

**MARCH 10, 2019, 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE**

**St. Joseph's: Weekends: 5:30 PM Saturday, 8:30 AM Sunday**  
**Daily: 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday**  
 (Saturday at 8:30 AM is the traditional Latin Mass)  
**Adoration at St. Joseph's at 6:00 PM on Wednesday's**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary: Weekends: 10:30 AM Sunday**

Sun	Mar 10	8:30 AM	SJ	All Souls in Purgatory
Sun	Mar 10	10:30 AM	IHM	The People of St. Joseph's & IHM
Mon	Mar 11	8:30 AM	SJ	Catholic Radio
Tue	Mar 12	8:30 AM	SJ	+ Karen Lackey
Wed	Mar 13	8:30 AM	SJ	Nick Rogers
Thurs	Mar 14	8:30 AM	SJ	+ Barb Caulwell

Fri	Mar 15	8:30 AM	SJ	Andrew Cuomo
Sat	Mar 16	8:30 AM	SJ	Sarah & Chris King
Sat	Mar 16	5:30 PM	SJ	+ Jean Hanus
Sun	Mar 17	8:30 AM	SJ	The People of St. Joseph's & IHM
Sun	Mar 17	10:30 AM	IHM	Mary Kay McNally

**Confessions 30 minutes prior to every Mass**

<b>OFFERING</b>	<b>March 3</b>
St. Joseph's	\$ 1,187.00
IHM	\$ 342.00

**DURING LENT AT ST. JOSEPH'S**  
**Wednesday's** – Holy Hour and Confessions at 6 PM  
**Friday's** – Stations of the Cross at 6 PM

**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
 Chris Muscik  
 Karen Bailey    Howie Lynch  
 Jolene Buffington  
 Becky McKee    Bill Walker

**FROM FATHER DREW**

**Esther 12, 14-16, 23-25, Thursday of 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent**

Queen Esther was seized with mortal anguish. Scared for her life she laid on the ground with her face to the dirt and prayed to God: *Help me, who am alone and have no help but you.*

Esther recalled from her time as a small child that God would always help those who pleased him, those who kept the Commandments; those who did what they *ought* to do instead of what they *want* to do.

*And now, come to help me, an orphan,* Queen Esther prayed. Queen Esther really was an orphan. As a young girl her parents died, and her uncle Mordecai raised her. She grew up to be a beautiful young woman – so beautiful that the king of Persia took her to be his queen.

But some of the king's men did not like her uncle and her Jewish people. (The Jews were living in exile in the east at this time.) The king's men planned to kill them all and hang Esther's uncle, Mordecai on a 50-foot-high cross. After her uncle begged her to intercede for her people, Queen Esther took off all her makeup and all her gold jewelry. She put on old worn out clothes and ashes on her head and got on the ground and prayed. She put her life in God's hands. She prayed to God to put into her mouth the right words to defeat her enemies.

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After praying and fasting for several days she got up and cleaned herself off. She put her good clothes back on and went to see the king, bowing down before him. She told the king if he were to kill all the Jews he'd have to kill her too, because she was one of them. And here was the dramatic climax! The king had no idea she was Jewish! What would be his decision? He decided to spare all the Jews and kill their enemies who wanted to destroy them. The chief instigator of the plot to kill the Jews ended up hanging on the 50-foot-cross he had prepared for Esther's uncle.

The lesson in all of this is *pray*. Find quiet places and get on your knees and pray like Queen Esther. Pray for the strength to conquer your enemies; the demons that whisper in your ear to do what you *want* instead of what you *ought*. Go to your King who hangs on his throne. Tell him you're all alone, like Queen Esther did. He'll look down on you and say: *It is okay. I hang up here all alone for you because I love you. Climb up here and hang on this cross with me. It's how we defeat your enemies.*

Jesus is the real King. Who then is the real Queen Esther? She is the Virgin Mary. Esther is what we call a type, a figure of the Blessed Virgin, the most beautiful woman in all the land. She goes to the King, bows down before him and intercedes for us. She tells him to have mercy on her people and he does not refuse her.

So, remember you are never alone, you are not an orphan. Do what is right and then go to the King and the Queen. You will be saved from your enemies.

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## Announcements

### ROSARY

Sunday's at 8:00 AM at St. Joseph's

**\*Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00 PM** St Joseph's in Trenton will have a Solemn High Mass on the Solemnity of St Joseph, sung by the **Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles** from Gower, MO.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this special feast in honor of the Patron Saint of our parish. Dinner will follow in the hall. So let us know if you are coming so we can get an accurate food count. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

**The Annual Fish Fry** at St. Joseph's is this Friday, March 15. Please sign up as we still need helpers and desserts. Everyone is asked to bring a homemade dessert. Pies are preferred along with pudding desserts and a few cakes. Last year we had too many cookies. Thank you.

**To listen to Father Drew's week-day Masses** and much more go to [catholicradionetwork.com](http://catholicradionetwork.com). You should see this image. **Fr. Drew's Masses are aired at 11:00 AM.**

Tap on the small blue oval that says "listen". The following should appear:

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1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
  2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
  3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or [JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.
- The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816.392.0011 or [Chastain@diocesekcsi.org](mailto:Chastain@diocesekcsi.org) for more information.