

UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Daily Mass** every **Thursday** at **9:30am** (**Rosary @ 9:10**)
- **Bible study** in the parish hall **Thursdays 10-11:30**
Bible study will resume Thursday April 11th.
- **Women's' Club Meetings** meet each month on the **Second Mondays** of each month @ **11am**.
- **May 12th—May Crowning**—bring flowers to honor our Blessed Mother. Cookies and Lemonade following mass.
- **June 24-27** Community **Food Pantry**—Helpers Needed. See Jan Schumacher.

WHO IS ST. BERNADETTE whose feast day is April 16th?

St. Bernadette of Lourdes was a French nun who lived in the 1800s. She was the first of nine children. Bernadette suffered from illness for most of her life. As a young teenager, she had a series of visions of the Virgin Mary in the Massabielle grotto, ultimately leading to the founding of the shrine of Lourdes.

The beautiful lady asked Bernadette to come here every day for fifteen days. She said that she wanted Bernadette to tell the priests to build a chapel there. Our lady also told Bernadette to pray for the conversion of sinners. Onlookers who didn't see "the Lady" thought Bernadette was mad when she began digging and eating the dirt, which our Lady asked her to do. But shortly afterwards, the hole filled with water, becoming a spring which has since become famous for miraculous cures. Spontaneous healings, many of them miraculous, began during the months of the apparitions to Bernadette. And many healings are still occurring today.

She suffered much of her life from an early age from asthma. Bernadette with severe, chronic asthma, eventually contracted tuberculosis of the lungs. For several months prior to her death, she was unable to take an active part in convent life.

Even on her deathbed Bernadette suffered severe pain and, keeping with the Virgin Mary's admonition of "Penance, Penance, Penance," she proclaimed "all this is good for Heaven!" Bernadette's last words were, "**Blessed Mary, Mother of God, pray for me.**"

Submissions for bulletins must be made by Tuesday to: stjcoordinator@gmail.com
Or to Bob Renaud~ Brenaud65@gmail.com

Pen drawing of St. Joseph's Church by ~ Anne Burney McMurray

ST. JOSEPH

Catholic Church



MASS SCHEDULE:

Thursday – Weekday Mass 9:30 am (Rosary 9:10am)

Saturday(Anticipated Mass) 4:00pm

Sunday 12:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3-3:45pm Saturdays
(or by appointment)

All other sacraments please call parish office to inquire.

Rev. Agustin L. Guzman, CO, Pastor

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Thursday 9 am to 10:30 am & Saturday pm (Fr Agustin)

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Welcome
to our
Church Family



3rd Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024



1st Reading Acts 3: 13-19

Responsorial
Psalm Psalm 4

2nd Reading 1 John 2: 1-5

Gospel Luke 24: 35-48

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

- 14 Bl. Peter Gonzalez**
- 15 St. Caesar de Bus**
- 16 St. Bernadette Soubirous**
- 17 St. Benedict Joseph Labre**
- 18 Bl. James Oldo**
- 19 St. Gianna Beretta Molla**
- 20 St. Conrad of Parzham**

MINISTRY (Sat./Sun.) SCHEDULE :

LECTOR: Sat: B. Renaud **Next:** J. Rothe

E.M: Sat: P. Hamilton **NEXT:** M. Hamilton

LECTOR: Sun: M. Lifsey/R. Whisonant

E.M: J. Rodgers **NEXT:** K. Hutto

LAST 2 WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Envelopes \$955.00/ \$1628.00

Loose \$160.00/ \$34.00

Total: \$1115.00/ \$1662.00

Other: Easter: \$780.00/Holy Land:

\$351.00/refurb.: \$140.00

Weekly Budget: \$1677.00

St. Joseph online Donation:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysrh/>

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ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALTY

If you would like to have more information about the center or the programs it offers, you may visit the Oratory in Rock Hill.

**JESUS Suffered and died...
WHY HAS IT ALL HAPPENED?**

TWO words will answer this questions; "YOU" and "ME"

The beautiful, historical account we find in the Bible means we can be saved by the grace of Jesus Christ. Easter is why Jesus became a man. He suffered like no other human being. We all should be EXTREMELY excited to think of the Son of God's sacrifice was for me, personally. It is a sacrifice that he made for every person in this world, from its creation to the end of time.

The entire purpose of humanity is consummated in this act of supreme love – of taking our place on a filthy cross to die like a vile criminal, to be resurrected in glory and to give each of us peace forever. This love is wonderful. Priceless! It cannot be sold or bought. It is received by faith and by grace. There is nothing we have done, or could do, to buy it. The price has been paid in full and there is no other price to improve the offer.

I invite you to reflect on the value of the death and resurrection of Jesus in your life. In this Easter season, may we become intimate with the One who gave us everything. And may we tell the whole world again and again: Jesus, the Messiah, is risen!

*A DAILY PRAYER: Oh, God, enlighten my mind with truth. Inflammate my heart with love. Inspire my will with courage. Enrich my life with service. Pardon what I have been. Sanctify what I am. Order what I shall be. Allow my will to join with yours so that Thy Glory may shine to all whom I meet. Through Jesus Christ my Lord.
AMEN.*

Upcoming Parish Functions:

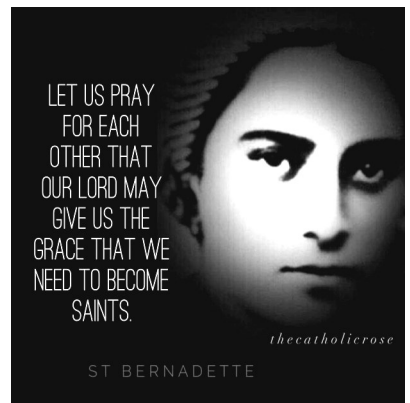
May Crowning is **May 12th**. Please join the Women's Club and bring flowers to place on Mary's Grotto. Fellowship, cookies and lemonade will follow mass.

FOOD PANTRY St. Joseph Church will be hosting the Food Pantry **June 24-27**. **HELPERS ARE NEEDED**. If interested see Jan Schumacher.

Holy Humor



Coffee With the



St. Bernadette, pray for us



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Gerald Glanton
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Taylor Jurgens
Lou Emma Rowsam
Horace Johnson
Jim McGee

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Gina McCanless
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Elaine Gaither
Sarah Collins
Mel Hollis
Macy
Kim Fronapple
Crosby Livingston
Willis Johnson

As a special intention for the **month of April:**

- *We pray for all those who live in constant pain and find no relief. May they feel the loving embrace of God and find comfort in knowing their suffering, when joined with our Savior's, is not in vain.*
- Let us pray for an end to Communism, satanism, the end to all wars, for all political leaders, and the safety of all those who protect and serve.
- *We pray for all those who may be contemplating an end to life, including suicide and abortion.*
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- *And we pray **for ALL the souls in Purgatory**, especially those most forgotten.*

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