

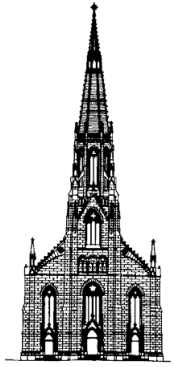


Saint Joseph

Detroit, Michigan • Established 1855

Parish Bulletin

March 28, 2010 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
The Month of Saint Joseph



History Corner : Several years ago relics of the Passion of Our Lord were brought from San Francisco to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral for a special weekend of veneration. Thousands of people came for this event. Here at St. Joseph Church we have similar relics of the Passion that have been here since the founding of the parish in 1855. They are on display at the side altar that is dedicated to St. Joseph. The six large candlesticks



that are on that altar came from the original wooden church that was on Gratiot. They appear to be cast brass with gold gilding but in reality they are carved wood. The carved wood cross over the tabernacle on that altar was also in the original wooden church and it contains the relics of the Passion of Our Lord. A small fragment of the true cross is contained in the reliquary in the very center of the cross. The small reliquaries that surround it contain a fragment of the crown of thorns, a fragment from the sponge that was put to Our Lord's lips, a stone chip from the Holy Sepulcher and a stone chip from the pillar of scourging. These relics will be presented to the faithful on Good Friday for individual veneration. This is one of 2 times in the liturgical year when these relics are presented for individual veneration. They are also individually venerated at the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th or the closest scheduled Mass to that date. St. Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine was responsible for the finding of the true cross in 326 A.D.. Her son provided her with over 500 soldiers and workmen to excavate the area that tradition said the Roman authorities had buried the 3 crosses from Good Friday. When the 3 crosses were unearthed there was no way of knowing which was the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Bishop of Jerusalem made the decision to take all 3 crosses to a woman who was in danger of dying and when one of the crosses was brought to her, she was instantly healed. The Bishop then declared that it was the true cross of Our Lord and Savior. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was erected to house the cross and it was dedicated on September 13, 335. The cross was enshrined in the church the next day, Sept 14th.



Schedule for Holy Week

Holy Thursday, April 1st:

Sweetest Heart of Mary, 7:00 pm
Mass followed by adoration until 11:00 pm.

St. Josaphat, 7:00 pm Latin Tridentine
Mass followed by adoration until 11:00 pm.

No service at St. Joseph Church.

Good Friday, April 2nd

Sweetest Heart of Mary: 12:00 noon; Gorzkie Zale, Stations of the Cross and Liturgy of Good Friday.
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Private veneration of the cross and at the tomb of Christ.

Tenebrae Service at 6:30 pm.

St. Joseph 12:00 noon Stations of the Cross followed by Liturgy of Good Friday at 1:00 pm. At 3:00 pm the annual Novena of the Divine Mercy begins.

St. Josaphat 1:30 pm, Latin Tridentine Good Friday Services.

Holy Saturday

Sweetest Heart of Mary Blessing of food at 1,2 and 3 pm.

Divine Mercy Novena at 3:00 pm.

Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm.

St. Josaphat Latin Tridentine Easter Vigil 8:00 pm.

Easter Sunday

Sweetest Heart of Mary 8:30 am Solemn Easter Mass with Eucharistic Procession

10:30 Solemn Easter Mass

St. Joseph 10:30 Solemn German Easter Mass

12:00 noon Solemn Easter Mass with orchestra followed by Divine Mercy Novena

St. Josaphat 9:30 am Latin Tridentine Mass

12:00 noon Solemn Easter Mass with Eucharistic Procession.

Plus25 is using the widely acclaimed reputation of St. Joseph's for fine liturgical musical performance, in this outstanding acoustical setting, to bring others here to sing for Mass. Our **Guest Choir Program** is extending personal invitations to about forty distinguished choirs in the area to have their members come and sing for Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Any musician who has had this experience holds a special esteem for our place of worship.

