

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION AND CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to **St. Stanislaus Catholic Church** for the *Divine Mercy Devotion and Celebration* **TODAY - Sunday, April 7th @ 3:00pm.**

We are proud to have the *Knights of Columbus* from the **Cape Fear Deanery** to serve as *Honor Guard* for this event.

Following our devotion, everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious luncheon of **Fried Chicken and Pulled Pork** in our Parish Hall. Side dishes are appreciated.

What a wonderful day of worship and fellowship with parishioners from the whole Cape Fear Deanery!

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, 4849 Castel Hayne Rd., Castle Hayne



LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S

The Ladies of St. Joseph's will continue to meet on the 2nd **Saturday** of each month at **10:00 AM** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join our parish fellowship. Contact **Ellen Whitman** at **(910) 620-6458** for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure

March 31, 2024

11:00 AM (English) Mass

Offertory	\$ 598.00
Holy Land	\$ 50.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 20.00
Easter	\$ 445.00
Priest Welfare & Retire	\$ 85.00
Outreach/Aid for Poor	\$ 421.00

Total \$ 1,619.00

1:00 PM (Spanish) Mass

Offertory	\$ 588.00
BAA Offering	\$ 151.00
Holy Land	\$ 312.00
Easter Vigil	\$ 283.00

Total \$ 1,334.00

Thank you for your continued support!
May God Bless you always and in all

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St. Joseph Catholic Church



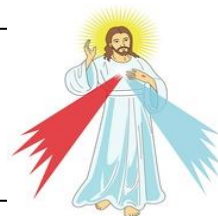
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Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 7, 2024

Share in the Apostolic Mission of the Church

We, the parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a community of faith, being spirit-filled and empowered by our baptism, are called to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. United by our worship, our continued commitment to faith formation and our love for one another, we dedicate our time, talents, and treasure to the enrichment of our community and the greater glory of God.

We welcome all visitors!

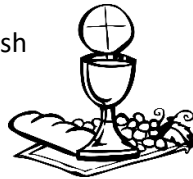
Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church. We are glad you chose to be with us today. If you are traveling, we pray for your safe journey home. If you live in this area, we hope you will return soon to worship with us.

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am in English and 1:00 pm in Spanish

Daily Mass: Wednesdays at 8:30 am

Thursdays at 8:30 am



Sacraments

BAPTISM: Parents must attend a preparation class prior to having their child baptized. Please schedule an appointment with Father Roger to discuss the procedure.

RECONCILIATION: Immediately following Mass and by appointment.

MARRIAGE: The marriage preparation program for the Diocese of Raleigh takes 6 months. Please contact Father Roger for an appointment.

1ST PENANCE, 1ST HOLY COMMUNION, & CONFIRMATION:

Contact Father Roger for information.

Today's Readings

Acts 4: 32-35

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting."

1 John 5: 1-6

John 20: 19-31

For Daily Mass Readings

go online to:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>

<http://www.ewtn.com/daily-readings>

(Includes Daily Mass video)



Today's Meditation

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"A week later, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came." —John 20:26

We have a Church full of doubting Thomases. As St. Thomas later became a great missionary and martyr, so these doubting Thomases today are called to renew the face of the earth in the power of the Holy Spirit (see Ps 104:30). However, they must first be transformed from having little faith to having strong faith.

We have a Church full of fearful disciples. These Christians acknowledge that Jesus is risen. However, because these disciples are locked in fear (see Jn 20:19), the doubting Thomases of the Church find it difficult to believe the fearful disciples. Fear feeds doubt, and doubt makes us more susceptible to fear, which makes our doubts worse, trapping us in greater fears and uncertainties.

Jesus broke this most vicious cycle by personally challenging Thomas' doubts and leading Him to faith. When Thomas cried out: "My Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28), he prepared the way for the reception of the Holy Spirit by Jesus' disciples at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is not a spirit of fear but of faith (see 2 Tm 1:7). Thus, after fully receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Jesus' disciples were fearless in leading others to faith, fearlessness, and greater faith. Fearlessness feeds faith.



Because you are alive, you are either in a cycle of fear and doubt or a cycle of fearlessness and faith. On this last day of the octave of Easter, come to the risen Jesus. He will put you in the cycle leading to eternal life.

Prayer: Father, in Your mercy, challenge me to repent.

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PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse	The Butrim Family	Phyllis Kubelka
Jane Polera	Gina Brooks	Stacey Riemer
George Spisak	Bill Barnett	Liz Becker
Marilyn Malberg	The Daniels Family	The unborn
United States Leadership	All those incarcerated	
All those who suffer from addiction		

Please e-mail agnesfields@gmail.com to have a loved one placed on our prayer list. If you have placed a loved one on our list and you feel they no longer need to be on it, please e-mail so that we may update our list.

