

8TH Saint Joseph

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

VIGÉSIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO (A)

PARISH STAFF



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MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIOS DE MISA

Monday/Lunes: No mass
Tuesday/Martes: 6:30 AM (English) - CHAPEL
Wednesday/Miércoles: 6:30 AM (English) - CHAPEL
Thursday/Jueves: 6:00 PM (Spanish) - CHAPEL
Friday/Viernes: 6:30 AM (English) - CHAPEL

Saturday/Sábado: 4:30 PM (English) CHURCH
6:00 PM (English) LOUNGE
Neocatechumenal Way

Sunday/Domingo: 7:00 AM (English) CHURCH
9:00 AM (Spanish) CHURCH
11:00 AM (English) CHURCH

CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES

SATURDAYS: 3:30 pm in the Church or any time by appointment.
SABADOS: A las 3:30 pm en la Iglesia o llame para una cita.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Monday through Friday. Please contact the Parish Office.
De Lunes a Viernes. Favor de contactar la Oficina Parroquial.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Please contact one of the priests if you are going to the hospital.
Llamar al sacerdote cuando se necesite y si vas al hospital.

BAPTISMS / BAUTIZOS

On the last Saturday of the month, at 3 pm. Please contact the Parish Office. - El ultimo sabado del mes, a las 3 pm. Favor de contactar la oficina parroquial.

MARRIAGE / MATRIMONIO

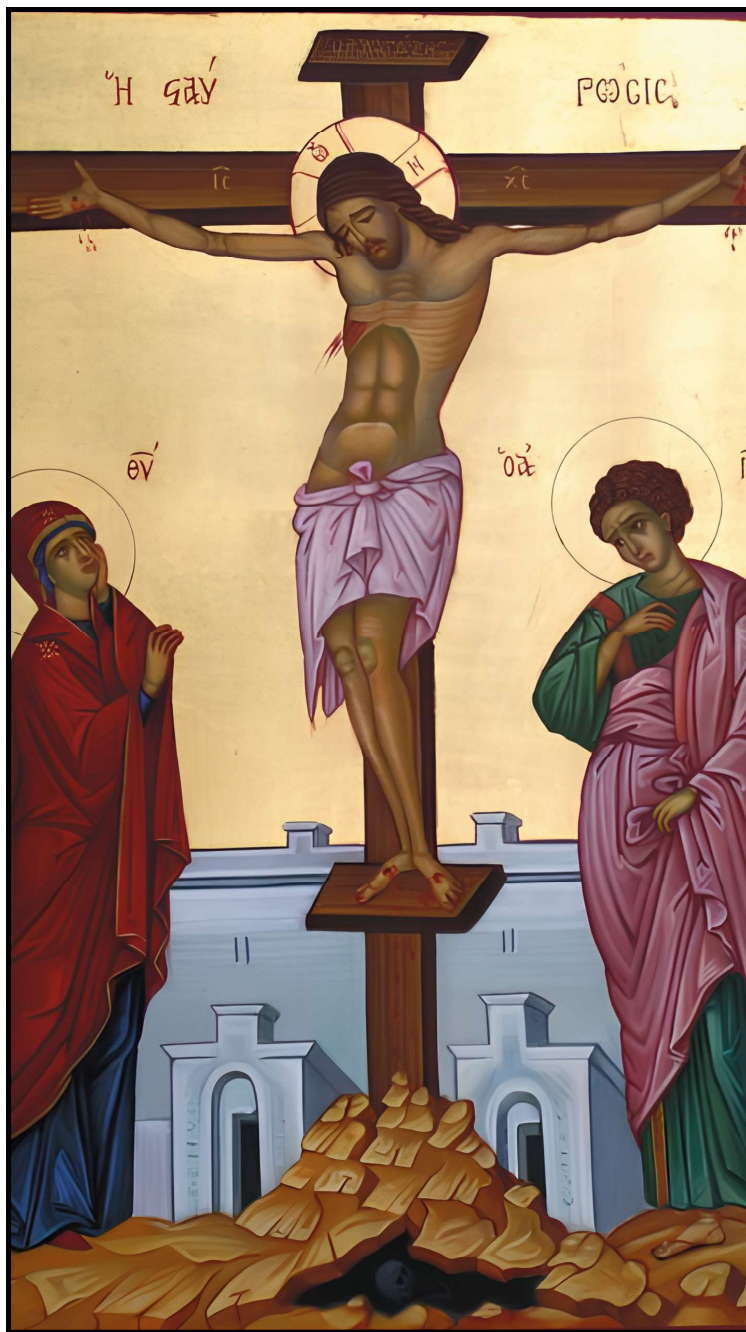
Please contact the priests at least 6 months before your wedding.
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

