


# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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VINCENT WAS BORN TO NOBLE AND VIRTUOUS PARENTS IN SPAIN IN 1357. HE WAS GENEROUS TO THE POOR FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE.

Here, Vincent. You can give these to the poor.

BY THE TIME HE WAS 18 HE HAD FINISHED HIS STUDIES AND BECAME A DOMINICAN.

Dad, I want to be a priest!

HE STUDIED THE BIBLE WITH GREAT DEVOTION.

Vincent understands philosophy and can explain it well...

SOON HE WAS ASKED TO TEACH.

VINCENT BEGAN TO PREACH ALL OVER WESTERN EUROPE.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE REPENTED AND WERE CONVERTED.

I should go to confession.

Yes... God will forgive me!

I want to be better!

I will offer up sleeping on the floor for peace in the Church.

VINCENT WORKED HARD TO END THE DIVISION IN THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME. HE DIED AT AGE 69 IN BRITTANY.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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**Saturday, March 29**

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Parish Family

**Sunday, March 30**

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Jim Hill +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +

**Monday, March 31**

*No public Mass*

**Tuesday, April 1**

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

8:00 a.m. Bill Nichter +

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

**Wednesday, April 2**

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

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

7:00 p.m. Richard Dunn +

**Thursday, April 3**

8:00 a.m. Dan Runyon +

**Friday, April 4**

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

**Saturday, April 5**

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. Parish Family

**Sunday, April 6**

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Mary Cavanaugh

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Bill Lautzenheiser +



**MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon., Mar. 31 - Lenten Weekday [4]** - Is 65:17-21 / Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b / Jn 4:43-54

**Tues., Apr. 1 - Lenten Weekday [4]** - Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / Jn 5:1-6

**Wed., Apr. 2 - Lenten Weekday [4]** - St. Francis of Paola, Hermit - Is 49:8-15 / Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 / Jn 5:17-30

**Thurs., Apr. 3 - Lenten Weekday [4]** - Ex 32:7-14 / Ps 106:19-23 / Jn 5:31-47

**Fri., Apr. 4 - Lenten Weekday [4]** - St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Ps 34:17-21, 23 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Sat., Apr. 5 - Lenten Weekday [4]** - St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest - Jer 11:18-20 / Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 / Jn 7:40-53

**Sun., Apr. 6 - 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 (LAETARE SUNDAY) - MARCH 30, 2025**

This weekend (March 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**. Marking the mid-way point of the Lenten season, this Sunday is also known as *Laetare Sunday*, or “*Rejoice Sunday*” as we are given the chance to rejoice at all the good that the Lord is doing in our lives this *Lenten season*. This name comes from the opening words of our entrance antiphon for this Mass: “*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her!*”

Given the Scriptural nature of our antiphons, it should be of little surprise that this antiphon itself comes from the end of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. In this last chapter (Chapter 66:10-11), we join with an Israel that is rejoicing in their return from exile and the rebuilding of Jerusalem. This rejoicing is meant to continue as we now strive to build up the heavenly Jerusalem, built upon living stones (Revelation 21:18-21), by building up the Body of Christ.

As we continue to walk with our Elect through the **Scrutinies** over the next two weekends, we continue to take our readings from *Year A* of our three-year lectionary cycle. This means that, this weekend, we are hearing the story of how Jesus healed the man who was blind from birth from the Gospel of St. John. This Gospel account not only has great value for those preparing for baptism, but for all those who have passed through these saving waters.

Like the man born blind, all of humanity, save for our Lord and His Blessed Mother, suffer spiritual blindness through Original Sin. St. Augustine, the 4<sup>th</sup> Century Bishop of Hippo, described this as “*man turned in on himself*.” It is only in turning outward, away from ourselves and towards others, that we can begin to see the light. Just as the man washed in the Pool of Siloam and gained his sight, so we gain spiritual sight when we too are “*washed*” anew.

Though the man was able to see Jesus, he did not immediately see Him clearly for who He truly was. There was still a journey for him to make before knowing Jesus fully. In the same way, baptism is not the end of our journey; It is only the beginning. Though the saving waters of baptism open our eyes, we are still yet newborn babes. Just as the man must grow in faith to come to know who Jesus really is, so must we. Our journey is one and the same.

**PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**

This **Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will have our **Parish Penance Service from 6:00—7:00 PM**. During this time, we will be joined by six priests who will be offering the Sacrament of Confession throughout the hour. I encourage you to make use of this wonderful Sacrament as a part of your personal preparation for *Easter Sunday*. No matter how long it has been since your last confession, don't be afraid to come and experience to mercy of God.

