



Saint Joseph Catholic Church Bulletin

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • March 24, 2024

*Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.*



Saturday, March 23

4:00 p.m. **Confessions**

5:00 p.m. **Mass — Vigil** †Floyd Gurley by Russ &
Fionnuala Gurley

Sunday, March 24 — Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:30 a.m. **Confessions**

9:00 a.m. **Mass —(bilingual)** procession begins from
Benedictine Hall

5:00 p.m. **Teen 3:16**

Monday, March 25

Noon **Mass** Michael Frederickson by Teresa Anthony

Wednesday, March 27

6:00 p.m. **RCIA Class**

Holy Thursday, March 28

7:00 p.m. **Mass (Sulphur)**

Good Friday, March 29

7:00 a.m. **Annual Good Friday Pilgrimage Walk**, meet
at the St. Joseph Church parking lot

5:00 p.m. **Confessions (Ada)**

7:00 p.m. **Good Friday Service (Ada)**

Saturday, March 30 — Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Ada)**

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:30 a.m. **Confessions**

9:00 a.m. **Mass —(bilingual)**

5:00 p.m. **Teen 3:16 (?)**



PRAYER CHAIN

You are invited to share your prayer needs with others in our parish. Contact Dana Belcher, by phone or text **580-421-1921** or email dbelcher@ecok.edu.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Use the My Offering envelope for your donations. If you are interested in transitioning to online giving, you may access online giving by visiting www.faithdirect.net to enroll. Our church code is **OK893**. Contact the Parish Office if you need assistance setting up an online giving account.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions / \$10 stipend fee. Come by the Parish Office.

BULLETIN NEWS

News items for the bulletin should be turned in on Saturday before noon. Contact Julie at the Parish Office or email news item to

music.stjoseph.ada@gmail.com

The Bulletin is emailed to parishioners via Flocknotes and also is available on our website:

stjosephada.com

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS



For those parishioners who have businesses, we have a designated table in the back of church for business cards and flyers.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

March 23: Nick Cheper, Cindy Bowling

March 24: Benito Celaya, Jeremy O'Flanagan,
Theisa Cabo

March 29: Sarah Catalano, Joe Catalano

March 30: (I) Joe Catalano, (II) Gerado Silva, (III)
Nancy Cheper, (IV) Carmen Silva, (V) TBA, (VI)
Juan Velarde, (VII) Dorothy Currie, (Epistle)
TBA

March 31: Maria Reyes, Theisa Cabo

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes will resume Sunday, April 7 following the Sunday Mass.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Las clases se reanudarán el domingo 7 de abril después de la Misa dominical.

TEEN 3:16

Teen Spring Garden

WHO: All Middle School & High School Kids

WHAT: Teen 3:16 Garden at the Church

WHEN: March 24, 2024 : 5-7pm

WHERE: Youth Building

QUESTIONS: Becca 580-399-4042

We will be planting a spring garden at the Church for all of our parishioners to enjoy.

SAVE THE DATE

75th Annual Smorgasbord November 3, 2024

We ask all crafters to make plenty for the bazaar and bakers to plan out their creations. We will be looking for helpers so keep an eye out and ear on for future news.



Annual Good Friday Pilgrimage Walk

Take up your cross. Help carry a wooden one on our annual Good Friday Pilgrimage Walk from Allen to Ada.

We will meet in the St. Joseph Parking lot at 7:00 a.m. on March 29 for instructions and prayers. Then we will carpool to Allen. Don't let the distance scare you, we will walk at 2-3 mile intervals stopping for breaks and Stations of the Cross along the way. The walk will end at about 3:00 p.m. in Ada with a Lenten meal in Benedictine Hall provided by our Hispanic community. There will be relief cars available. All are invited.

Please call Deacon Dennis at 580-279-4700 for more information.

Viernes Santo Anual Caminata de Peregrinación

Toma tu cruz. Ayude a llevar uno de madera en nuestra caminata anual de peregrinación del Viernes Santo desde Allen hasta Ada.

Nos reuniremos en el estacionamiento de St. Joseph a las 7:00 a. m. el 29 de marzo para recibir instrucciones y oraciones. Luego compartiremos el viaje a Allen. No dejes que la distancia te asuste, caminaremos a intervalos de 2 a 3 millas parando para descansos y Estaciones de la Cruz a lo largo del camino. La caminata finalizará sobre las 15:00 horas. en Ada con una comida de Cuaresma en el Benedictine Hall proporcionada por nuestra comunidad hispana. Habrá coches de socorro disponibles. Todos están invitados.

Llame al Diácono Dennis al 580-279-4700 para obtener más información.





**Saint Joseph Day
March 19, 2024**



Parts of Mass

Direction of the Cross

WHEN A minister carries a Cross in procession at the beginning of the Mass, it customarily faces forward. The *Ceremonial of Bishops* explicitly calls for this when the bishop celebrates Mass at the cathedral. Among those who precede him in the procession is “an acolyte carrying the Cross, with the image to the front” (128). By extension, the same practice is carried out in other celebrations of the Mass.

In the past, an archbishop entered the church behind a special metropolitan Cross with the image of Christ facing him, but this practice was discontinued after the Second Vatican Council.

Christ leads us every step of our lives. Upon entering the church, he leads the way for all who have gathered. As the Cross enters the main aisle, the Gathering Song opens the Mass, fosters the unity of the participants, directs their thoughts to the feast or season, and accompanies the procession (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 48). It is Christ who makes us one, Christ who rules all time, and Christ who guides our steps. This procession moves toward the altar, the place of sacrifice and Communion. There we will all join with Christ, whose sacrifice expressed his love for the Father and for us. Behind him, we too express our readiness to sacrifice for others as a sign of our love for the Body of Christ.

The minister who holds the Processional Cross should be strong enough to hold the image upright. Upon reaching the sanctuary, the minister bows only the head—not from the waist. This will keep the Cross straight. If there is no other crucifix in the sanctuary, the Processional Cross remains in the sanctuary near the altar throughout the Mass. If there is one, the Processional Cross is set to the side in a dignified place, usually in the sacristy.

Elevation

WHILE RECITING the words of Jesus from the Last Supper, the presider of the Mass shows the consecrated bread and wine to the assembly. His gesture is commonly called the elevation. With each elevation, he actually performs two actions. He shows the Body and Blood of Christ to everyone else, and then he genuflects in adoration.

There is no explicit instruction for what the assembly is to do during the elevation. However, because the presider is instructed to show people the sacred elements, the obvious conclusion is that they should watch. Many worshipers lower their eyes and bow their heads in adoration as the presider performs the elevation. This bow, well-meaning in its devotion, probably belongs more with the genuflection that follows the elevation.

The elevation of the consecrated bread at Mass began in thirteenth-century Paris in an effort to bolster belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Heresies expressing the contrary were flourishing. Because Eucharistic devotion at the time focused on the consecrated bread rather than on the cup, the elevation of the cup was only added later.

Although some presiders lift the consecrated bread and wine very high at this point of the Mass, height belongs more to the Doxology that concludes the Eucharistic Prayer, to signify the offering to God. The elevation had to be high when it first appeared in the Mass because the priest, standing with his back to the people, had to raise the elements high enough to be seen.

The elevation permits the assembly to acknowledge their faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Bells and incense may accompany it. Traditionally, many Catholics pray, “My Lord and my God” or “My Jesus, mercy,” as the priest lifts the Body and Blood of Christ.