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READINGS FOR THE 22ND WEEK OF O.T. (A)

Mon. August 31

1 Cor 2:1-5
Lk 4:16-30

Tue. Sept. 1

1 Cor 2:10b-16
Lk 4:31-37

Wed. Sept. 2

1 Cor 3:1-9
Lk 4:38-44

Thur. Sept. 3

Saint Gregory the Great
1 Cor 3:18-23
Lk 5:1-11

Fri. Sept. 4

1 Cor 4:1-5
Lk 5:33-39



Sat. Sept. 5

Saint Teresa of Calcutta
1 Cor 4:6b-15
Lk 6:1-5

Sun. Sept. 6
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

The Saints of the Week

Saint Gregory the Great (c. 540–604) was born in Rome and became one of the most important popes of the early Church. After serving as a Roman official, he embraced monastic life and devoted himself to prayer and service. Elected Pope in 590, Gregory cared deeply for the poor, strengthened the Church's mission, reformed the clergy, and sent missionaries to evangelize England. His writings profoundly influenced Catholic theology and spirituality. He is honored as a Doctor of the Church and is remembered for his humility, pastoral wisdom, and dedication to Christ.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta (1910–1997) was born Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu in Skopje. As a religious sister, she felt called to serve Christ among the poorest of the poor. In 1950, she founded the Missionaries of Charity, caring for the sick, abandoned, dying, and forgotten. Her simple life of prayer and extraordinary charity brought worldwide attention to the dignity of every human person. Despite experiencing periods of spiritual darkness, she remained faithful to Christ. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016. Her life proclaimed that love for Christ is shown through loving service to others.

AUGUST 30

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Paul puts a very strong challenge before us in today's second reading, "Do not conform yourselves to this age..." We are surrounded by words and images that can easily lead us to take a path that leads away from Christ rather than closer to him. Our culture puts enormous value on the accumulation of money and material things and seems to see little or no value in the dignity of the human person and the extraordinary diversity of God's creations. Striving to conform our lives to the way of Jesus not only satisfies our longings but makes us better able to discern God's will. Pray for the ability to align your priorities with those of Christ so that everything you do will be good and pleasing to God.

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Mass will be "Live" on Saturdays at 4:30 pm and on Sundays at 7 am, 9 am (Spanish), and 11 am.

THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH MASS



Next Saturday, September 5, at 7:00 am, we invite you to participate in the celebration of Holy Mass at St. Michael's Chapel.

Theme: *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Divine Hope.*

Come and discover the profound meaning of this beautiful title that the Church has given to our Blessed Mother.

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Sat. 29	4:30 pm	Birthday blessings for Manuel Meza	req. by the Victoria Soto.
Sun. 30	7:00 am	For the good of the people of St. Joseph Church.	
	9:00 am	+Atanacia Vélez	req. Juanita Migueles Mitchel.
	11:00 am	Birthday blessings for Marcus Frigillano	req. by Sheena Blanco
Tue. 1	6:30 am	Angel Luis Colón	req. by Mozelle Henley.
Wed. 2	6:30 am	Birthday blessings for Carly Strawn and Joselyn Hittle	req. by Eulalia Cordero.
Thu. 3	6:00 pm	Birthday blessings for Gilbert and Esther Donelly and Christine Greenidge	req. by the family.
Fri. 4	6:30 am	+John Ivan Christian	req. by Vivian Nielsen.
Sat. 5	7:00 am	+Guillermo Huertas and +Norma Rodríguez Meléndez	req. by Luis G. Huertas.

From the Pastor's Pen 8TH

Dear brothers and sisters,

Over the past several years, we have made a number of improvements to our Music Ministry at St. Joseph's, all with one important purpose: to help our parish family participate more fully in singing at Mass.

We have installed a new sound system, purchased new microphones, new Roman Ritual Missals, and new blue St. Joseph's binders. We even replaced the carpet in the choir loft! Each of these improvements has been made to support our choirs and, most importantly, to make it easier for you, our parishioners, to lift your voices in praise of God.

