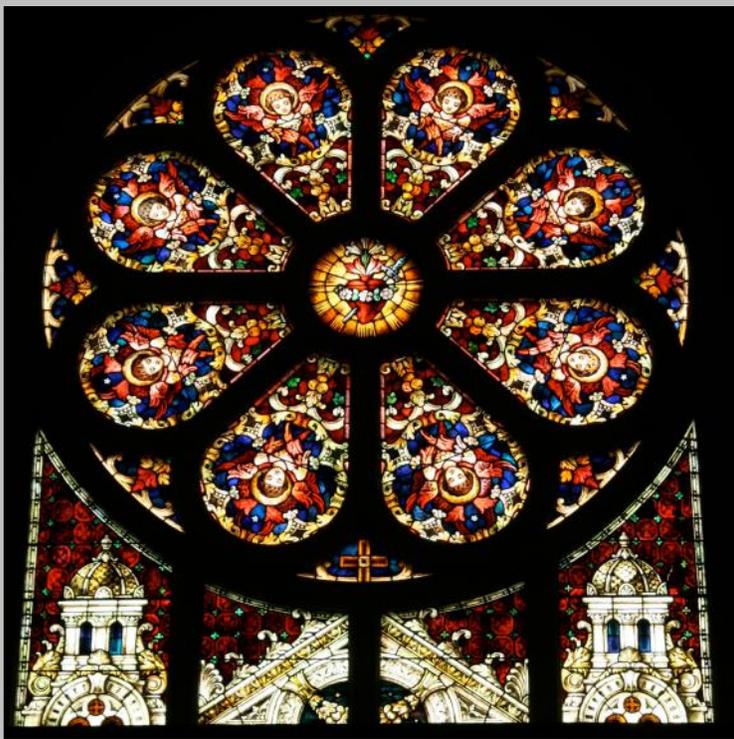




St. Joseph the Worker

Beautiful Liturgy - Reconciliation – Healing

Palm Sunday - April 14, 2019



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MONDAY-FRIDAY

Mass: 12:15 pm

SUNDAY

Mass: 8:00 am

Confessions: 9:45 am

Mass: 10:00 am

Mass: (Spanish) 11:30 am

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Confessions: 6:00 pm—6:45 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm
(Closed 12 Noon—1:00 pm for lunch)

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Important Announcement

Parish Office will be closed Good Friday at Noon and will be closed Easter Monday, April 22, 2019.

Holy Hour, Confessions and Rosary Prayer Group

Every Wednesday evening we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from **6:00 – 7:00 pm** with Confessions available from **6:00 – 6:45 pm**.

The Rosary & Devotion Prayer Group meets at **7:00 pm**, following the Holy Hour.

All are welcome.

Easter Triduum



Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 19, 2019

Passion of the Lord at 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 20, 2019

The Easter Vigil Mass in The Holy Night at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

8:00am Mass (Organ Music)
10:00am Mass (Organ w/Choir)
11:30am Spanish Mass

SUNDAY MASSES - April 14, 2019

8:00 am – Fr. Bruce Lamb

10:00 am – Fr. Kenneth Nobrega

11:30 am (Spanish) - Fr. Francisco Figueroa- Esquer



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	April 14th
8:00 am	John S. Madlock +
10:00 am	Myrna Gregory +
11:30 am	Josefina Espinoza +
Monday	April 15th
12:15 pm	Steven Strid
Tuesday	April 16th
12:15 pm	Gloria Maldonado
Wednesday	April 17th
12:15 pm	Jeanne Silvestri +
Saturday	April 20th
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil for SJW Parishioners

Would you like to have a Mass offered in honor or memory of someone?



It is easy, stop by our parish office or email Gloria Maldonado, our parish secretary at: gloria@stjosephtheworkerchurch.org

If you have a particular date in mind, let us know and we will try and accommodate you. The suggested donation is \$10.00.

Parish Office Hours

Gloria Maldonado, our office secretary is ready to welcome and assist our parishioners and visitors. St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office Hours are from Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 6:00pm (closed noon to 1:00pm for lunch).

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family were among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.



In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefited personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him like Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

Dear Visitors and Guests:

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SJW
Founded 1879

If you have been blessed by your visit to St. Joseph, please consider blessing our parish with a gift. Through generous donations by faithful people like yourself, we intend on restoring this historic church back to its former glory, little by little.

