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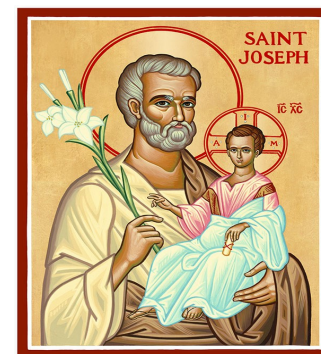
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**Fr. Steve Murray**, Pastor,  
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**Fr. Charles Sena**  
**Deacon Ed Riccillo** Ex. 113  
Baptism / RCIA—Adult  
Faith Formation

#### Office Staff

**Admin. Assistant:**  
Liz Chapman Ex. 100  
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Elaine Gardner, Ext. 108  
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Josie Marrufo Ex. 105  
**Music Ministry Director:**  
Marcos LeBlanc, Ex. 104  
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Marcos LeBlanc  
Jessica Gamble

#### Parish Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday**  
8 am to 3 pm  
**Fridays** 8 am to 12 pm  
**HALL RENTAL**  
Judy Martinez  
719-289-2615

## *St. Joseph Catholic Church*

**Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024**

“We want you here!” “God wants you here!” “We’ll help you find your purpose!”



*St. Joseph church logo  
designed by Sonny  
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### **MEETING JESUS IN THE MASS — Week 6** **VI. The Liturgy of the Eucharist, Part C**

Reflecting on the Communion Rite, ask yourself and the Lord these questions:

1. What does it mean to me and my life that I receive the Real Presence of Jesus Christ when I receive Holy Communion? Am I growing in wonder and awe of the Lord?
2. In receiving Holy Communion, I am brought into deeper union with Jesus Christ and with all who have ever been and will ever be in union with Him. How does knowing this change my appreciation of the Eucharist and my relationship to others?
3. Has the Eucharist renewed and strengthened me in the life of Jesus and my resolve to bring this life to the poor?
4. How is my encounter with Jesus in Holy Communion a transformative encounter with the Kerygma (see page 5 for a description of the Kerygma)?

#### Mass Times

**Saturday:** 4:30 pm  
**Sunday:** 7:30 am, 9 am, 11 am

#### Mass Live Streamed:

**Saturday:** 4:30 pm    **Sunday:** 11 am

#### Weekday Mass:

Monday thru Friday 8 am

#### Confessions:

Saturday 3:30 - 4 pm

#### UPCOMING DATES

**March 17**  
Religious Ed Pre-K-8 10:00am  
High School Confirmation 1:00pm  
**March 18**  
NO Adult Bible Study 6:30pm  
**March 19**  
NO Adult Bible Study 1:00pm  
**March 20**  
Adoration 11:00am-1:00pm  
**March 20**  
RCIA 6:30  
**March 21**  
Adult Confirmation 6:30pm



**ST. JOSEPH TABLE 2024**

March 17th 8:30am-1:00pm  
(Blessing with Bishop Stephen Berg at 12:30pm)  
March 18th 4:00pm-7:00pm  
March 19th 8:30am-1:00pm (Blessing at 8:45am)

**Help is needed in the following areas please.**  
Greeters, move equipment, set-up, and tear down,  
Bake and bag lady fingers. Sign up sheets will be  
in the back of the church alone with a committee  
member to answer any questions.

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW  
BIBLE STUDY**  
**NO CLASSES THIS WEEK!** Due to Fr. Steve’s  
participation in the Chrism Mass and related events  
bible studies will be canceled this week. Next week  
(March 25, 26) we will be looking at Chapter 1 in  
this in depth Study of the Gospel according to Mat-  
thew. This is a great opportunity to encounter and  
get to know Jesus and the salvation He has won for  
us. Come and grow in your knowledge and under-  
standing of Jesus and our Catholic faith through this  
great study of Sacred Scripture.  
**Monday 6:30pm or Tuesday 1:00pm**



**2024 ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC  
WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP  
ANNOUNCEMENT**  
St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women will  
Award one \$1,000 scholarship to an institution of  
Higher learning to a female high school graduating  
senior who is a member of:  
St. Joseph Church in Blende  
St. Therese Church in Vineland  
She must have a 3.00 GPA or greater and be an  
active, participating member of the Catholic  
Church.  
Applications are available at St. Joseph Church  
office or by calling:  
Diana Alvarado (719)251-9146 or emailing to  
[diana.alvarado12@gmail.com](mailto:diana.alvarado12@gmail.com).

A completed application, two current letters of  
recommendation and a current unofficial transcript  
must be submitted by Saturday, April 13, 2024.  
Incomplete or late applications will not be  
considered.

The **CHRISM MASS:**  
will be celebrated this year on **Tuesday March 19  
at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 5:00pm.**  
Every year at the Mass the Bishop Berg will bless  
all the sacramental oils to be used in the Diocese of  
Pueblo for this year. At this beautiful Mass all the  
priests of our diocese and representatives of every  
parish gather. You are invited to participate as well.

**Meeting Jesus in the Mass**  
For the National Eucharistic Revival the Diocese of  
Pueblo asked in a questionnaire what would help make  
Mass more meaningful. A common request was an ex-  
planation of the parts of the Mass. In response the dio-  
cese has published the booklet, Meeting Jesus in the  
Mass—A Deeper look at the  
Kerygma which has been placed in the pews. We will  
be reading through the booklet over the next several  
weeks. Hopefully this will indeed enhance our experi-  
ence of Mass. Thought provoking questions will be  
posted on the front page of the bulletin each week.  
Please leave the booklets in the pews.

