



# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas  
Saturday / Sábado: Vigil 4:30pm  
Sunday / Domingo: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am en Español

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA 3/11/18

**Our choice, His mercy.** Today's First Reading gives an overview of the history of the Israelites, before and after the Babylonian exile. Since the people did not live in the ways of the Lord and did not listen to His prophets calling them back to righteousness, the Lord allowed their enemies to get the upper hand with them. All this was even foretold to them by the Prophet Jeremiah. God did not abandon His people; He sent them the emperor Cyrus, inspired by God to set them free. At the Lord's instigation, King Cyrus sent the captive Israelites back to their homeland. (Cyrus served the Lord without even knowing His name.) The Responsorial Psalm 137, is a lamentation from the time of the Babylonian exile. Dovetailing with the First Reading, this psalm teaches us, that like the exiled Israelites, we have forced ourselves into exile by our sinful choices. We created distance between ourselves and God, something God does not want. We have to choose to return to His love and mercy, remembering that our true home is with the Lord. In the Second Reading, St Paul continues the theme of our getting ourselves into bad situations by our own sins. In the First Reading it was exile, here it's spiritual death. However, it is God's gracious mercy that overwhelms our sin and guilt, freeing us from this awful state. It is His love and generosity that purchased our freedom. We can show our gratitude by good deeds and generosity to others. The message of today's Gospel is, having almost killed ourselves by sin, our only salvation is faith in Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection. We are saved by looking up to Jesus on the cross. The reason God came into the world is to reveal how much He loves us. We, for our part, *choose* to accept and live in that Love. Whoever accepts His love has already been rewarded, for now they have the possibility of living in His love for all eternity.



**Nuestra opción, Su misericordia.** La Primera Lectura de hoy nos da un resumen de la historia de los Israelitas, antes y después del Exilio de Babilonia. Ya que el pueblo no vivía en los modos del Señor y no escuchaban a Sus profetas que imploraban que regresaran al camino del bien, el Señor permitió que sus enemigos tomaran la delantera. Todo esto fue predicho por el Profeta Jeremías. Dios no abandonó a Su pueblo; Él les mandó al emperador Cirus, inspirado por Dios, a liberarlos. A la llamada de Dios, el Rey Cirus mandó a los Israelitas cautivados a su tierra natal. (Cirus sirvió al Señor sin ni siquiera saber Su nombre.) El Salmo Responsorial - 137, es una lamentación del tiempo del exilio de Babilonia. En acuerdo con la Primera Lectura, este salmo nos enseña, que como los exiliados nos hemos impuesto el exilio por medio de nuestras decisiones pecadoras. Creamos distancia entre nosotros y Dios, algo que Dios no quiere. Tenemos que escoger el regresar a Su amor y misericordia, recordando que nuestro hogar verdadero es con el Señor. En la Segunda Lectura, San Pablo continúa con el tema de cómo nos metemos en malas situaciones por nuestros propios pecados. En la Primera Lectura fue exilio, aquí es muerte espiritual. Sin embargo, es la gracia de Dios que sobrepasa nuestro pecado y culpa, librándonos de este estado horrible. Es Su amor y generosidad que compró nuestra libertad. Podemos mostrar nuestra gratitud con obras buenas y con generosidad a otros. El mensaje del Evangelio de hoy es, habiéndonos casi matado con el pecado, nuestra única salvación es nuestra fe en la muerte de Jesús en la cruz y Su resurrección. Somos salvados al mirar hacia Jesús en la cruz. La razón por la cual Dios vino a este mundo es para revelar cuanto nos ama. Nosotros, por nuestra parte escogemos aceptar y vivir en ese Amor. Quien acepta Su amor ya ha sido premiado, por ahora tienen la posibilidad de vivir en Su amor por toda la eternidad.

**St. Joseph's Ladies Group.** The next meeting of St. Joseph's Ladies Group is on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in the St. Patrick's Hall at 9:30 AM. All are welcome to share and support. Questions? Please contact Cindy Tickler at (916) 275-6851 or Betty Hutchings at (916) 421-9396.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent ~ Viacrucis durante la Cuaresma, Fridays at 5:30PM.** In the Church or at the Memorial Path (weather permitting.) They will continue every Friday throughout Lent.