Please help these visitors and their guests feel at home by addressing any of their concerns and being receptive to all their needs. Their experience at St. Joseph's is bound to be a memorable occasion.

*Guest Choir Director - Mike Semaan 248-250-6005
Plus25 Coordinator - Jack Day 248-808-1801*

A NOTE OF THANKS

The beautiful altar of St. Joseph in our Social Hall was erected by Julie Eatmon from St. Josaphat Parish and the beautiful cakes, breads and pastries were baked by Julie and her mother. The soup and salad lunch along with the miniature St. Joseph loaves of bread were prepared and donated by Robert Rossi and his young son Joseph. David and Judy Armstrong and their children bussed tables. Ginny Pulcer, Tonette Balbontin, & Dorothy and Patrick Degens were the kitchen help. Jeanne Dunne and her mom, Joanne Hampton, were hostesses for the religious articles. Christine Gray was hostess in the church and Jamey Kirchner worked wherever needed. Legion of Mary handled the praying of Rosaries and Novenas in the church. Sean Dey and Patrick Degens gave church tours. Mollie Murphy did a great job taking all of the reservations and coordinating the entire celebration of our Patronal Feast. Our organist, Michael Semaan, wrote the noon Mass in Honor of St. Joseph that was sung by our choir and the youth choir from St. Cyril & Methodius. There are many others too numerous to mention who helped behind the scenes. Thank you one and all for making our annual observance of the Feast of Saint Joseph a special day to remember. There were many blessings.



Please continue to remember Fr. Borkowski in your daily prayers. Father has expressed his appreciation for the cards and letters that he has been receiving. Anyone wishing to send him correspondence, please address it to the rectory at Sweetest Heart of Mary, 4440 Russell Street, Detroit 48207, and it will be forwarded on to Father. He is also happy to receive emails: FmarkB@aol.com

**In the Charity of your Prayers
Please remember the Sick:**

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| FR. Mark Borkowski- Dolores Audretsch Kloey & Karolynn Bishop Resa Cali Gerald Cracchiolo Joseph & Mary Lou DeFauw Rosemary Dorr Mary Claire Fellrath Jackson Fenchak Janice Fitzgerald Gerald Hand Christine Hubbard David Klemmer Donna Marie Johnston Charlotte, Madison & | Nicole Kaiden Christine, Savannah Evelyn & Cathleen (Kromer) Nino Kortez Nick Kroon Theresa Lampinen Marilyn Lewandowski John Marchin Sarah Marron Heather McGraw Peter & Erna Moskaluk Gertrude Preis Doug Robinson Larry Roller Elizabeth Roth Joseph Sansone | Al Schaller Sonja Scott Marion Shannon Sister Judie Ann Brenda Smith Chas. Spratt Gini Sturm Julie Summers Larrain Thomas Mary Ann Vanover Pauline Wallace William Walter John Wasilewski Volker Wenig Julie Wojtkowiak & Logan Don Ziegler |
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Mass intentions:

Sunday, March 28

10:30 am (open)
Celebrant: Fr. Robt Marczewski
12:00 noon (open)
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Wednesday March 31

12:10 pm Members of St. Joseph Confraternity
Celebrant: Fr. Babcock

Sunday, Easter, April 4

10:30 am (open) GERMAN
Celebrant: Fr. Heier
12:00 noon +Charles Shermetaro (Suzanne Shermetaro)
Celebrant: Fr. Robt. Marczewski

Stewardship at St. Joseph's

March 21, 2010

Offertory.....\$ 997.10
Repair and Restoration.....\$ 10.00
Total.....\$1,007.10

Attendance:

10:30...34 Noon...46 Total 80

Friday, March 19 attendance 450



We will decorate the church for Easter at approximately 3:30 pm .on Good Friday after the Divine Mercy Novena is finished. The altar cloths will have to be changed to gold and the Easter Flowers have to be set out.