You can make a safe, fast and easy one (1) time donation or a recurring donation with the ease of your smart phone through PUSHPAY. Follow these steps below:

Step 1) Enter the number: 77977

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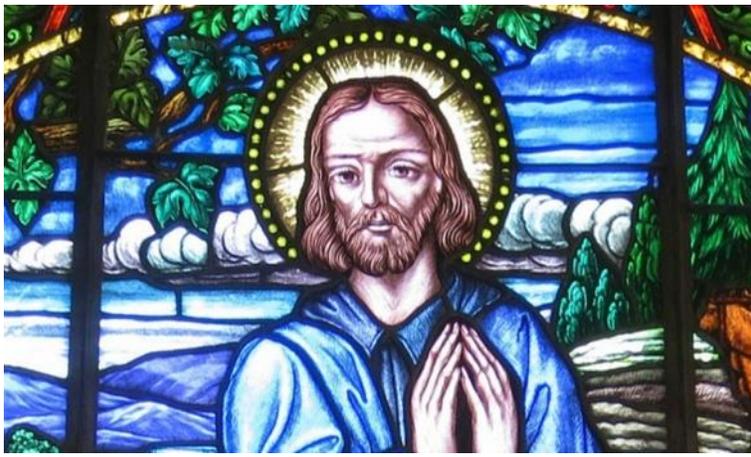
Why Light a Votive Candle?



A Votive Light is a "silent sentinel" and can burn for your special intentions or for someone who is in need of prayers. This is a thoughtful expression of your sentiments and best wishes for any occasion. Your Votive Light can be an act of faith and charity - the light is a symbol of the sacrifice you have made in behalf of someone else - and it is a silent reminder of your prayers for them.

Unlike a regular purchase, a votive candle donation is an "offering" made to God through the intercession of the Saints which also helps support our St. Joseph the Worker Church's mission of beautiful liturgies, reconciliation and healing.

Your prayerful votive offerings are "lighting up" our church with beauty and prayer. Thank you, and may God bless you.



"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in confession. In confession there is a chance for mercy." - St. Isidore

Need A New Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or Marriage Certificate?

Sacramental certificates from St. Joseph the Worker can be obtained from our parish office usually within one or two business days.

We kindly ask for a \$25 donation for each requested certificate which will go towards the support of St. Joseph the Worker Church.

Please contact Gloria Maldonado our parish secretary at (510) 843-2244 or email gloria@stjosephtheworkerchurch.org

Give back to God & help support St. Joseph the Worker



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Thank You!



Prayer Invites God Into Your Relationship

For a marriage to last and to be happy and fulfilling, three parties need to be involved: the husband, the wife, and the Lord.

All marriages have problems because they are made up of two imperfect people. But if you add the presence of a perfect God, then you have unlimited possibilities for drawing closer to what God intended for marriage.

Whether that happens is determined by how frequently and how fervently God is invited into your relationship. The more you pray together, the more you will see God do great things.

Illuminate our church with devotion and prayers.



Your votive candle is a silent but visible sign of prayer and devotion.

PRAYERS TO ST. PEREGRINE



Patron Saint for those with cancer

Are you suffering from cancer? Or do you know someone who is? These prayers to St. Peregrine can give you hope!

This first prayer is for those who are afflicted with cancer:

St. Peregrine, whom Holy Mother Church has declared Patron of those suffering from Cancer, I confidently turn to you for help in my present sickness. I beg your kind intercession. Ask God to relieve me of this sickness, if it be his Holy Will. Plead with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Sorrows, whom you loved so tenderly and in union with whom you have suffered the pains of Cancer, that she may help me with her powerful prayers and loving consolation.