Recently, several parishioners suggested that we purchase hymn boards. Sometimes we may not hear the hymn number clearly, or we may simply be distracted and miss it. To make participation easier, we have now purchased two hymn boards, and I hope that all our choirs will make good use of them so that everyone knows which hymn we are singing.

The hymn boards were not inexpensive, especially because of the shipping. The total cost was \$657.00. I am very grateful that two generous parishioners have already offered to contribute \$400.00 toward the purchase! May God bless them abundantly for their generosity.

If you would like to help us cover the remaining \$257.00, please let me know. Every contribution, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

And now, dear parishioners, let us sing! Let us praise God together with joyful hearts, because when we sing at Mass, we pray twice!

Fr. Andrea



SUMMER PAINTING PROJECTS

In August, we completed several important painting projects around the parish, including the gate, the chapel door, the office entrance, the office fence, the picnic tables, and more.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Adrian of Priceless Quality Painting (262-484-8414) for his excellent work, as well as to our seminarians, Pradeep and Jeshua, for generously giving their time and helping with these projects. Their hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated!



AN INVITATION FROM SISTER FLORIANE

Sister Floriane, our Director of Adult Formation, extends a special invitation to you! If you are an adult who has not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation (Confession), First Communion, or Confirmation, Sister Floriane warmly invites you to take this important step in your faith journey.

Perhaps you received these Sacraments many years ago but would like to deepen your understanding and renew your appreciation of them. You are also most welcome! Sister Floriane would be delighted to have you join her class.

Come and be part of this wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, deepen your relationship with Christ, and rediscover the beauty of the Catholic faith.

For more information about the class, start date, and schedule, please contact the Parish Office at 340-692-2005.



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Catholic Questions — Answered —

Why do Catholics baptize infants?

Catholics baptize infants because Baptism is not primarily something we do for God; it is a gift that God gives to us. Through Baptism, a person receives new life in Christ, is freed from original sin, becomes a member of the Church, and receives the grace needed to begin the journey of faith. Since salvation is God's gift, the Church welcomes even the youngest members into this new life.

The practice of infant Baptism has existed since the earliest centuries of Christianity. The Acts of the Apostles speaks of entire households receiving Baptism (Acts 16:15, 33), and early Christian writings testify that children were included in the Church's sacramental life. Just as children inherit the effects of original sin, they also have the right to receive the grace of Christ that heals and restores.

Some ask how a baby can have faith without personal understanding. The Church teaches that the faith of the child is supported by the faith of the parents, godparents, and the entire Christian community. As the child grows, he or she is called to personally embrace and live the faith received at Baptism.

Infant Baptism is a beautiful expression of God's unconditional love. Before a child can do anything for God, God first reaches out to the child with grace. Through Baptism, every Christian begins a lifelong journey toward holiness and eternal life.

References: Mt 26:26–28; Jn 6:51–59; 1 Cor 11:23–29; CCC 1373–1381; Sacrosanctum Concilium 7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S SECOND COLLETON - For the Maintenance of the Parish. Thanks.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Tuesday from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm, in Saint Michael's Chapel.

PROLIFE ROSARY - Every Friday at 4:30 pm, in Saint Michael's Chapel. All are welcome.

GROW IN YOUR FAITH - You have not yet received Baptism, First Communion, Confession, or Confirmation? Or do you want to refresh your knowledge of the Sacraments? Join Sister Floriane's Adult Formation class! Don't miss out! ☎ Office: 340-692-2005

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH MASS - Saturday, September 5, at 7:00 a.m., join us for Holy Mass at St. Michael's Chapel: "The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Divine Hope." Come and discover the profound meaning of this title given by the Church to our Blessed Mother.

AUGUST 2026 - SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 16, 2026 - Bishop's Appeal 2026

August 30, 2026 - Maintenance



St. Joseph's Gem

WISDOM ON OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

"What many kings and prophets desired to see, and saw not; desired to hear, and heard not; he was allowed not merely to hear and see, but also to carry, lead, embrace, kiss, nourish, and protect."

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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(Please call the Church Office to add or remove names to/from this list)

Desde la pluma del parroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Durante los últimos años, hemos realizado varias mejoras en nuestro Ministerio de Música de San José, con un propósito muy importante: ayudar a nuestra comunidad parroquial a participar más plenamente en el canto durante la Santa Misa.

