



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
The Little Church with a Big Heart

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Mass Times During the Pandemic

PLEASE SIGN UP AT EVENTBRITE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:

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Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 11 a.m.

Saturday: 5 pm; 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9, 10, and 11 am OR 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 (alternating each week with communion services)

Confessions: during the pandemic, by request.

Sunday, January 31, 2021
4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday, February 1	+Don Palma	Tim & Janet Nohara
Tuesday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord	+Don Palma	Tim & Janet Nohara
Wednesday, February 3 St. Blaise	No Public Mass	
Thursday, February 4	+Anne Bernadette Haffey	Gail Bailey
Friday, February 5 St. Agatha	+Shirley Andrews	Garret & Helen Smits
Saturday, February 6	5 p.m : Private intention 5:30 p.m.: +Idelma Carletti	Bruno & Lidia Carlesso
Sunday, February 7 5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9 a.m.: <i>pro populo</i> 9:30 a.m.: Holy Communion Service (HCS) 10 a.m.: +Memebers of the John & Loretta Collee Family 10:30 a.m.: HCS 11 a.m.: private intention 11:30 a.m.: HCS	Paul & Mary Jane Collee

Income tax receipts will be mailed this week. Thank you again for your fidelity to supporting the parish, especially during the pandemic. May God bless your generosity.

Wednesday is the feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. He is associated with the blessing of throats because he saved a child who was choking on a fish bone. Throats will be blessed after all Masses and services this weekend.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Martha Secord, sister of Elsie Smith who died this past week. A private funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday.

Lent is only two and half weeks away! Ash Wednesday is February 17. While we are certainly doing penance during this lockdown, perhaps we could consider different types of penance: reading the daily Mass readings each day – (but reading them, slowly, with thought, paying attention); saying the divine mercy chaplet or the rosary – (again, with purpose, not rushing through it); examining our conscience every day – (how many times did I lose my patience, think critically of someone, watch too much tv, put off a daily chore – with whom am I impatient? Why? In what circumstances am I more likely to be impatient, unkind, unchaste?) WHY did Christ die on the cross? Was it just a set of unfortunate circumstance? If that is so, then why do I follow Him, go to Church? If He died for me and my sins, then what does that mean? Really. What does that mean for me? Here? Now? Do I just assume that I am going to Heaven because I haven't murdered anyone? Then I haven't paid attention to Scripture and our Lord's own words. It will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah than for you, warned Jesus. Jesus didn't hold back when speaking about judgment. What do we mean each Sunday when we say, "He will come again to judge the living and the dead?" Lent is the time for us to think seriously about these things, not to make us feel guilty or despairing because we have so many faults. Rather it ought to give us great joy that God loves us, died for us, despite our daily sinfulness. It should make us more grateful, the more we recognize our sins, even our small ones; it should make us talk to Him more to thank, praise and beg Him.