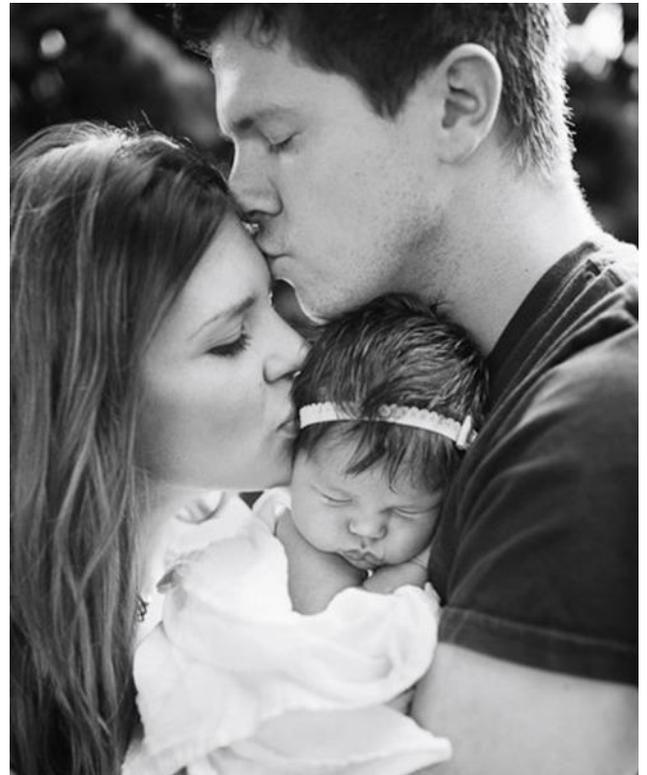
But if it should be God's Holy Will that I bear this sickness, obtain for me courage and strength to accept these trails from the loving hand of God with patience and resignation, because he knows what is best for the salvation of my soul. St. Peregrine, be my friend and patron. Help me to imitate you in accepting suffering, and to unite myself with Jesus Crucified and the Mother of Sorrows, as you did. I offer my pains to God with all the love of my heart, for his glory and the salvation of souls, especially my own. Amen.

The second of these prayers to St. Peregrine is for others' intentions.

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder-Worker," because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for

those who have had recourse to you. For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction. Ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you. ***(Pause here and silently recall the names of the sick for whom you are praying)*** Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy. Amen.

Saint Peregrine was healed of a cancerous ulcer on his leg which was considered beyond saving. The fame of this event in 1325 spread rapidly round the western Church. Christians, and especially the sick, began to invoke his name and seek his intercession for the relief of their suffering and even for a cure from sickness. St. Peregrine, canonized in 1726 is known as the patron saint of cancer patients, AIDS victims and others suffering from serious illnesses.



**Celebrate
the Gift of Life.**

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, Via Crucis, and Via Dolorosa (Latin for Way of Sorrows), is a devotion that reflects on Jesus' final days on Earth—from being condemned to death to dying on the cross and being placed in the tomb.

The Stations of the Cross consist of a series of 14 artistic renderings that typically line the interior walls of every Catholic Church. These illustrations capture key moments during Jesus' journey to His death on Good Friday. It's often said that you must walk a mile in someone's shoes to understand what they are going through. The goal of this devotion is to "walk" in Jesus' shoes by praying and meditating on each of the events (stations) that Jesus experienced.



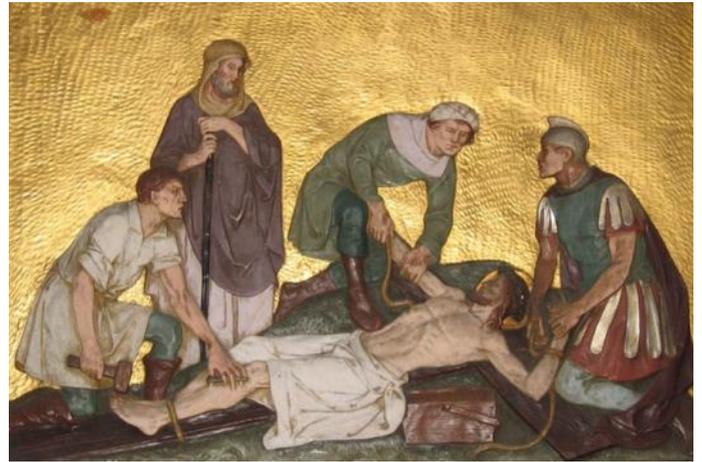
History of the Stations of the Cross

The history of the Stations of the Cross dates back to the 4th century when Christians were allowed to legally practice their faith in the Roman Empire after 250 years of persecution. In 335 AD, Emperor Constantine built the Church of the Holy Sepulcher at what is believed to be Jesus' burial site. Soon after, worshippers began taking pilgrimages to the Holy Land and to the church on Good Fridays to retrace the final journey of Jesus.

Pilgrims developed stops along the way to Calvary to note specific events that took place (Jesus falls the first time; Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem, etc.) Pilgrims could only guess where some of the incidents took place because Jerusalem had been almost completely destroyed by Roman armies in 70 AD.

The practice of incorporating artistic renderings of the Stations of the Cross in churches didn't begin until around 1686, when Pope Innocent XI allowed Franciscan friars to adorn their churches with the different stations. In 1731, Pope Clement XII allowed all churches to have stations and to practice this devotion.

The Stations of the Cross are typically practiced on Fridays during the Lenten season, but can be performed any time of year at home.



