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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

TUESDAY: 8:30-9 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-6:45 PM

SATURDAY: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

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SOLEMNITY of St. Joseph &

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

THURSDAY MARCH 19TH

Mass 6 PM

TRIVIA NIGHT 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Saturday, March 14

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Wayne "Bud" Miller +

Sunday, March 15

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Joan Byanski +

Monday, March 16

No Public Mass

Tuesday, March 17

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

8:00 a.m. Mike & Mary Ann Bickley
Family

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

Wednesday, March 18

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Priests

Thursday, March 19

6:00 p.m. Joe Baur

Friday, March 20

8:30 a.m. Living and Deceased of the
Steve & Sherry Makowski Family

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21

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. Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 22

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Fourth Grade Religious
Education Class

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Petra (Bayne) Webber +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 16 - Lenten Weekday [4] - Is 65:17-21 / Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b / Jn 4:43-54

Tues., Mar. 17 - Lenten Weekday [4] - St. Patrick, Bishop - Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / Jn 5:1-16

Wed., Mar. 18 - Lenten Weekday [4] - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church - Is 49:8-15 / Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 / Jn 5:17-30

Thurs., 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

Fri., Mar. 20 - Lenten Weekday [4] - Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Ps 34:17-21, 23 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat., Mar. 21 - Lenten Weekday [4] - Jer 11:18-20 / Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 / Jn 7:40-53

Sun., March 22 - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Ez 37:12-14 / Ps 130:1-8 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 15, 2026

This weekend (March 14th/15th), the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, also known as **Laetare Sunday**, or "**Rejoice Sunday**." This name comes from the introit, or entrance antiphon, that we hear at Mass: "**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning**" (Isaiah 66:10-11). Just as Israel is rejoicing in their return from exile, we are reminded that our time in the **Lenten desert** is leading us towards our true homeland.

Lent is, and always has been, a time of preparation for the **Easter** season. The Church's use of expressions of joy on **Laetare Sunday** is to encourage us to persevere fervently to the end of this **holy Season**. These expressions are seen most clearly in our liturgical color of the day: Rose. Not violet, not red, and certainly not pink. The Church does not do pink. She chooses rose, and she chooses it with intention.

Lent begins in deep violet. Fasting. Penance. Wilderness. Forty days of honest reckoning. But halfway through, on **Laetare Sunday**, the Church allows herself a sigh of relief. Rose vestments do not interrupt **Lent**. They are **Lent** exhaling. A reminder that even in the desert, joy has not been banished. The tomb is not the end. The Resurrection is already stirring beneath the soil.

Rose Sunday is the Church whispering: **keep going**. The road is long, but not forever. The cross is coming, but so is the empty tomb. This is why the music lifts slightly and the readings soften. This is why rose matters. When you see rose vestments during **Lent**, don't mistake them for simple decoration. They are a visual sign of joy breaking into penance: The first light of Easter breaking the horizon while the Cross still stands in the foreground.

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY AND PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

As we celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick on Tuesday, March 17th, we are reminded of the great missionary zeal that helped bring the Gospel to Ireland and beyond. Just two days later, the Church honors our own parish patron, Saint Joseph. To mark this special feast, we will offer a special parish Mass in honor of St. Joseph on **Thursday, March 19th, at 6:00 PM** as we continue to entrust our parish family to St. Joseph's paternal care.

Following this special evening Mass on Thursday, join us in the Parish Gym for **Parish Trivia Night from 6:30 - 8:30 PM**. Each trivia team can have up to four people per team. In honor of St. Joseph, there will be a selection of sweets available at our annual **St. Joseph Table**. Each table is also welcome to bring their own food and snacks to share amongst themselves. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of Church to register your team.

Note: *The special evening Mass on Thursday will take the place of our normal 8:00 AM daily Mass on that day (March 19th).*

PASSIONTIDE AND PALM SUNDAY

Next weekend, we enter into the two last weekends of our **Lenten season**. Traditionally, these last two weekends are known as **Passiontide** as our gaze turns more intently on our Lord's coming Passion. For this reason, our statuary and crucifixes will be veiled starting next weekend, as is our long-standing parish custom. During these last two coming weekends, we choose to fast even from things of beauty so that our minds may more clearly focus on Christ.

The weekend following, on Sunday, March 29th, the Church celebrates the **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** and enters triumphantly into **Holy Week**. We will celebrate the blessing of palm branches at every Mass that weekend and invite you to join in our annual **Palm Sunday Procession** at the **10 AM Mass on Sunday, March 29th**, beginning outside of the Parish Office. For your planning purposes, our full Holy Week schedule is also now available on the parish website and will be shared in next weekend's bulletin.

~In Christ, Fr. David

Note: If you will be travelling during Spring Break, www.Masstimes.org is a great resource to help find Mass times throughout the country for our Sunday obligation.



PARISH Trivia Night

THURS., MARCH 19TH
6:30-8:30 PM IN THE PARISH GYM

FOLLOWING MASS AT 6:00 PM
Sign your team up on the sheet
in the back of Church.



FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH
4:00 - 7:00 PM - DRIVE THRU ONLY
Tickets on sale after Mass & in the Parish Office



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MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Mar. 14** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 15** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 15** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Mar. 16** - Youth Choir practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall (Church).
- **Tues., Mar. 17** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Wed., Mar. 18** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- **Thurs., Mar. 19** - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass 6:00 p.m. / Parish Trivia Night -6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish gym.
- **Thurs., Mar. 19** - Choir 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall (Church).
- **Thurs., Mar. 19** - No Discover Catholicism this evening
- **Fri., Mar. 20** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 20** - Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry - Drive Thru Only 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 20** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall (Church).
- **Sat., Mar. 21** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
- **Sat., Mar. 21** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 22** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 22** - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break

WEEKEND OF MARCH 21ST & 22ND



CANTORS

MASS Cantors
5:00 p.m. Teresa Smith
7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Jay Crisp



LECTORS

5:00 p.m. Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 a.m. Ben Wagner
10:00 a.m. Monica Harris



Extraordinary Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Larisa Sudhoff
7:30 a.m. None needed
10:00 a.m. Rick Singer, Sarah Bedwell, Joni Cincotta



Altar Servers

Servers
5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Danny Decker
7:30 a.m. Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
10:00 a.m. Charlie/Louis Andrews, Sam Smith

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

The Weekend of Mar. 7th & 8th

Adult Envelopes - \$3,110.00

Loose - \$305.05

Repair / Rainy Day - \$545.00

Donations/Memorials - Parish

Needs- \$360.00

Easter Flowers Donation- \$20.00

Total- \$4,340.05

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$776.36 behind** our budget for the month of March 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$500.00

Online Giving for February 2026 - \$5,855.00.

We ended the month **\$10,752.10** ahead of our budget.

Online Giving for St. Vincent de Paul Fund for February - \$150.00

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

To set up **Online Giving** through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit:
www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton
 or

Scan the QR Code on the right:



LENTEN PARISH PENANCE SERVICE MONDAY, MARCH 30TH - 6:00-7:00 PM

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jack Flaughter, father of Jill (Mike) Morrissey who passed away on Monday, March 9, 2026



And Timothy "Tim" Pedro, husband of Angela "Kathy" Pedro, who passed away on March 10, 2026.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

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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