Turning our minds and hearts again to the words of St. Augustine, we hear: “*The blind man washed his eyes in the pool called Siloam and came back seeing; so too, the sinner is enlightened when he is washed from his sins in the tears of Confession*” (Tracts on the Gospel of John, Tract #44). Through this great Sacrament, we are not only restored to full communion with the Lord, but regain a spiritual clarity which we had been blinded from by sin.

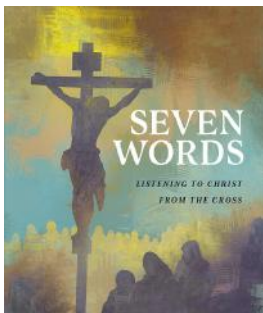
**PASSIONTIDE AND PALM SUNDAY**

Next weekend, we enter into the two last weekends of our *Lenten season*. Traditionally, these last two weekends are known as **Passiontide** as we focus our gaze 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 weekends, we choose even to fast from things of beauty so that our minds may more clearly focus on Christ.

The weekend following, on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates **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, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Our full **Holy Week** schedule is also already available on the parish website and will be shared in next weekend's bulletin. ~Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, and Richard Payne.



**LENTE DEVOTION:**  
**"The Seven Last Words"**  
 Our Lenten Devotion continues  
**Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 - 7 PM**  
**in the Parish Conference Room.**  
 This Week: *"My God, My God, Why  
 Hast You Forsaken Me?"* (Psalm 22)

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

*Pray the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church,  
 and meet in the Parish Social Hall at 7 PM.*  
**All men in the Parish are welcome!**



**The Sacrament of Confession will be offered  
 on Wed., April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.**  
**Mass will follow at 7:00 PM.**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **Sat., Mar. 29** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 30** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 30** - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break
- **Mon., Mar. 31** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Apr. 1** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Apr. 1** - *Lenten Devotional, "7 Last Words"* - 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Apr. 1** - Knights of Columbus - Rosary in Church at 6:40 p.m. and meet in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00.
- **Wed., Apr. 2** - *Lenten Penance Service* 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Apr. 2** - **Parish Council Meeting** - 7:40 PM in the Parish Conference Room
- **Thurs., Apr. 3** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Apr. 3** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Apr. 4** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Fri., Apr. 4** - Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- **Fri., Apr. 4** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 5** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 5** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 6** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 6** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 6** - Informational Session for Parish Renovations - 6:00 p.m. in Church.

**Weekend of April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

	<b>5:00</b>	Dan Lautzenheiser
	<b>7:30</b>	David Smith
	<b>10:00</b>	Adult Choir
	<b>5:00</b>	Bruce Holland
	<b>7:30</b>	Sarah McCorkle
	<b>10:00</b>	Mike Dunn
	<b>5:00</b>	Laurisa Roper
	<b>7:30</b>	Dale McCorkle
	<b>10:00</b>	Jeff Miller, Tammi Helm, Kevin Seago
	<b>5:00</b>	Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
	<b>7:30</b>	Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger,
	<b>10:00</b>	Sam Smith, Luke Miller, Dominic Bedwell

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report  
 for the Weekend of  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Adult Envelopes- \$2,377.00  
 Loose- \$271.05  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$405.00  
 Easter Flowers- \$66.00  
 General Bequest- \$190.00  
**Total- \$3,309.05**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are **\$2,685.08** behind our budget for the month of March 2025.

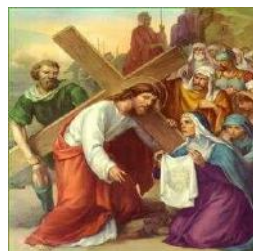
St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$283.00

*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>

**LENTE FISH FRY FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH  
 4:00-7:00 PM**

**Dine in only (all you can eat fish)  
 Drive Thru dinners available**  
**Adults- \$13 Tickets available  
 Children (ages 6-12)- \$6 after Weekend Masses**



**Join us for  
 Stations of the Cross  
 after the  
 Lenten Fish Fry  
 at 7:00 PM  
 in the Church.**

**REMINDER!**

Religious Education Classes will resume on  
 Sunday, April 6th at 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

**INFORMATIONAL SESSION  
 FOR PARISH RENOVATIONS**  
 with lead architect Bill Heyer  
 of William Heyer Architect  
 Sunday, April 6th  
 6:00 PM - in Church.



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 Saturday's: Noon-8pm  
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**at all times and**  
**when necessary**  
**use words.**  
**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



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