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## PASTOR

Fr. Augusto Menichelli

## OFFICE MANAGER

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## SECRETARY

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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.

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## MASS READINGS

<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 58. 6 - 10 ++
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 2. 1 - 5
<b>Gospel</b>	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

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall

Sunday, February 22 • 2:00 PM

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## 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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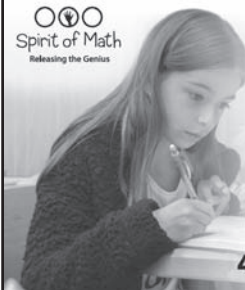
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