Hemos instalado un nuevo sistema de sonido, adquirido nuevos micrófonos, nuevos Misales del Ritual Romano y nuevas carpetas azules de San José. ¡Incluso reemplazamos la alfombra del coro! Cada una de estas mejoras busca apoyar a nuestros coros y, sobre todo, facilitar que ustedes, nuestros feligreses, eleven sus voces en alabanza a Dios.

Recientemente, varios feligreses sugirieron que compráramos tableros para los números de los cantos. A veces no escuchamos claramente el número del canto o simplemente nos distraemos y no sabemos cuál debemos cantar. Para facilitar la participación, hemos adquirido dos tableros, y espero que todos nuestros coros los utilicen para que toda la asamblea pueda saber qué canto estamos entonando.

Los tableros no fueron económicos, especialmente debido al costo del envío. El costo total fue de \$657.00. Estoy muy agradecido porque dos generosos feligreses ya ofrecieron contribuir \$400.00 para esta compra. ¡Que Dios los bendiga por su generosidad!

Si desea ayudarnos a cubrir los \$257.00 restantes, por favor comuníquese conmigo. Toda contribución, grande o pequeña, será muy apreciada.

Y ahora, queridos feligreses, ¡cantemos! Alabemos juntos a Dios con corazones alegres, porque cuando cantamos en la Misa, ¡oramos dos veces!

Padre Andrea



30 DE AGOSTO VIGÉSIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

San Pablo nos presenta un gran desafío en la segunda lectura de hoy: «No se conformen a este mundo». Estamos rodeados de palabras e imágenes que fácilmente pueden llevarnos por un camino que nos aleja de Cristo en lugar de acercarnos a Él. Nuestra cultura da un enorme valor a la acumulación de dinero y bienes materiales, y parece dar poco o ningún valor a la dignidad de la persona humana y a la extraordinaria diversidad de la creación de Dios. Esforzarnos por conformar nuestra vida al modo de vivir de Jesús no solo satisface nuestros anhelos más profundos, sino que también nos ayuda a discernir mejor la voluntad de Dios. Oremos para tener la capacidad de ordenar nuestras prioridades según las de Cristo, para que todo lo que hagamos sea bueno y agradable a Dios.

UNA INVITACIÓN DE LA HERMANA FLORIANE *Formación en la Fe para Adultos*

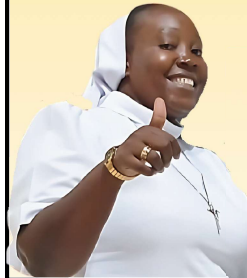
La Hermana Floriane, nuestra *Directora de Formación para Adultos*, le extiende una invitación muy especial.

Si usted es un adulto que aún no ha recibido los Sacramentos del Bautismo, la Primera Reconciliación (Confesión), la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación, la Hermana Floriane le invita cordialmente a dar este importante paso en su camino de fe.

Quizás recibió estos Sacramentos hace muchos años, pero desea profundizar en su conocimiento y renovar su aprecio por ellos. ¡También es bienvenido! La Hermana Floriane estará encantada de recibirle en su clase.

Venga y sea parte de esta maravillosa oportunidad para crecer en la fe, profundizar su relación con Cristo y redescubrir la belleza de la fe católica.

Para obtener más información sobre la clase, la fecha de inicio y el horario, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al 340-692-2005.



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LA MISA DEL PRIMER SÁBADO DEL MES



El próximo sábado, 5 de septiembre, a las 7:00 am, los invitamos a participar en la celebración de la Santa Misa en la Capilla de San Miguel.

Tema: *La Santísima Virgen María, Madre de la Divina Esperanza*

Venga y descubra el profundo significado de este hermoso título que la Iglesia ha dado a nuestra Madre Santísima.

TRABAJO PASTORAL

Rosario Pro-Vida - Viernes @ 4:30 pm
Santo Niño - Primer Sábado @ 4:00 pm
Divina Misericordia - Cada otros Sábados @ 4:00 pm
Sagrado Corazon - Primer Domingo @ 8:30 am
Cursillo de Cristiandad - Domingos @ 10:00 am
Nuestra Señora de Fatima - Primer Sábado 7:00am
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ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO - Martes de 7:00 am a 5:00 pm, en la Capilla de San Miguel.

ROSARIO PRO-VIDA - Todos los viernes a las 4:30 pm en la Capilla de San Miguel. Todos son bienvenidos.

