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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Monday, Sunday
and Statutory Holidays**
CLOSED

We celebrate Memorial, Clubs, and Groups Masses according to the parish schedule as a regular intention.

We DO NOT celebrate Private Masses.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Wednesday
7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday
9:00 am

Saturday
5:00 pm

Sunday
9:00 am (Italian)
10:30 am
12:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45 pm
and upon appointment

ADORATION CHAPEL

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **Tuesday to Saturday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm**

BAPTISM

To baptize your child at our Church, **it is necessary for you to be registered with the Parish and attend Mass regularly.** Baptisms are held **most Saturdays** of the month **at 3:00 pm.** For more information, please contact the office or visit our website.

MARRIAGE

Please **contact the office at least one year in advance.** Weddings are held at 12 pm on most Saturdays of the month.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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MASS READINGS

First Reading	Isaiah 58. 6 - 10 ++
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 2. 1 - 5
Gospel	Matthew 5. 13 - 16

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 7, 2026 - 5:00 PM

+ Louis & Maria Noronha & The deceased members of The Noronha Family

Birthday Blessing for Sophia Whlenhoff

The 2026 Communicants of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Sunday February 8, 2026

9:00 AM

+ Rosalia Ferro

10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

12:00 PM

Thanksgiving for Catherine Chang



Tuesday February 10, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Thanksgiving for all parishioners

+ Annunziata Pellegrini

Thanksgiving for Ik Won Kong & Jae Oak Shin

Wednesday February 11, 2026 - 7:00 PM

+ Stan Xavier

+ Lorraine Hilson

+ Jae Kown Ha

Birthday Blessing for Jenner Bae

Thursday February 12, 2026 - 9:00 AM

+ Engacia Gamban

Friday February 13, 2026 - 9:00 AM

+ Elena Ammendolia

SAVE THE DATE!!

**The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
Parish Celebration**
Friday May 1, 2026
More details to come



Family Day luncheon

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Sunday, February 22 • 2:00 PM**

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as a parish community.

PARISH REMINDERS



Adoration
Friday February 6, 2026
At 7:00 PM



Street Patrol
Saturday February 21, 2026
At 9:00 AM Parish Hall



2026 Offertory Envelope Pick up

The offertory envelopes for 2026 are
available for pick up in the Parish Office.



First Holy Communion
NO CLASS on
Saturday February 14, 2026



Confirmation
NO CLASS on
Wednesday February 18, 2026

Dear Parishioners,



As we approach Ash Wednesday, I would like to offer a brief explanation of how we will be distributing ashes in our parish this year.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a sacred season of repentance, conversion, and renewed trust in God's mercy.

The ashes themselves are a biblical sign of humility and repentance. In Sacred Scripture, placing ashes on one's head is associated with turning back to God:

"I turned to the Lord God, to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes" (Daniel 9:3). "If the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." (Matthew 11:21)

The Church blesses ashes made from the palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday, and the priest prays that those who receive them may begin Lent with sincere hearts (cf. Roman Missal, Ash Wednesday).

This year, the ashes will be sprinkled on the head, rather than traced as a cross on the forehead. This practice is fully legitimate and officially permitted by the Roman Catholic Church. In fact, the Roman Missal itself states clearly: *"The Priest places ashes on the head of those present"* (Roman Missal, Ash Wednesday, no. 22).

While marking the forehead with a cross is a custom familiar in many places, sprinkling ashes on the head is the older and more universal practice, and it remains the norm in Rome and in many parts of the world.

Sprinkling the ashes emphasizes their biblical meaning: not a mark or decoration, but a sign of humility before God. It reminds us that we stand together as sinners in need of mercy, echoing the words spoken during the rite: *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"* (Genesis 3:19). This way of distributing ashes also allows the rite to be carried out simply, reverently, and safely, without altering its meaning or diminishing its spiritual value.

What matters most is not the form of the gesture, but the interior disposition of the heart. By receiving ashes, we publicly express our desire to begin Lent in repentance, trusting not in ourselves, but in the mercy of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

May this Lent be a time of grace, humility, healing, and renewal for all.

With prayerful best wishes,
Fr Augusto Menichelli - Pastor

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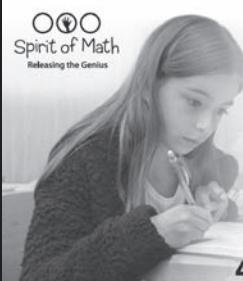
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