



SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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St. Joseph - Feast Day March 19th



March 14th, 2021 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2021

The fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday. Laetare means “rejoice” and it is like the middle Sunday of Advent, called Gaudete Sunday and meaning the same as our special Sunday of Lent. They are joyful, happy days, inspiring us to continue our journey of faith. Hopefully in this Lenten season, we are all trying to “REPENT” – to change our ways of thinking from merely human, limited or even sinful to God’s way and to “BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS” of the Gospel.

We join our Adult Catechumens (6 from our own parish), preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. With them we too try to scrutinize (The Second Scrutiny) or confront our lives by reflecting on the gospel of the Man Born Blind (John, chapter 9). Even if we are not attending the 10.00 am Mass for the RCIA catechumens it is very fruitful for all of us to read and reflect on that special Gospel during the coming week.

At the other Masses we celebrate the encounter of Jesus and Nicodemus and rejoice in the perhaps the most often-quoted words of the Gospel, “**For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have Eternal Life**” (John 3:16). We are also happy to hear that in Christ there is no condemnation – only mercy. We might also take away the words of St Paul in the second reading – “We are God’s handiwork (His work of art), created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them”.

Let us not forget the big feast days of March, the 17th – St Patrick, the 19th – St Joseph, and the 25th - the Annunciation. Fr Stephen has been giving us many inspiring reflections on St Joseph in his Flocknotes and we can all join the Novena in preparation for the feast day (11th-19th). But let us not forget about Patrick -not about green beer or the rivers of Boston and Chicago turning green on the 17th, but rather about his work of evangelization of the Irish, still needed today, and remember his own words to them as recorded in the Book of Armagh. His wish was that they would always treasure two short prayers, “Kyrie Eleison” and “Deo Gratias” or “Lord have mercy” and “Thanks be to God”. It is between these that we will find the fullness of life – trusting in the One who loves us and eternally grateful for everything.

And if you know the melody try
“Hail Glorious St Patrick”

Hail Glorious St Patrick, dear
saint of our isle, On us thy poor
children bestow a sweet smile:

And now that you’re high in
your mansions above, On Erin’s
green valleys look down with your
love.

On Erin’s green valleys, on
Erin’s green valleys, On Erin’s
green valleys look down with your
love.

~Fr. David Costello, O.C.D.



**Novena to St. Joseph
Thursday, March 11 to
Friday, March 19**

**Mass at 7:00 pm each night
except Saturday & Sunday
See weekend schedule
(inside the church)**

St. Joseph Novena Prayer

*Hail, Guardian of the
Redeemer, Chaste Spouse
of the Blessed Virgin
Mary. To you God
entrusted his only Son; in
you Mary placed her
trust; Under your fatherly
guidance Jesus grew to
perfect manhood. Blessed
Joseph, to us too, show
yourself a father and
guide us in the path of
life. Obtain for us grace,
courage, and hope. Be
our advocate in times of
trial, Our support in
sorrow, our teacher in the
ways of prayer, Our
intercessor in the needs
we now place before you
(mention your intention).
Defend us from every evil
of body and soul, Now
and especially at the hour
of our death.
Amen.*

Stations of the Cross

You are invited to join us for
Stations of the Cross every
Friday during Lent at 6:00pm
in English in the church.

Villa crucis

Los invitamos a que nos acompañen al
villa crucis todos los viernes durante
la cuaresma a las 6:00pm en Español
afuera debajo de la ramada.





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Santa Cruz Catholic Church Mass Schedule

Saturday, 3:30—5:00 pm (English/Español)

Confession in Church Courtyard. You must wear a mask.
Confesión en el patio de la iglesia. Debes usar una mascara.

Saturdays

3:00 p.m. Mass (English) in the school field

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass inside church

Sundays

6:30 a.m. Mass inside church

10:00 a.m. Mass inside church

12:00 p.m. Live-stream Mass

3:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish) in the school field

6:00 p.m. Mass inside church

Weekdays Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass inside church

There will be **Stations of the Cross on Fridays** at **6 p.m.** during Lent.



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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.
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New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office.

~ Masses ~ Note these are suspended during COVID-19

Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4° Domingo del Mes (Español)

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

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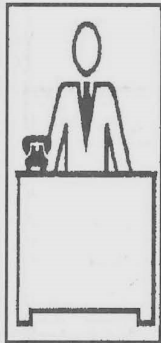
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