

# ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

## *Third Sunday of Easter*

April 26, 2020



“But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.” Luke 24:21-27

## PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Friends in Christ,

Do not be afraid! There are many events that are going on in our world, nation, state and community. Let us remember the words that the Lord repeats throughout Scripture, "Do not be afraid." With the Lord all things are possible. With the Lord we are made new. With the Lord we can persevere in faith, hope and charity. We do this by His grace (His divine life). We have access to many graces and spiritual assistance as children of God. These graces are not limited to global crises, but are offered and given to us throughout our lives. God is with us! Let us continue to draw near to Him.

As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter, we are reminded in the Gospel that the Lord walked with two of His disciples along their journey to Emmaus, but they did not recognize Him. "Two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:13-18) Even after all the debating and conversing about the things that happened to Jesus, they did not recognize Him at first. Have we, at times been consumed about all the events around us, and yet, have not recognized that Jesus is standing with us? Let us see these moments as more than isolation and separation, but as a way that God is with us and revealing Himself to us.

On the road to Emmaus, before they recognized the Lord, Jesus explains the Scriptures to them and points at all the references speaking about Him. The Son of Man must suffer and die and rise on the third day! Have we been taking time with the Word of God and reading/praying Scripture? This is a good time to develop a relationship with God through His Word. To pick up a Bible in the house or download an app or visit [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) and click on "Bible" and find the tab "Books of the Bible" and enjoy the Word of God. It truly is His Word to us! It talks about the Lord in the Old Testament and Christ's life in the Gospels of the New Testament. Consider doing a private study or read with the family. You can also read Scripture, the Word of God, when chatting with a friend or family member on video chat. Let us recognize Jesus today!

While meditating and reviewing Scripture, Saint Paul reminds us, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests

known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7). Please continue to pray daily. Pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other great devotional prayers and books. Also, keep up with viewing and participating in the Mass on TV or streamed on the internet. Partaking in these tasks daily will remind us and help us to see Him more clearly. Because we may not recognize Him, doesn't mean He is not present. Let us remember the times He has revealed Himself to us. Let us recall all that He has done for us, especially when He loved us so much that He sent us His Son (cf. John 3:16).

Brothers and sisters in Christ, God loves us. Let us trust in His great mercy and love. Let us keep each other in prayer and look forward to the day when we can celebrate together the great Mysteries of our redemption.

*"Who is there, then, who would not encourage me to rejoice over such marvelous joys? Therefore, dearly beloved, may you too always rejoice in the Lord. And may neither bitterness nor a cloud overwhelm you..."* St. Clare of Assisi, "The Third Letter to Agnes of Prague," 51.

Peace in the Resurrection of Christ,

Father Scott

## TIME/TALENT/TREASURE

**Jesus given His disciples – and us – a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>MON</b>	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
<b>TUE</b>	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
<b>WED</b>	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
<b>THU</b>	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
<b>FRI</b>	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
<b>SAT</b>	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
<b>SUN</b>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



The **MISSION** of the parish communities of Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick is to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel."

Our **VISION**: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all

to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material and emotional needs of our greater community.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- Apr 25 Sat**      **Vigil Mass; Third Sunday of Easter**  
**In Memory of Anna Tucker**  
 (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 by Doug, Ann Marie and Family
- Apr 26 Sun**      **Third Sunday of Easter**  
**In Memory of Rita B. Hoppe**  
 (15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 by her Family
- Apr 27 Mon**      **Special Intention for Rebeckah Philbin**  
 by Memere Angell
- Apr 29 Wed**      **St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor**  
**In Memory of Mark Andrew Salois**  
 by his Brother Norm & Dorothy
- May 1 Fri**      **First Friday**  
**For the Relief & Release of the**  
**Souls in Purgatory**
- May 2 Sat**      **Vigil Mass; Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**In Memory of Deanne Holland**  
 by Mike & Nancy Franklin
- May 3 Sun**      **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**In Memory of Arline O'Rourke**  
 (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 by her Family

**SANCTUARY/TABERNACLE LAMP** will burn this week in memory of **Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church.**