**St. Joseph Parish Annual Diaper Drive** All sizes of diapers are needed at this time. We thank you for your generosity and hope that you will be able to give again this year!

**Campaña Anual de recaudación de pañales de la Parroquia de San José** - En los últimos años hemos tenido una tremenda respuesta de parte de usted. Necesitamos de todos los tamaños de pañales. ¡Agradecemos su generosidad y esperamos poder volver a recibirla este año!

**St. Joseph Charity** is requesting to donate only non-perishable food in dry sealed containers. Please do not place prepared food or frozen food in the shopping cart placed in the front of the church before the Sunday Masses. We cannot use or distribute left over food in tupperware or opened can or boxed food. Thanks!

**The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC).** This week we are having a second collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC).** Esta semana realizaremos la segunda colecta para responder a Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás? Esta colecta ayuda a seis agencias católicas a brindar asistencia y apoyo a las comunidades que luchan por salir adelante y trabajar para conseguir la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados aquí y alrededor del mundo. Por favor, en oración, considera la manera en la que puedas contribuir a esta colecta. Para mayor información [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**Shepherds Field Olive Handcrafts** - A group from the Holy Land will be selling religious articles after masses this weekend to support the Catholic Christian minorities in the Holy Land. These articles represent the Christian art of the Holy Land, now they are facing an economic hardship as very few tourists visit the Holy Land due to security issues. Many of the Catholic families immigrated and left the Holy Land. The percentage of Christians in the Holy Land has dropped to less than 2%. The struggle to preserve the Catholic identity of the birthplace of our savior; Jesus Christ is a serious concern for Catholics around the world. Sales will be used to help and support the Catholics in the Holy Land and to encourage them not to immigrate.

**St. Joseph Men's Prayer Circle.** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:30 PM All men of St. Joseph Church are invited to join the circle for prayer, exploring Catholic themes, faith-sharing, and fellowship. The Circle meets at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the St. Patrick's Hall. Please inquire with Henry Sepulveda at 916-421-5081.

**Chrism Mass:** Please join Bishop Soto and the clergy of our diocese at the annual Chrism Mass to be held on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The Chrism Mass is one of our most important Diocesan celebrations where Bishop Soto will bless the Holy Oils that are used in sacramental celebrations in all the parishes of the Diocese throughout the coming year.

**Misa Crismal:** Los invitamos a que acompañen al Sr. Obispo Soto y a los Sacerdotes de nuestra diócesis en la Misa Crismal, el jueves, 22 de marzo del 2018 a las 6:00p.m. en la Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento. La Misa Crismal es una de las celebraciones Diocesana más importante, en la cual el Sr. Obispo bendice los Aceites Sagrados que se utilizarán durante el año en las celebraciones sacramentales de las parroquias de la Diócesis de Sacramento.

**Schedule of Easter Triduum Services:** Confessions will be available Monday March 26 and Tuesday March 27, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. **Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual), 06:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 p.m. **Good Friday:** Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 12 noon (English); Burial of Jesus in the tomb, 05:00 p.m. and Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (Spanish), 06:30 p.m.; **Holy Saturday:** Mass of the Easter Vigil (Bilingual), 8:00 p.m. **Easter Sunday** Masses, 8:00 a.m. and 09:30 a.m. (English) and 11 AM (Spanish).



#### SECOND COLLECTION INFORMATION

#### INFORMACION DE SEGUNDA COLECTAS

**March 10/11:** The Catholic Relief Services share with the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

**March 17/18:** Parish Charities

**Mar 30:** Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

#### MASS INTENTIONS: March 10—16, 2018 / Intenciones de la Santa Misa: 10 al 16 de marzo 2018

**Sat.** 4:30 pm – Vincent Punaro†

**Sun.** 8:00am – For Parishioners

**Sun.** 9:30 am –

**Sun.** 11:00 am –

**Mon.** 8:15am– All Souls

**Tues.** 8:15am- All Souls

**Wed.** 8:15am– Vocations

**Thur.** 8:15am- All Souls

**Fri.** 8:15am– The Sick