**Lenten Fast & Abstinence Requirements**  
Ash Wednesday, Feb 14, and Good Friday, March  
29, are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for  
Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are  
obligatory days of abstinence from meat.  
For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the  
norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until  
age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat  
one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that to-  
gether are not equal to a full meal. The norms con-  
cerning abstinence from meat are binding upon  
members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14  
onwards. Personal health issues should be taken  
into account.

**Knights of Columbus Council #9456 offering:**  
  
Two (2) \$1000.00 Scholarships: One scholarship  
based strictly on academic performance,  
community participation and the second based on  
academic performance, community participation  
and financial need.  
Applicants will be considered if they are members  
of St. Joseph Parish-Pueblo, St. Therese Parish –  
Vineland or Sacred Heart Parish – Avondale.

Applications are available in the St. Joseph Par-  
ish Office. Applications should be submitted to the  
St. Joseph Parish Office no later than March 22,  
2024. If there are any questions, please contact:  
Sam J. Pantleo, 719 671-3219

St. Joseph Parish	March 10th, 2023
Envelopes	\$ 4,091.49
Loose Currency	\$ 1,223.00
Loose Check	\$ 2,035.00
10 Buck Sunday	\$ 300.00
SVDP	\$ 55.06
AMD	\$ 3,896.00
Candles	\$ 222.00
Easter	\$ 35.00
Building	\$ 150.00
St. Joseph	\$ 120.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,127.55

**Baptism Class:**  
Friday March 22nd, 6:00PM.  
In Maria Lopez Classroom for info: 719-544-1886

**Council of Catholic Women:**  
Next meeting: Tuesday, March 26th, 5:30 in  
Father Charles Murray Hall.

**Praying the Rosary during Lent:**  
During Lent we will be praying the Rosary, please  
join us at the following times before or after Mass.  
Saturday—4pm — Sunday 7am and 10:20am

**Easter Lilies and Spring Flowers:**  
If you would like to donate an Easter Lilly or  
Spring Flowers in the church for Easter in honor of  
a loved one, someone far away, or just want to  
beautify our church; please bring them to the  
office March 25th, 26th, 27th, 8:00am-3:00pm or  
March 28th 8:00am-Noon. Or  
call Nancy Bachicha at 719-369-5000

**2nd Annual Maria’s Garden Plant Sale:**  
March 23rd and 24th after all Masses.  
Help grow kids for Jesus,. All donations help  
support Religious Education programs in honor of  
Maria Lopez. Thank you all for your support of our  
young people.

**AMD Update:**  
As of February 25, we have received pledges for  
**\$53,575.** Thank you and God bless you for your  
gifts and support of St. Joseph parish. We still have  
a ways to go to reach our goal. If you have not re-  
ceived a letter or pledge card they are available on  
the thermometer in the back of the church.

**St. Pius X:** Palms & Pasta Dinner  
Palm Sunday March 24th 2024  
10:30am –4:30pm  
Adults-\$12.50 Child \$7.00 -Dine in or carry out!!

Next Week’s Intentions	
<b>Saturday— March 23</b> <b>4:30—+Frank Palacio</b> <b>+Caroline &amp; Gilbert Garcia</b> <b>+Jack Spinuzzi</b> <b>+Gina Carlino</b> <b>+Randy Smith</b> <b>+Mike Downs</b> <b>+Mitzi Evans</b> <b>+Leno &amp; Lorraine Nogare</b> <b>+Mary Lou Regalado</b> <b>+Nanci Welte</b> <b>Barbara Spaccamonti</b> <b>(Health)</b>	<b>Sunday (cont.)</b> <b>11:00—+Shirley Ramos</b> <b>+Randy Smith</b> <b>+Anthony Gutierrez</b> <b>+Fred &amp; Elsie Maes</b> <b>+Antonia Benavidez</b>
	<b>Monday—March 25</b> <b>8:00 —For the Parish</b>
	<b>Tuesday—March 26</b> <b>8:00—St. Joseph</b>
<b>Sunday—March 24</b> <b>7:30—+Jason Godinez</b> <b>+Tina Romero</b> <b>+Maurice Guerrero</b> <b>+Mary Lou Regalado</b>	<b>Wednesday—March 27</b> <b>8:00—For the Parish</b>
	<b>Thursday —March 28</b> <b>6:00-Holy Thursday</b>
<b>9:00--+Rebecca Lucero</b> <b>+Frank &amp; Emily Mauro</b> <b>+Madaline Spaccamonti</b> <b>+Nelsie Martin</b> <b>+Juanita Crowley</b>	<b>Friday —March 29</b> <b>5:00--Good Friday</b>

PENANCE SERVICES IN PARISH		
DATE	PLACE	TIME
Mar-21	St. Francis Xavier	4:00pm
<b>Mar-22</b>	<b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>

**The Parish Office:**  
Will close at **NOON** on March 28th Holy Thursday  
and be closed Good Friday all day.  
We will return on **Tuesday April 2nd** at 8:00am  
Have a beautiful and blessed Holy Week and Easter.

**HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE**  
Holy Thursday-Mass 6:00pm Adoration to follow  
until 10:00pm  
Good Friday-Stations of the Cross 3:30pm at  
Roselawn  
Mass to follow at 5:00pm  
Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil 8:00pm  
Easter Sunday-Masses 7:30am,9:00am, 11:00am

**Cathedral of the Sacred Heart:**  
Chris Stefanick will be presenting  
“Living Joy and The Eucharist” on March 27th,  
5:00pm Enchilada Dinner  
7:00pm Presentation by Chris Stefanick  
Tickets are \$30.00 seating is limited  
For ticket info: call Mandy 719-671-2253