

Welcome to the Shrine of Our Lady of Miracles

Pastor: Father Isaque Meneses

Associate Pastor: Father Jorge Da La Torre

Mass Intentions April 24 - May 2, 2021

Saturday, April 24, 5:30 PM:

**Joaquim Bettencourt
Angie Bassett**

7:00 PM Spanish:
Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, April 25, English 9:00 AM:

John & Evelyn Galante

10:30 AM, Spanish:

For the health of Eucebio Gonzalez

12 Noon, Portuguese:

**Lionel Soares
Maria Nelia Azevedo
Augusto Lima & familia**

Tuesday, April 27, 5:30 PM:

Linda Gomes Cody

Wednesday, April 28, 5:30 PM:

Donald Adams

Thursday, April 29, 5:30 PM:

Mario Teixeira

Friday, April 30, 5:30 PM:

Anthony Fantazia

Saturday, May 1, 5:30 PM:

**Mark Pacheco
Franklin Pacheco**

7:00 PM Spanish:
Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, May 2, English 9:00 AM:

**Deceased Members of
Our Lady of Miracles Society**

10:30 AM, Spanish:
Special intentions of Ponce Family

12 Noon, Portuguese:
**Jose Bettencort
Oldemire Teixeira**

*April 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter*

*The Easter Candle is
donated in memory of
Nelson & Diolinda Gomes.*

* **Host & Wine for the month of April donated in mem-** *
* **ory** of Nelson & Diolinda Gomes & Deceased members *
* of the Lopes & Gomes family. *
* **Flowers the month of April in memory** *
* of Joe & Belma Borrelli and Tony & Hilda Nunes *
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*Hours of Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
Fridays 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM*

Sunday Plate collection

3rd Sunday of April, 2021 \$3705
Total Easter Sunday \$8088

April 2020 Covid /no plate collection

Total Income March 2021 \$27,310
Total Expenses March 2021 \$28,075
Net loss \$765

Total Income March 2020 \$14,623
Total Expenses March 2020 \$27,829
Net Loss \$13,206

We Pray for Those in Need of Healing.....

Joan Bell, , Elias Bravo, Nancy Costa, Frank Panarra, Mary Fran Souza and Eucebio Gonzalaz.

PARISH CALENDAR

*Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM*

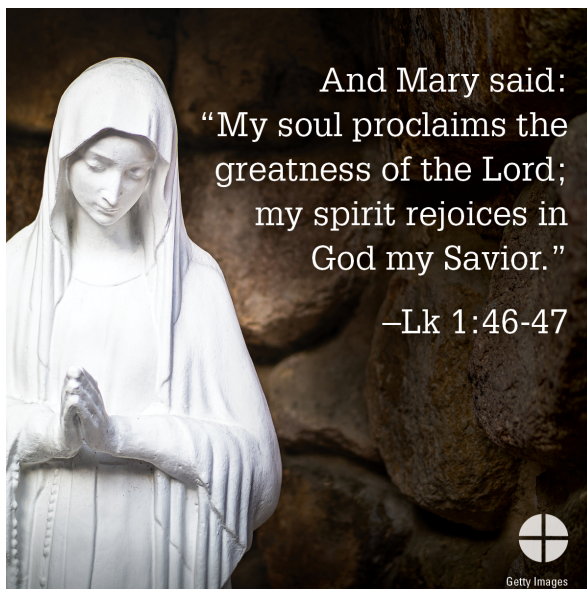
*Father Isaque will be available on
Tuesday and Thursday of this week.
Father Jorge will be out of the office April 26 -30*

We pray for the repose of the soul of
Memo Palamino.

We hope our prayers are a comfort for his family at this
difficult time of bereavement.

May is the Month of Mary

Father Jorge will be doing a devotion to Our Lady
More information to come!



Congratulations to all the
students who received
First Holy Communion on
April 24.

Upcoming First Communions

May 1st

English 2:00 pm

May 22nd

Spanish 10 am

Religious Education

For upcoming 2021-2022

School Year is currently

going on.

Please pick up a registration
packet at the church office.

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Columbus

A New
Beginning...

Join the Knights of Columbus
FREE MEMBERSHIP*
For new online membership applications
submitted the entire month of April
*for 3-year, regular dues are \$30/year thereafter.
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World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 25, 2021

from USCCB's Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations

“Saint Joseph is an extraordinary figure, yet at the same time one “so close to our own human experience”. He did not do astonishing things, he had no unique charisms, nor did he appear special in the eyes of those who met him. He was not famous or even noteworthy: the Gospels do not report even a single word of his. Still, through his ordinary life, he accomplished something extraordinary in the eyes of God.”

– Pope Francis

The 58th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be celebrated by the Catholic Church on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25, 2021, a day which is also commonly referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. Inspired by the Lord's instruction in the Gospels of Matthew 9:38 and Luke 10:2, in which Jesus exhorts the people to “ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest,” World Day of Prayer for Vocations unites the faithful in praying for those currently discerning and living out vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life.

In his [annual message](#), Pope Francis sets forth St. Joseph as an exemplary model of faithfulness, service, and fidelity – three characteristics that the Holy Father considers to be paramount for healthy vocational discernment. Pope Francis writes that St. Joseph was a man whose ear was attuned to the voice of God and who was proactive and firm in accomplishing His will. Even amidst the most challenging circumstances, St. Joseph never uttered a complaint nor sought praise for his faithfulness. His sole concern was caring for the Holy Family entrusted to him.

St. Joseph's example of remaining faithful to God amidst the everyday moments of life should inspire all the faithful, but especially pastors and religious who are chosen to care for the Church in a special way. One of the many ways in which the faithful, laity most especially, can build up the Church is by promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Some ideas for vocational promotion include:

- Hosting a regular discernment group for men and women of the parish
- Inviting a seminarian or religious sister to share his/her vocation story
- Instituting an evening of Eucharistic Adoration on a regular basis that is dedicated to praying for those discerning a vocation
- Starting a book club where young people are encouraged to read spiritual classics, thus increasing their knowledge of God and attuning their heart to His voice (e.g., *Story of a Soul*, *the Confessions*, *Authentic Devotion*)

In fact, the Ordination Class of 2021 Study, conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) proves that a supportive parish environment, as well as the faithful witness of priests and religious, are very influential for vocational discernment. Some of the major findings that highlight the parish as being the seedbed of vocations include:

- Three in five responding ordinands (62%) participated in a religious education program in their parish, for seven years on average.
- Half of all responding ordinands (46%) participated in a parish youth group. A quarter (25%) participated in Catholic campus ministry/Newman Center.
- Seven in ten responding ordinands (73%) served as altar servers before entering the seminary. Half (48%) served as lectors. Two in five served as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (40%) or as catechists (36%). Three in ten served as Confirmation sponsors/godfathers (33%), or in campus ministry/youth ministry (33%). A quarter served as a cantor or in music ministry (24%).
- Nine in ten responding ordinands (93%) report being encouraged to consider the priesthood by someone in their life (most frequently, the parish priest, a friend, or another parishioner).

Bishop James Checchio, Chairman of the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations (CCLV) stated that in addition to faithfulness, St. Joseph also teaches us the value of holy perseverance and patience. “We are living in very challenging times full of uncertainty and fear. Yet, St. Joseph teaches us, especially our young people, that consistent, quiet fidelity to God is what opens our hearts to receive Christ's grace and peace. In imitation of St. Joseph, may we entrust our hearts and desires completely to Our Risen Lord.”