

25th Feb 2024: 2nd Sunday in Lent

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Saturday: Mass 11am; Vigil: 6.30 p.m.

Sun Mass: 9.30, 11 & 12.30; 6.30 pm

Mon-Friday Mass 8:30am

Sat Eucharistic Adoration: 10:30am.

Confession: Saturday: 11.30 – 12.30
& 5 – 6 p.m. or by appointment.

Fidays in Lent: Mass & Stations, 7:30pm

Easter Triduum: HOLY Thursday and GOOD Friday, 7:30pm (No morning Mass); Easter Vigil at 9pm; Easter Masses 9.30, 11 & 12.30; 6.30 pm. Easter Monday at 11am

YA Mass: Sat 24 Feb Rosary at 5:30pm
followed by 6:30pm Mass

Feed the Homeless, 2 March at 11:30am.

Teen Faith Ministry: Sat 2 March: meet at St Joseph's at 1:45pm for a Walk to St Thomas d'Aquin (75007).

CCD classes will resume 3 March ,
FHC parents' meeting 12:15pm; 3 March.

Bible Study: 10:30am Wednesdays

Baptism Preparation: 2 March at 11am

6.30 GROUP PRAISE & WORSHIP Rehearsals,
Sundays, 2.30pm in the Hall till 10th March

Marriage Preparation Course:
Registrations continue, course starts on line Sunday, March 3rd from 4pm to 5:30pm. Applications to: stjosephparis@orange.fr
Then, March 17 & 24, April 14 & 21 , May 5; Certificate given at the end.

Pastoral Council 6 March at 7:30pm;
NB: will be held at St Joseph's

Collections 18Feb Masses: € 2308,53
Coffee: €52,69; Shrines: €218,21;
Swahili mass: €96,43
LENTEN PROJECT: €1682,99

Lenten Project : Haiti & Ukraine

Second Collections every Sunday: Please see our display [at the Altar, & webpage.](#)

HAITI Food Project: From Fr Rick Frechette CP, Passionist Priest and Doctor:

"Each food package is roughly \$17"
How many food packages can we deliver through our Lenten Project ?

UKRAINE : Food and Online School:
From Fr Lukasz Andrzejewski CP,
Passionist Priest:

"Both in parishes and at the House of Mercy, we try to create space for learning & playing, with at least a modest meal, a day under the care of the Daughters of Charity, for deprived and displaced children"

Cash donations in 2nd collection. Amount will be divided in two for each project.

All € donations directly from our website or by cheques to "St Joseph ADP" are 66% tax refundable. Please advise by email when donating online to the Lenten projects at stjosephparis@orange.fr

US \$ cheques to "St Joseph's church" tax receipts on demand at the above address.



THE PASSION IN LENT



Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of Christ* was a box office success but it was a serious misrepresentation of Jesus and the gospel. The film spilled oceans of blood, and exposed acres of torn skin and bleeding wounds. There is none of this in the New Testament.

St. Mark's gospel devotes half of one verse to the crucifixion "there they crucified him and divided his clothes among them" (Mk. 15, 24). When St. Paul, the first and maybe greatest preacher of the Gospel, spoke of the passion he put it like this, "He loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2, 20). That's the true and only passion of Christ.

Among other things, the biblical story of the passion is about how the power and might of Roman justice and Jewish Law combined to crush, humiliate, shame, and defame Jesus, his message and his mission. Jesus was a good and innocent man but was publicly condemned and declared a blasphemer and criminal. Political justice and religious law together killed the son of God. But God was with Jesus, and in the resurrection God declared him innocent and right, and thus exposed human justice and religious law as corrupt and self-serving. This is a sobering warning for all time.

It is God who declares who is right and what is right. Jesus is the righteous one and Roman justice and Jewish law were both exposed as serving the interests of the powerful and the wealthy at the expense of the innocent and the weak. In the light of the passion, there is no longer any easy identification between human law and divine justice. This is an important lesson to be pondered during lent.