**FINANCIAL NOTE:** Even though public Masses have been suspended in the Diocese of Providence until further notice, please know you may still support your parish via Parish Giving online as well as mailing your weekly budget directly to the parish.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE - 03/22/2020 - 4/15/2020

Regular Collection	\$ 5,028.00
Electronic Giving	\$988.56
Annual Collection	\$157.25
Fuel	\$151.75
Monthly	\$220.40
Mass Stipends	\$250.00
Donations	\$5,000.00
Holy Day	\$20.00
St. Joseph Feast Day	\$49.65
Easter Flowers	\$64.65
Mother's Day	\$55.00
Total Operating	\$11,985.26
Parish Outreach/Jacob's Gift	\$60.00
Human Dev/Ret. Rel./Military Serv.	\$15.00
Easter to Benefit the Catholic Charity Appeal	\$426.25
Operation Rice Bowl	\$125.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$100.00

Each week, our parish requires a **minimum Total Operating Revenue of \$3,850.00** to meet our budgeted expenses. If you miss Mass for any reason, we kindly ask you to make up your missed budget envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

### UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week	Fuel Collection
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### SAVE THE DATES

Sat, 06/06/2020	20-Week Club Sponsored by St. Joseph Church	The Village Haven Restaurant
Sat, 06/20/2020 <b>RESCHEDULED</b>	Spring Dinner Dance Sponsored by St. Patrick Church	St. Patrick Church Hall

**20-WEEK CLUB, Sponsored by St. Joseph Church** (formerly known as the 50 Club) tickets are still available! The cost for tickets remains \$50.00 each. Twenty (20) weekly drawings and dinner at the Village Haven in Forestdale on **Saturday, June 6, 2020** are included.

*Winner Week #14 – Carol Sabella      Ticket #76*



**ST. PATRICK CHURCH**



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Apr 25 **Vigil Mass; Third Sunday of Easter**  
Sat **In Memory of William Griffin, Jr.**  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
by his Wife & Family
- Apr 26 **Third Sunday of Easter**  
Sun **Intention of the Priest**
- Apr 28  
Tue **Intention of the Priest**
- Apr 30  
Thu **Intention of the Priest**
- May 1 **First Friday**  
Fri **For the Relief & Release of the**  
**Souls in Purgatory**
- May 2 **Vigil Mass; Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Sat **Special Intention for the Smith Family**
- May 3 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Sun **In Memory of Pamela D. Boucher**  
(48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by Thomas P. Tatro

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE - 3/15/2020-4/15/2020**

Regular Collection	\$4,370.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,063.37
Mass Stipends/Sanctuary Lamp	\$50.00
Building & Maintenance	\$187.99
Easter Flowers	\$105.00
HVAC	\$90.00
Mother's Day	\$15.00
Total Operating	\$5,881.36
Food Pantry	\$7,015.08
Operation Rice Bowl	\$195.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$75.00
Easter to Benefit the Catholic Charity Appeal	\$166.62

Each week, our parish requires a **minimum Total Operating Revenue** of \$2,820.00 to meet our budgeted expenses. If you miss Mass for any reason, we kindly ask you to make up your missed budget envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

**Mini-Splits Update**

Total Cost	\$27,285.00
To-Date Donations**	\$25,910.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,375.00

**\*\*Donations to help defray the cost of the mini-splits are still being accepted. If you choose to make a donation, please specify on the envelope that your gift is for HVAC.**

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**SPRING DINNER DANCE** – Sponsored by St. Patrick's Church has been **POSTPONED** and rescheduled for Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. More information to come.

## Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult  
decisions between food on the table or public  
safety,  
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health  
insurance,  
We pray that no family will face financial  
burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to  
immigration status,  
We pray for recognition of the God-given  
dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision- makers,  
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a  
sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

## Regina Caeli (O Queen of Heaven)

### Regina Caeli:

This is one of four Marian antiphons, with following versicles and prayers, traditionally said or sung after night prayer, immediately before going to sleep. It is said throughout Eastertide. (That is, from Easter Day through Pentecost, the seventh Sunday after Easter.

The *Regina caeli* is also said in place of the Angelus during Eastertide.

### Queen of Heaven

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.  
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.  
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.  
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



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