What Do We Get From Praying the Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross continue to be a vital Catholic devotion 1,681 years later and counting, and according to Pope Francis, there are many reasons why praying the Stations of the Cross matters.

They involve us in the story

“How many people were with Jesus on the way to Calvary: Pilate, Simon of Cyrene, Mary, the women? Sometimes we can be like Pilate, who did not have the courage to go against the tide to save Jesus' life, and instead washed his hands... The Cross of Christ teaches us to be like Simon of Cyrene, who helped Jesus to carry that heavy wood; it teaches us to be like Mary and the other women, who were not afraid to accompany Jesus. Who are you like? Like Pilate? Like Simon? Like Mary?”

They allow us to place our trust in Him

“The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God, His immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can

place all our trust, in which we can believe...let us bring to Christ's Cross our joys, our sufferings and our failures. There we will find a Heart that is open to us and understands us, forgives us, loves us, and calls us to bear this love in our lives, to love each person, each brother and sister, with the same love."

They remind us God triumphs over all evil

"With Him, evil, suffering, and death do not have the last word, because He gives us hope and life: He has transformed the Cross from an instrument of hate, defeat, and death into a sign of love, victory, and life."

They show us how much God loves us

"It (the Cross) gives us a treasure that no one else can give: the certainty of the unshakable love which God has for us. A love so great that it enters into our sin and forgives it, enters into our suffering and gives us the strength to bear it." St. Paul put it best in his letter to the Romans, "you might sacrifice your life for someone who was good or just. Yet, Christ sacrificed His life while we were sinners for our salvation." (Romans 5:7-8)

Jesus led by example and the Stations of the Cross are one of the great many tools for living Jesus leaves for us. By meditating on each of the stations we increase both our sorrow for our sins against God and our need for His help in bearing our own crosses. When we meditate on the Stations of the Cross, we can learn the true meaning of love, perseverance, obedience, humility, and patience.



The Lamb of God

What happened on the first Good Friday?

- Jimmy Akin



Quite a number of things. During the night, Jesus had been arrested and taken before the high priests Annas and Caiaphas. It was during this time that Peter denied him.

According to the gospels, Jesus:

- Was taken before Pilate in the morning
- Sent to Herod
- Returned to Pilate
- Was mocked and beaten
- Saw Barabbas released in his stead
- Was crowned with thorns
- Was condemned to death
- Carried the crushing burden of his cross
- Told the weeping women what would happen in the future
- Was crucified between two thieves
- Forgave those who crucified him
- Entrusted the Virgin Mary to the beloved disciple
- Assured the good thief of his salvation
- Said his famous seven last words
- Cried out and died

In addition:

- There was darkness over the land
- There was an earthquake
- The veil of the temple was torn in two
- Many saints of the Old Testament period were raised
- A soldier pierced Christ's side and blood and water flowed out
- Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body
- He was buried in Joseph's own tomb
- A guard was set over the tomb
- All Jesus' friends and family grieved at his death

Temptation: 12 Things to Know

-KATHLEEN BECKMAN



12 Things to Know About Temptation: A Summary

1. Temptation is an attraction, either from outside oneself or from within, to act contrary to right reason and the commandments of God (CCC 538).
2. The capital sins: pride, greed, envy, anger, lust, gluttony, and sloth/laziness are at the root of all temptation.
3. “Man is never wholly free from temptation... but with patience and true humility we become stronger than any enemy” (Pope Benedict XVI).
4. “The patience and humility required to defeat *the enemy* come by following Christ every day and from learning to build our life *not outside of him*” (Pope Benedict XVI).
5. The victory that conquers the world is our *faith* (1 John 5:4). When we fall, begin again in faith.
6. The gift of faith is dynamic. It leads us into God’s victory over temptation and sin.
7. The opposite of faith in God is pride because a proud person thinks that everything depends on him, as if God did not exist in his life. Self-reliance in the face of temptation is folly.
8. Temptation closes us in, takes away the ability to see ahead, closes every horizon and in this way leads us to sin” (Pope Francis).
9. Christ is always willing to teach us how to escape from temptation. Jesus is great because he not only brings us out of temptation, but also gives us more confidence (Pope Francis).
10. If our faith becomes lukewarm and has no expression, God can allow us to fall. God does not want evil but may want its consequences, since the consequences of evil impart grace and the call to be converted (Fr. Tadeusz Dajczar).
11. “No trial has come to you but what is human. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength, but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it” (1 Cor. 10:13).
12. When our bond of love for God is fortified by sacramental confession, our spiritual armor is strengthened for resisting continuous temptations from the world, the flesh and the devil.