

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

### **Mass Times**

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Tues, Wed, & Fri: Check website  
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

### **Confessions**

Sunday: Before Mass; After 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Tues, Wed, & Fri: Before Mass; 4:30-5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m.

### **Office Hours**

Tues & Fri: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,  
Wed: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **Adoration**

The Church is open for prayer and adoration from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. unless Fr. Drew is away from the premises.

**Please pray for those who are sick in our parish**, especially Barbara Watson, Sarah Hancock, Billy Joe Hill, Joseph Tippett, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, Max Long, Gailann White, James Davis, Tommy Johnson, Barbara Lilly, Joseph "Zip" Douglas, Josh Johnson, Alya Nelson, David Russell, Grant Bidle, Mary Helen Knight, Billy Patton, Jim Dunbar, and George "Gibby" Knight.



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**Funeral Mass** – The Funeral Mass for KC Schnitker will be this Friday, May 1, at 10 AM. There will be no daily Mass that day.

**First Sunday Potluck** – All are welcome to join the parish family for a potluck after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 3, instead of our regularly scheduled coffee and donuts. Please bring a dish to share and/or simply join us for the fellowship!

**Second Collection this Weekend: Catholic Home Missions Appeal** – Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. Thank you for your support!

<b>Mass Intentions for April 26<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
4/26 Sun – 8 a.m.	Bernard Bowles Family
10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
4/28 Tues – 12 p.m.	Rev. William Paul Hill
4/29 Wed – 5 p.m.	Bill Hancock
5/1 Fri	<b>No Daily Mass</b> ; Funeral Mass at 10 AM
5/2 Sat – 5 p.m.	Gerard H. Edwards, Sr.
<b>April 19, 2026 Offertory</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$2,628.00</b></span>	
<b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>	

## *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

“I am the Good Shepherd.” This is one important way that the Lord considers himself. Christians are wise to understand why Jesus refers to himself this way. One major reason is that you and I are also shepherds, responsible for the souls of others. We had best learn from the Good Shepherd how to fulfill the charge entrusted to us.

The hallmark of the Good Shepherd is that he lays down his life for his sheep. This laying down of one's life Jesus elsewhere says is the greatest sign of love. “Greater love has no man than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.” A sure way for us to know that we are imitating the Good Shepherd is that we love one another.

Hirelings run when the going gets tough. This is how we know that we're shepherding badly, if we also run, abandoning our own rather than serving them and defending them.

Good Shepherd Sunday is a great day to pray for our shepherds and all those who have any kind of responsibility to help and guide us. Jesus is the model for us to follow in many ways. May we always strive to follow his example.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

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***Immaculate Conception Drive-Thru Dinner*** – Sunday, May 3, 2026, from 12 Noon until 2:30 PM pick up is at the Parish center located behind the church. Please visit [ICChurchMD.org/annual-parish-dinner-may](https://www.ICChurchMD.org/annual-parish-dinner-may), click on “Parish Dinner” to order and pay for your dinner by Wednesday, April 29, 2026. Menu: Fried Chicken, Crab Balls, Ham, Shrimp Salad, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll & Butter, and Chunky Applesauce. \$30.00 per dinner.

***St. Mary's Chapel Fundraising Gala*** – Have you ever wanted to leave your mark for future generations? Well, you may have an opportunity during the Gala supporting the construction of the St. Mary's Chapel for perpetual adoration on Friday, May 8, 2026, from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. During the Gala there will be a chance to buy a beautiful stained glass window to be used in St. Mary's Chapel. For more information and to reserve tickets, visit [www.StMarysChapel.net](http://www.StMarysChapel.net)



***Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe*** – Accompany Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney (Diocese of Paterson, NJ) along with Fr. David Wells (St. Martin of Tours, MD) and his brother, Kevin Wells (author of *Priest and Beggar*) on a 4 day pilgrimage to Mexico City. This life-changing pilgrimage will take place from Friday, September 18- Monday, September 21, 2026. Experience the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe- the most visited Marian shrine in the world. Next, travel to the Sisters of Mary at the World Villages for Children (WVC) Girlstown in Chalco, Mexico, to witness how the Sisters are transforming the lives of impoverished children in the most desperate circumstances. Register online by August 18, 2026 at: <https://worldvillages.org/events/sweeney-wells>.