

Pastoral Meeting  
January 20, 2026

Father Joseph opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Old Business:** Father Joseph stated that we need to meet monthly. Diocese says that we should meet at least four times per year.

**New Business**

**Liturgical Life**

Discussed Ash Wednesday as being a day of fasting and abstaining from meat. Masses will be at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm with distribution of ashes.

Confessions during Lent will be heard every Wednesday from 5:00 – 5:45 pm. Mass is at 6:00 pm

Friday During Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 5 PM followed by Benediction then Mass is at 6 PM. Following Mass, sandwiches and juice or water will be provided by CDA to remind us of a day of abstaining from meat and as a sacrifice during Lent.

A link to daily readings from USCCB Website will be posted on the St Theresa website. This will enable parishioners to listen and take a daily moment to reflect and journey with Jesus during the 40 days of Lent.

There is no Alleluia in the Mass during Lent.

There will be a Penance Service, Monday March 23 at 6:00 pm. Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

**Palm Sunday, March 29**, start of Holy Week. Reading of the Passion during Mass will be done by the Priest, Deacon, and Lector. Father will use incense this weekend

**Holy Triduum (Beginning Holy Thursday on April 2 through Easter Vigil Saturday, April 4):** Father Joseph will have all the altar servers serving on these three days if it's possible. Practice will be on Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 am through Noon.

**Holy Thursday, April 2.**

Father Joseph will hear confession every day during the Triduum from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM only.

All the bells will be used during the Gloria, afterwards all the bells will be put away until the Easter Vigil.

Washing of the Feet: Two (2) men from the Baking, Knights, and Boy Scouts will be used, Two (2) women from Altar Society, Catholic Daughters, and Guadalupanas. Dateline to submit names of those chosen is Monday, March 30.

First pew on each side will be reserved for EMs and Lector(s)

The next six (6) pews on both sides at the end towards the center isle are reserved for the 12 people chosen for foot washing. Those chosen to have their foot wash should be in their seat no later than 15 minutes before the Mass. Mass will begin at 6 PM. Father Joseph will use incense during Mass. Those that would have a problem smelling the incense should be prepared with a handkerchief to cover their nose and do not leave the church.

Extra hosts will be needed for Good Friday, Passion Service.

After Communion, four (4) of the twelve (12) who had their foot washed, will help distribute the Pita Bread, the Palestinian bread, the Bread that Jesus had with his 12 apostles at his last supper. Ms. Virginia to help prepare the Pita Bread.

**Good Friday, April 3.** There are three (3) parts during the Passion of the Lord.

Father Joseph will hear confessions during the Triduum from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be at 3:00 PM followed by the Stations of the Cross.

The Passion of the Lord Service (No Mass) is at 6:00 PM.

Diane said that the cross is available. Deacon will help carry the Cross for Adoration. Two altar servers will hold candle one on each side of the cross and two altar servers will clean the cross during the veneration of the Cross. Deacon and Father will take turns holding the Cross for the veneration.

All hosts that remain after the Passion will be consumed.

Procession in and out in silence.

**Easter Vigil, April 4.** There will be one catechumen and one convalidation.

Five (5) total readings will be used. Father will use reading numbers 2, 3 & 4 for even year. Reading #4 is the epistle, the letter of Paul to Romans (same every year). The last one is the Gospel.

Small candles will be used for Easter Vigil. Altar Society has candles.

Ms. Virginia will help get vials of water ready so that Father Joseph can bless the water vials. Father will ask the EMs and Lector to help pass the Holy Water vials out at the end of the Mass.

**Parish Life:**

Father Joseph suggested that some type of activity be scheduled for the children before returning to school. After some discussion, Knights and Boy Scouts to look to see if West Gulf Park is open. Boy Scout leader suggested playing corn hole. The area by the school has too many ants and is not a good place to play.

The end of August, Father Joseph would like to have a Morning of Reflection for all catechists and aids.

A closing prayer by Father Joseph. Meeting dismissed until next month.