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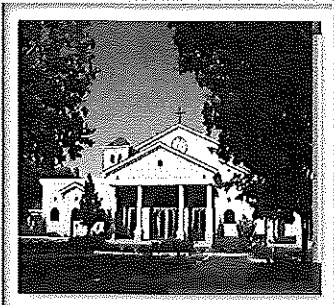
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Office Hours: Mon. - Wed. Fri. 9am-4pm

Thursday - Closed



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Wed: 8:15 AM - Fr. Joshy Mathew

Thursday & Friday: 8:15 AM - Fr. Pepin Dandou

Saturday: 8:15 AM - Fr. Pepin Dandou

Friday - Spanish Mass: 7:00 PM

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat. Vigil: 5:00 PM - Fr. Pepin Dandou

Sun: 8AM & 10PM - Fr. Joshy Mathew

Sun: 12PM Noon - Fr. Pepin Dandou

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM

Spanish Confessions - Sunday: 3:30-4:30 PM
(or by appointment)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Fridays: 6:00 to 7:00 PM

DAY-LONG ADORATION

Every First Friday of the Month

MISSION STATEMENT

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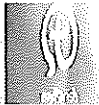
ST. JOSEPH PARISH VISION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Joseph Parish, are called by the Holy Spirit to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our daily lives. We invite all of God's children to join us in our journey to become what we have been called to be: The Body of Christ.

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WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH PARISH

All are invited to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us!

If you are new to St. Joseph or if you have not registered with us, we encourage you to register either online (stjv.org) or stop by the parish office. We promote our catholic identity by participating in the sacramental life as we are a Eucharistic community of worshippers sent on a mission. Who is a St. Joseph parishioner, one who:

- ♦ *is registered in the parish at least one year*
- ♦ *regularly attends Mass with us & participates in the Eucharist celebration*
- ♦ *participates in church ministries as much as possible*
- ♦ *supports the parish through online giving or with personalized parish envelopes*

*You need to be a registered member in order
to receive any special privileges.
Time, Talent and Treasures*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tues. Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19;
Mt 6:7-15

Wed. Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,
18-19; Lk 11:29-32

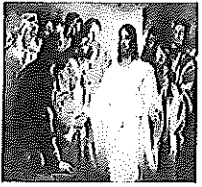
Thur. 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19

Fri. Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8;
Mt 5:20-26

Sat. Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

Sun. Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Ps 116:10, 15-19;
Room 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

REFLECTION



Ashes and rainbows make a strange combination. Ashes are dirty, messy, and ugly. Rainbows, on the other hand, are beautiful and inspiring. But we encounter them both at the beginning of Lent this year. On Wednesday, ashes were smudged on our foreheads as a sign of our mortality and sinfulness. Today we hear that God set a rainbow in the sky as a sign of the covenant with us. As we begin this season of Lent, let us recognize both truths: we are always in need of repentance, but God stands ever waiting to forgive us. As ashes remind us to repent of our sins, may rainbows remind us of God's eternal forgiveness.

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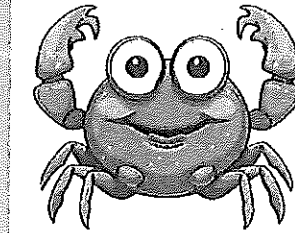
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ST. JOSEPH CRAB FEED
2024 UPDATE

Surf and Turf Crab Feed

Date:

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Time:

6:00 PM

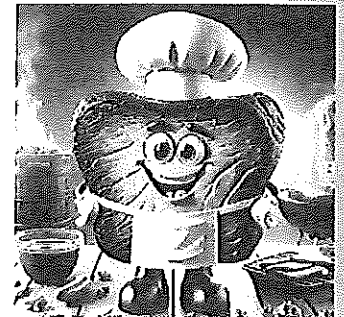
Location:

St. Joseph Parish Hall

**\$75.00 Each or
\$600.00 for a Table of 8
(includes Bottle of Wine)**

Menu:

**Brisket, Crab,
Pasta, Salad,
Bread
Beer and Wine
for Sale
Silent Auction
Dessert Raffle**



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Help us bring Christ's saving mercy to our brothers and sister's 25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need.



On the weekend of February 24—25 we will have the opportunity to offer ourselves as companions to those who suffer emotional, physical, and spiritual poverty. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a difference in someone's life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities. Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local parishes. Catholic schools in economically challenged neighborhoods can provide tuition assistance. And our St. Joseph ministry receives support for another year. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

FOOD DRIVE

The food locker for St. Mary's need empty egg crates due to the amount of eggs donated. If you have any egg crates that you no longer need, please donate them to St. Mary's.

Thank you for your generous donations of canned and nonperishable foods. The food drive collected 310 items. Thank you for your generosity!

