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Monday Closed

Tuesday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

ENGLISH Saturday 5:00 p.m.

ITALIAN Sunday 9:00 a.m.

ENGLISH Sunday 10:30 a.m.

ENGLISH Sunday 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday & Friday 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the office in emergency or serious illness.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least 12 months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Please call the Parish Office.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

RESOURCE CENTRE/GIFT SHOP

Open for 30 minutes after each weekend Mass.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART

Blessed are the meek. (Matthew 5:5)

If someone called you meek, would you consider it a compliment or an insult? Are you being described as humble and patient or overly submissive and weak?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus called the meek "blessed," so clearly, he thought it was something worth striving for. He also called himself "meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). And he was: he was submissive, but only to the will of his heavenly Father.

This is what it means to be meek: to bend our will to God's. This kind of meekness requires strength, not weakness, and a willingness to trust and obey the Lord.

In today's first reading from the prophet Zephaniah, it seems that meekness was exactly what the people of Jerusalem were lacking. The northern kingdom of Israel had already been overrun by the Assyrians just a generation or two before Zephaniah wrote these words. A similar fate awaited the southern kingdom because they were worshipping other gods and breaking the Lord's commandments.

And who would survive the "day of the Lord's anger" (Zephaniah 2:3)? Only a "remnant" of people "humble and lowly," who would observe God's laws and seek "justice" and "humility" (2:3; 3:12). They would be blessed for their willingness to be meek before the Lord.

And so will we. When we follow God's commandments, even when our passions and desires push us in the opposite direction, we will enjoy freedom from sin. When we seek the Lord's will in all that we do—especially when we are faced with an important decision—we will feel peaceful and secure that we are following the right path.

Is there an area in your life that you are struggling to submit to the Lord? If so, repent and ask for the grace to give it to him. And even if you don't see the blessings right away, believe that they will come, just as Jesus promised.

"Lord, help me to be like you, meek and humble of heart."

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 29 January, 9:00 AM (Italian)
+ Adelia & Ercole Cerelli

Sunday 29 January, 10:30 AM
For all Parishioners

Sunday 29 January, 12:00 PM
40th Anniversary Thanksgiving for
Rico and Marissa Kism

Tuesday 31 January, 9:00 AM
St. John Bosco

Wednesday 1 February, 7:00 PM
+ Guisuppina Schirripa

Thursday 2 February, 9:00 AM
Living & Deceased Members
of the Lopera Family

Friday 3 February, 7:00 PM
+ Giuseppe & Gelsomina Rosa Robino
+ Grazia Rigano
+ Maria Toriello
+ Nicola Rosa
+ Luisa Agliata
+ Salvatore Agliata
+ Vincenzino Zanella

Saturday 4 February, 9:00 AM
For all Parishioners

Saturday 5 February, 5:00 PM
+ Luigi Martini

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

The Consecration to St. Joseph program is starting off again, and being our parish's 40th anniversary it is a special one this year. The program will start from February 10 and will continue every subsequent Fridays (February 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10 & 7.). The Consecration will be on March 19th, Feast of St. Joseph, at the 12 noon Mass. May St. Joseph our patron saint intercede for us all!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Every month on the first Friday of the month, St. Joseph the Worker invites everyone to our holy hour of Adoration, beginning at 8:00 PM after our Friday Mass. Set some time in your schedule to connect with God and experience the power of his wondrous love. Follow along with your spiritual family in an hour of prayer, reflection, mediation, and music. Our next monthly Adoration will be on Friday, February 3, 2023.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory. Classes will be held every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM,

REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Parents' Meeting #1:

Saturday, February 11 from 10:15 to 11:15a.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory. Classes will be held every Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM

REMINDER FOR PARENTS & SPONSORS

Parent/Sponsor's Meeting #1

Tuesday, 21 February at 7:30 p.m.

TOTUS TUUS: PARISH SUMMER CAMP

Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp is coming to our Parish this year from July 16-21! The camp is in two parts: the day camp for grades 1-6 (8:45am-2:30pm) and the Evening program for grades 7-12 (6:45pm –9pm) The day camp helps children learn more about the Catholic faith in a caring, fun-filled environment. The evening program is designed for students who are seeking to deepen their faith and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. Both are facilitated by our highly trained, college-age Totus Tuus missionaries with support from the local Parish Coordinator and volunteers. Begin to plan your summer for you kids with this faith and fun-filled week.

A VISIO DIVINA ON ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: FEBRUARY 8

Come and celebrate the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita and learn about some of the lesser known Saints through the lens of Visio Divina. This is a way of reflecting and praying to draw us closer to God through the lives and struggles of the Saints. We will be paying emphasis on St. Josephine Bakhita and other Saints from marginalized communities around the world. A brief presentation of Visio Divina and discussion to follow, all are welcome to learn and pray. The event will take place on February 8 at 7:45 pm (following the 7pm mass)

YOUTH PROGRAMME:

Edge, Grades 6 & 8

Edge is a program designed for preteens and teens which allows them to deepen their relationship with Christ. Sessions will be held **every 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 6:30—8:00PM** in the parish hall.

2. Saturday, January 28	6. Saturday, March 25
3. Saturday, February 11	7. Saturday, April 8
4. Saturday, February 25	8. Saturday, April 22
5. Saturday, March 11	

The Chosen, Grades 11 & 12

We will be watching and discussing The Chosen, which portrays the life of Jesus as he called his initial disciples. Sessions will be held **every 1st & 3rd Fridays, 6:30—8 PM** in the parish hall.

2. Friday, February 3	6. Friday, March 31
3. Friday, February 17	7. Friday, April 21
4. Friday, March 3	8. Friday, May 5
5. Friday, March 17	

Life Teen, Grades 9 & 10

Life Teen is a high school youth ministry program designed to bring teens closer to Christ and his Church by exploring the depths of our faith. Sessions will be held **every 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 6:30—8:00 PM** in the parish hall

2. Saturday, February 4	6. Saturday, April 15
3. Saturday, February 18	7. Saturday, May 6
4. Saturday, March 4	8. Saturday, May 20
5. Saturday, April 1	

Book Club, Young Adults

We will be reading and discussing "Emotional Virtue" to understand what it means to build a relationship rooted in faith and authentic friendship. Sessions will be held **every 2nd & 4th Fridays, 6:30—8 PM** in the parish hall.

2. Friday, January 27	6. Friday, March 25
3. Friday, February 11	7. Friday, April 8
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40TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING

Donations are beginning to come in for our fund raising. Many thanks to families that have pitched in. Please let us know how you can support us. Check the details on the 40th anniversary brochure for more details.

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