lenten Devotional Series on **Tuesday, March 18th** from 6:00-7:00 PM in the **Parish Conference Room**. This series continues each Tuesday evening of Lent through Holy Week. During Holy Week, we will meet from 6:00-7:00 PM on Monday, April 14th and Good Friday, April 18th.



SAVE THE DATE!

AFTER 6:00 PM MASS
PARISH SOCIAL HALL

Sign up sheet for teams in the narthex.

Soup Suppers every Friday of Lent in the Parish Social Hall from 6-6:45 PM.

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in Church.



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Mar. 15** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 16** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 16** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Mar. 17** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Mar. 18** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 18** - *Lenten Devotional, "7 Last Words"* - 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Mar. 19** - Adoration and Confession 5-6:00 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 19** - St. Joseph Trivia Night following Mass in the Parish Social Hall. Everyone over 21 years old are welcome. Sign up sheet in the narthex.
- **Thurs., Mar. 20** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 20** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Mar. 21** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 21** - Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 21** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 22** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 22** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 23** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 23** - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break
- **Mon., Mar. 24** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Mar. 25** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 25** - *Lenten Devotional, "7 Last Words"* - 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Mar. 26** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 27** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 27** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

Weekend of March 22nd & 23rd



5:00 David Smith
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Teresa Smith



5:00 Marita Crawfis
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Patti Clark-Johnson



5:00 Dan Geimer
7:30 Twilla Herr
10:00 Rick Singer, Jacque Johnson, Monica Harris



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Charlene/Anna Lynn Felger, Annie Herr
10:00 Sam Smith, Jacob Hoffacker, Ellie Coyne

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of March 8th & 9th

Adult Envelopes- \$1,902.00
Loose- \$201.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$25.00
St. Joseph GIRL's Night Out Donation- \$50.23
Votive Candles- \$396.16
Total- \$2,574.39

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,746.58 ahead of our budget for the month of March 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$0

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

To set up **Online Giving** through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>



If you are interested in one of the garden beds beside the pole barn in the back of Church, please call the Parish office at 260-824-1380. Two will be used for fresh flowers on the Altars. There are 4 others available!

REMINDER!

We will not have Religious Education Classes on Sunday, March 23rd and March 30th. We will resume classes on Sunday, April 6th.

Have a fun and safe Spring Break!



LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH

4:00-7:00 PM

**Adults- \$13
Children (ages 6-12)- \$6**

**Dine in only (all you can eat fish)
Drive Thru dinners available**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after all weekend Masses beginning March 15/16. Tickets may also be purchased in the Parish Office during regular hours Mon.-Fri., 9 AM to 4 PM.

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 Friday's: 3pm-8pm
 Saturday's: Noon-8pm
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St. Francis of Assisi


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THINK!
 T - is it true?
 h - is it helpful?
 i - is it inspiring?
 n - is it necessary?
 k - is it kind?
 "Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."
 - St. John Paul II



Before you speak...
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