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2024

Lent and Easter: Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season in which the faithful are called to reflect on the Paschal Mystery more intently. It is a time of spiritual renewal and to examine one's relationship with God and others more carefully. It is also a time in which catechumens prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The Church calls everyone, therefore, to a spirit of penance through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Fasting and Abstinence: In order to foster a spirit of repentance and unite ourselves more closely to Christ, Church law requires the observance of Abstinence and Fasting during Lent. All persons, 14 years and older, are obliged to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent. Other forms of abstinence could be alcoholic beverages, television, video games, the Internet, and social media, are also beneficial. Everyone from ages 18 to 59 is obliged to fast on Good Friday. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent, especially on Fridays, is highly recommended. Fasting is understood to mean that one full meal may be eaten. Two other small meals may be eaten, but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. If in doubt, one's parish priest or confessor should be consulted.

Prayer: Catholics are urged to read and pray with sacred Scripture more intently during Lent, and to deepen their faith by reading the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The faithful are encouraged to participate in special devotions, especially in penance services and Eucharistic adoration. Other devotions such as the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and praying for vocations to priesthood and religious life is encouraged. Holy water remains available in the stoups throughout Lent, until the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper begins the Easter Triduum.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Lent is a privileged time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. The faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

Lenten Mass Schedule: The faithful are urged to attend Mass on weekdays as often as possible, especially during Lent.

The Stations of the Cross: The Stations of the Cross are to be celebrated in each parish on Fridays during Lent and parishioners should be encouraged to participate.

Day of Reconciliation and Unity: The second Wednesday of March is to be observed as “a day of penance for negative attitudes and discrimination toward people of differing cultures, ethnicity and age; and prayer for unity in our diversity, for equality, mutual respect and peace among all peoples”.

Easter Duty: All Catholics who have been initiated into the Holy Eucharist are bound to receive holy communion worthily at least once during the Easter Season. In the United States, the Easter duty may be fulfilled through the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Catholics are encouraged to receive Communion as often as possible, not only during Eastertide, but throughout the year. However, “[anyone] conscious of a grave sin must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to Communion”.

Almsgiving: From earliest times giving to the poor, or almsgiving, has been an invaluable spiritual practice, a religious duty, a form of penance, an expression of Christian charity, and an aid to interior conversion. Therefore, all Catholics are urged to give generously to assist the poor and support the charitable works of the Church. The faithful are also encouraged to visit the sick, the homebound, the aged, and those in prison. Fasting and abstinence together with almsgiving and charitable works unite us to the crucified Christ reflected in the image of our brothers and sisters who suffer.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 2/19

RCIA - 7:00 pm, Church Meeting Room

Spanish Bible Study - 6:30 pm, PCMR#1

Wednesday 2/21

Faith Formation - 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm, NDS Classrooms

Spanish Choir Practice - 7:00 pm, Church

Thursday 2/22

Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 pm, Church meeting room

Friday 2/23

Adoration & Benediction - 6:00 pm, Chapel

Spanish Mass - 7:00pm, Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 2/19—8:15AM ----- Int. of Felino Malabanan

Tues. 2/20—8:15 AM ----- Int. of St. Joseph Parishioners

Wed. 2/21—8:15 AM ----- Int. of St. Joseph Parishioners

Thur. 2/22—8:15 AM ----- Int. of St. Joseph Parishioners

Fri. 2/23—8:15 AM ----- Joseph Hernandez†

Sat. 2/24— 8:15 AM ----- Int. of St. Joseph Parishioners

Sat. 2/24— 5:00 PM ----- Frank Razzetto†

Sun. 2/25— 8:00 AM ----- Int. Charla Tan

----- Patsy Cooper†

Sun. 2/25— 10:00 AM ----- Apolinar & Lita DeGuzman†

Sun. 2/25— 12:00 PM ----- Int. of St. Joseph Parishioners

Sun. 2/25— 5:00 PM ----- Int. of St. Joseph Parishioners

OUR BIBLE STUDY CLASS IS COMING

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Come, join us for this exciting study!

February 28—April 23

Join us in this (8-part) study that will be your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. Classes will be held on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:00am or in the evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. The cost for class materials is \$30.

To register please contact the Parish Office 707-447-2354.

For more information email Deacon Scott

(deaconscoff@stjoseph-vacaville.org)

LENTEN SEMINAR AT HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, MARCH 4-7

We hope you can participate in our Lenten retreat this coming March! We will be joined by Fr. Dan Estes, SOLT who is a member of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity. Talks include: The Eucharist in our lives, Communion as the fruit of a Eucharistic Life, Discipleship as the fruit of Communion, Evangelization as the result of Discipleship. Admission is free.

For questions, please call 707-425-3138. Blessings!

Location: 1050 N. Texas St., Fairfield, CA 94533 (inside the church)

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm in English & 7:15pm - 8:15pm in Spanish

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