CRECE EN TU FE! - ¿Aún no has recibido el Bautismo, la Primera Comunión, la Confesión o la Confirmación? ¿O quieres refrescar tus conocimientos sobre los Sacramentos? ¡Únete a la clase de Formación de Adultos de la Hermana Floriane! ¡No te lo pierdas! ☎ Oficina Parroquial: 340-692-2005

MISA DEL PRIMER SÁBADO DEL MES - El próximo sábado, 5 de septiembre, a las 7:00 am, les invitamos a participar en la Santa Misa en la Capilla de San Miguel, con el tema: "La Santísima Virgen María, Madre de la Divina Esperanza"; venga y descubra el profundo significado de este título de nuestra Madre Santísima.



Preguntas Católicas Respondidas

¿Por qué los católicos bautizan a los niños pequeños?

Los católicos bautizamos a los niños porque el Bautismo no es principalmente una obra que nosotros hacemos por Dios, sino un regalo que Dios nos ofrece gratuitamente. Por medio del Bautismo, una persona recibe una vida nueva en Cristo, queda liberada del pecado original, entra a formar parte de la Iglesia y recibe la gracia necesaria para comenzar el camino de la fe.

La práctica de bautizar niños existe desde los primeros siglos del cristianismo. En los Hechos de los Apóstoles encontramos ejemplos de familias enteras que recibieron el Bautismo (Hch 16,15.33), y los escritos cristianos antiguos muestran que los niños también eran incorporados a la vida sacramental de la Iglesia. Así como los seres humanos reciben las consecuencias del pecado original, también necesitan recibir la gracia salvadora de Cristo.

Algunas personas preguntan cómo puede tener fe un niño que todavía no comprende. La Iglesia enseña que la fe del niño es sostenida por la fe de sus padres, padrinos y de toda la comunidad cristiana. A medida que el niño crece, está llamado a aceptar personalmente esta fe y vivirla con libertad y amor.

El Bautismo de los niños manifiesta la ternura y la iniciativa de Dios. Antes de que un niño pueda hacer algo por Dios, Dios ya lo ha amado primero y le ofrece su gracia. Por medio del Bautismo comienza una vida nueva que está llamada a crecer hasta alcanzar la santidad y la vida eterna.

Referencias: Mt 28,19-20; Jn 3,5; Hch 16,15.33; Rom 6,3-4; CIC 1213-1284; Sacrosanctum Concilium 64-69; Código de Derecho Canónico, cc. 849-878.

AGOSTO 2026 - SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

16 de agosto 2026 - Campaña del Obispo 2026

30 de agosto 2026 - Mantenimiento



EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

El 3 de Octubre comenzaremos nuestras clases de educación religiosa.

¿Ha recibido todos los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana (Bautismo, Confirmación, Primera Comunión)?

¿Conoces a alguien que aún necesite recibirlos?

¿Y sus hijos, nietos y ahijados?



Para inscribirse o recibir más información, le invitamos cordialmente a comunicarse con la Oficina Parroquial.

Estaremos felices de ayudarlo y atender cualquier pregunta que pueda tener

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«Lo que muchos reyes y profetas desearon ver y no vieron, desearon oír y no oyeron, a él no solamente le fue concedido verlo y oírlo, sino también llevarlo, conducirlo, abrazarlo, besarlo, alimentarlo y protegerlo».

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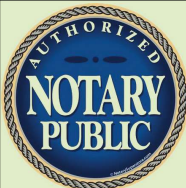


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PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

HURRICANE SEASON PRAYER

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, natural disasters and all acts of terrorism. May we be secure in your protection and always feel the presence of your love as you turn our fears into praise of your goodness. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

ORACIÓN A SAN MIGUEL ARCÁNGEL

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y acechanzas del demonio. Reprímele Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tú, Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial, arroja al infierno con el divino poder, a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

ORACIÓN EN TEMPORADA DE HURACANES

Padre, todos los elementos de la naturaleza obedecen a tu mandato. Libranos de los peligros de huracanes, inundaciones, terremotos, desastres naturales y de todos los actos de terrorismo. Que nos sintamos seguros en tu protección y que siempre sintamos la presencia de tu amor. Cambia nuestros miedos en alabanzas a tu bondad. Bendice a nuestras familias y trae la paz a todas las naciones. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.



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