

## Second Sunday of Easter (or, Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 11, 2021

### Calendar

Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm Vigil Vincent Boudreaux Sr, Thomas Lorio, Harriet Mathes, Armando Medina, George Rohr Sr, Joseph & Yvonne Vonderhaar, and the Egers & Jeanfreau Families

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Mass For all parishioners

10:30am Mass Daniel J. Fuselier, Joy Nalty Hodges, Celeste Judell, Barbara Kretz Miracle, Deacon Paul Nalty, Michael Rapier, Cynthia Kropog Sciortino, James Sharp, Lisa Childress Sheridan, and the Burch & Pfister Families

5:00pm Mass A Special Intention

Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

6:30am Mass William Joseph Allen

Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

*St Martin I, Pope and martyr*

6:30am Mass Valerie Gerarve

6:00pm Mass Beverly Bellini

Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

6:30am Mass A Special Intention

6:00pm Rosary (@ Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

6:30am Mass Intentions of the Caverly & Lapeyre Families

Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

6:30am Mass Albertine Leche

Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Rosary (@ Church of St Henry)

The Sanctuary Lamp in St Stephen Church will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Vetter Amadeo Taylor.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the rectory chapel will burn this week for the Intentions of the Pope.



### Mass Setting

Our Mass setting is the Gregorian *Missa jubilate Deo* and is found in the *Seasonal Missalette* from number 176.



### Banns of Matrimony

*Amelie Stephens Guarisco & Christopher Juergens Lorio*

*Lisa Karen Haydel & Matthew Jacobs Barone*

*Gabrielle Marie Ganci & Taylor Guy Russolino*

### Lay-minister Schedule

April 18<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm

Lector: Jennifer Wise

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Richard Eason

8:00 am

Lector: Linda Tufton

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: Dana D'Anzi and Deacon Richard Eason

10:30 am

Lector: Katie Kolthoff

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Cooper,

# Apostolates & Volunteer Groups

Altar Society	Cindy Gainsburgh, @ 899-2637
CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine)	Phillip Bellini, @ 227-3795
Center of Jesus the Lord (Charismatic)	The Center, @ 529-1636
The Good Shepherd Choir [on hiatus]	Brian Morgan, @ 227-3793
Event Planning	Rhetory Office, @ 899-1378
Friends of Our Lady of Good Counsel	Barbara Fortier, @ <a href="mailto:barbaraf13@aol.com">barbaraf13@aol.com</a>
Friends of St Henry	Alden Hagdorn, @ 891-3410
Knights of Columbus	Patrick Guisz, @ 812-6941
Life Apostolate	Kathy Fayard, @ 905-7676
Mass Volunteers	Brian Plauché, @ 289-6799 Phillip Bellini, @ 227-3793
Rhetory Volunteers	Ivy Rohr, @ 227-3792
Society of St Vincent de Paul	Laura Finnegan, @ 899-1378

## The Monthly Prayer-request for Priests

### April

1 <sup>st</sup>	The Reverend Father James Carter, SJ
2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Reverend Francis Ferrié
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Reverend Pedro Felix Nuñez
4 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Patrick Carr
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Father Thomas T. Pham, CSSR
6 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Father Leo Nicoll, SJ
7 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Douglas Brougher
8 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Father Scott O'Brien, OP
9 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend James Jeanfreau, Jr
10 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Father Eduardo J. Gabriel, OP
11 <sup>th</sup>	Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI
12 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Father Etido Jerome, SSJ
13 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Daniel Darmanin
14 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Bac-Hai Viet Tran
15 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Damjan Zablocki
16 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Father Michael Burke, OP
17 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Denzil Perera
18 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Andrew Gutierrez
19 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Jeffrey Montz
20 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Patrick Collum
21 <sup>st</sup>	The Reverend Kenneth Allen
22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Reverend Father Gregory Ross, OCD
23 <sup>rd</sup>	The Reverend Father David Begany, SSJ
24 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Salvador Galvez
25 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Paul Clark
26 <sup>th</sup>	Pope Francis
27 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Garrett M. O'Brien
28 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Monsignor Christopher H. Nalty
29 <sup>th</sup>	The Very Reverend Luis F. Rodriguez, VF
30 <sup>th</sup>	The Reverend Monsignor Lanaux J. Rareshide

† deceased

Collection Report	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	July 1 <sup>st</sup> -March 28 <sup>th</sup>
Total Collections	\$6,264.00	\$254,088.00
Budget	<u>\$9,368.71</u>	<u>\$365,379.69</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3,104.71)	(\$111,291.69)

Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations	
St Stephen Restoration Fund	\$52,866.19
Our Lady of Good Counsel Building Fund	\$30.00
Seminary Education Fund	\$25.00

## Lightning Apologetics



by Phillip Bellini, DRE

### St Joseph—The Man

We have the blessing of celebration a Year of the Eucharist in our Archdiocese along with a Year of St Joseph! As one book puts it, “St Joseph the Silent.” It’s why St Isidore said of St Joseph, “the sound of victory will be heard when the world recognizes the sanctity of St Joseph, and also why in the last vision at Fatima St Joseph is holding the child Jesus who is blessing the world! So, I dedicate this article to St Joseph!! He is the head of the Holy Family and I want to speak of his role in the Infancy narratives in the Gospels.

How much can you say about St Joseph? He is easier to pray to than speak about in a certain sense. For instance, it would not take three minutes to read aloud every verse of Holy Scripture in which his name enters. The very obscurity of Joseph is comfort for the common man, in whose anonymous footprints most of us march. We relish the thought that the closest St Joseph ever came to the limelight was under the Star of Bethlehem, and even there he was lost among the angels and the shepherds and the kings. It was his destiny to serve God in the shadows. So, if you are quietly trying to live a good life for the love of God and the salvation of souls, and don’t give a damn for the praise of men, Joseph is your Saint.

If St Joseph was an insignificant nobody in the eyes of the world, he was mighty important in the eyes of the Almighty. Of all the people on this planet, he was the one chosen to be the spouse of the Virgin Mary and the foster-father of God’s own Son. In the beginning, while the Word was being woven Flesh in Her immaculate womb, Joseph allowed her to go on cooking and dusting and sewing and sweeping, but after a while he would not hear of her going to the well for water. Christmas was coming.

Speaking of Christmas, it was Joseph who indirectly determined where the Boy was to be born, because Cæsar’s conceited census commanded them to go the village of their ancestors, and Joseph’s ancestor was David whose home had been Bethlehem. And now poor Joseph, descendant of the line of King David, had to be content with a cave. Before the glory of the star and the melody of the angels, there was much misery that first Christmas.

It was Joseph too to whom the angel appeared soon afterward with instructions to take the Child and His Mother and flee into Egypt. Notice that though in that little family group the Child was Divine, and the Mother the one immaculate soul on earth, still Heaven dealt directly with the head of the family, Joseph. In that little blessed trinity upon earth, it was Joseph who made the decisions and gave the orders. But judge how humbly he must have carried his authority, knowing that in all things save authority he was so inferior to them. Was he perhaps put at the head of the Holy Family to give the high and mighty of the world a sterling object lesson in humility?

It was Joseph, too, who in a certain way gave Jesus status in the community of Nazareth. When rumors reached there of incredible miracles that flowed from the hands of Christ, the townspeople asked: “Is this not the carpenter’s Son?” The carpenter they knew, who spent his sweating hours in a swirl of sawdust as he hammered and sawed and planed away. What they did not know was that the finest thing that Joseph ever carpentered or built was his own character. Joseph may have been a low-income, struggling workman but he saluted and served the highest standards. How could it be otherwise with the Child Jesus toddling in and out of his shop?

The point is that if we all tend to be influenced by our surroundings, how St Joseph must have been polished like a diamond by the constant presence and the radiant example of Our Blessed Lord Himself! If Jesus in one sighing moment left the imprint of His tortured

face on Veronica's Veil, how deep an image He must have engraved on Joseph's heart through all those long and intimate years! If closeness to Christ means anything, what other saint, except Mary, can compete with Joseph? As one of the blessed in Heaven, he is also close to us. We err gravely if we think of St Joseph only as a remote historical personage occupying a shadowy place on that dim and distant bridge swinging between B.C. and A.D. But since he has a prominent place in the court of Heaven, he can, through his intercession at the throne, reach us, with the long arm of God's goodness. Because he is so close to Jesus, he can be of unique help to us. I know he has helped me all my life and why I chose him as my Confirmation patron Saint. All we have to do is pray to him with confidence and resignation. Confidence because of his influence, resignation because of the wisdom of God is prone to bestow not what is most sought by us by what is beneficial to us!

However, there is one prayer to St Joseph that Heaven eagerly desires to grant – a good death. Because Joseph died in the arms of Jesus and Mary, he is the patron saint of a happy death. Perhaps you fear death now. This does not mean you will fear death when it comes. Even martyrs have trembled up to the very threshold of their ordeal. God sends His grace *when we need it*, and we do not need this grace now. But if we put it in the hands of St Joseph, then we can be certain that the grace will come, filled with patience, courage, confidence, even joy – at the right time. With all this being said, is it any wonder why St Isidore said:

*"The sound of victory will be heard when the world recognizes the sanctity of St Joseph?"* May he intercede for the Church, for the world, for our families and for our souls that one day we might glorify God with him in Heaven!! God bless.

St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us. It's the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this title, given on December 8, 1870, by Blessed Pope Pius IX.

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## Pray for the Sick

Ron Behler, Lois Boboa, Beverly Couch, the Honorable Martin Feldman, Ellie Fogarty, David Forly, Audury Guillot, Virginia Hamrick, Janet Hopkins, Bill Paine, Amy Splain, Frederick Henry Taylor Sr, Gerald Toups, and Angela Villanueva.

## Pray for the Dead

Beverly Bellini, Sister M. Angela Bergeron CIC, Alma Champagne, Alethea Gernard, Joan Glynn, George Rohr Sr, Cynthia Kropog Sciortino, Theodore H. Sorina Jr, and Vetter Amadeo Taylor.

# Alleluia



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## News

*The Monthly Food Pantry Request for "Love Thy Neighbor" (a project of our Society of St Vincent de Paul) for April is canned corn, canned green-beans, and canned yams. We will have a Second Collection this week-end, for the St Stephen Restoration Fund.*

*“In this Year of the Eucharist and St Joseph, the artists of our community are invited to give expression to the beautiful truth of God’s love poured out in Christ through the Eucharist. To facilitate this, the Archdiocese of New Orleans is hosting an Art Contest. Finalists will be selected by a panel of judges and selected works will be publicly displayed during the Year of the Eucharist events throughout the Archdiocese. Visit [YOEArtContest.org](http://YOEArtContest.org) for detailed rules and information.”*  
The deadline for entry is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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