

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



March 3, 2024

## St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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603-542-5732

## Pastor, Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN

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## Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman  
David Smith  
Sharon Wood

## Music Director

Richard Brown  
**Organists**  
Tristan Smith  
Deborah Stone

**Sunday, March 3, 9:15 am**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

For the soul (†) of Raymond Janelle  
requested by his family

**Wednesday, March 6, 9:00 am**

**Please note the time change.**

For the soul (†) of Ian William Pierce  
requested by the Kepler family

**Sunday, March 10, 9:15 am**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

For the souls (†) of Jesse and Marion Stone  
requested by their son and his family

**Today's 2nd Collection is for Fuel.**

<b>Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024</b>	
Offertory	<b>\$779.00</b>
Church Maintenance	<b>\$381.00</b>
Candles	<b>111.35</b>
Easter Flowers	<b>\$200.00</b>
Mass intentions	<b>\$100.00</b>
Fundraiser: Nut Sales	<b>\$104.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,675.35</b>
<b>Parish Giving Online</b>	
Offertory	<b>\$156.08</b>
Church Maintenance	<b>\$97.55</b>
Fuel	<b>\$97.55</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$351.18</b>

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**  
**March 10: Catholic Relief Services**  
**and Catholic Home Missions**

**ONGOING COLLECTIONS**  
 2023 NH Catholic Appeal **\$2,916** (24 donors)  
 Grand Annual Collection **\$2,560.00**

**Masses and Sanctuary Lamp**  
**Many dates are available for Sanctuary Lamp intentions.**

They may be requested in memory of deceased loved ones; for God's blessings on someone marking a special occasion; or for an unnamed special intention.

Intentions may be scheduled with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after each Mass or by leaving a message on the Rectory phone (603-542-5732)

**Pecan Fundraiser**

Our inventory is getting low! Still available:  
**Cinnamon Glazed Pecans, plain Roasted Cashews, and plain Pecans.**

Buy now before Easter!  
 Available after Mass in the Parish Hall.

**Thank You for Parish Giving!**

We are grateful to everyone who has already signed up to make their donations online. We will continue to assist those who want to sign up for Parish Giving. If you want to get started right away, visit the Parish website at <https://stjosephclaremont.org/> and click on the Parish Giving button. Electronic Giving is safe and easy for you and good stewardship appreciated for the Parish. For additional information, please pick up a brochure at the back of the Church or visit Parish Giving at [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org).

Laminated PARISH GIVING cards are on all tables at the back of the Church. If you make arrangements for online giving, you can place one of these cards in the Collection Basket in place of cash or check. When your Parish Giving transaction occurs you will receive an email confirmation and a thank you.



**Easter Flower Donations**

Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Intentions and donor names will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns 24/7 near the tabernacle in all Catholic Churches in honor of the True Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It burns this week in memory of Carol Hogaboom requested by Halford and Emelda Jones.



**Our Lady of Ephesus**  
**House of Prayer**  
**35 Fawn Ledge Lane**  
**Jamaica, VT 05343**

**Weekday Mass**  
 Monday- 9.00 am  
 Wed. to Fri. 4.30 pm

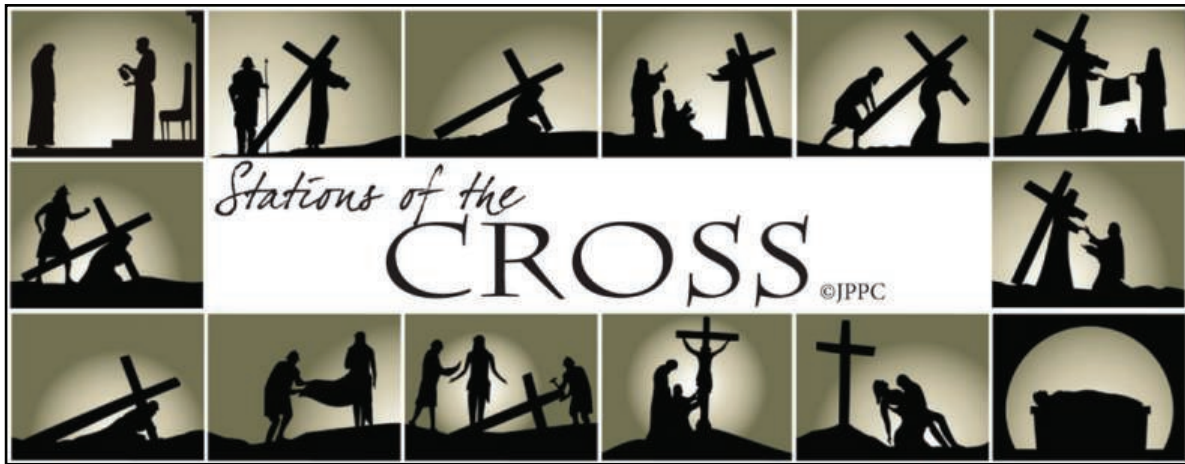
**Weekend Masses**  
 10.30am

**Stations of the Cross**  
 Fridays after 4.30 pm Mass and  
 Sundays 3.00 pm; Refreshments

Confession: Before and after all  
 Masses and at any time by  
 appointment

**March 23,2024**  
**Confirmation Pilgrimage**  
**by the Diocese of Burlington, VT**  
**10.00 am Arrival**  
**Opening Address**  
**Stations of the Cross**  
**One-on-one with Jesus**  
**( personal prayer)**  
**LUNCH**  
**3:00 pm Adoration**  
**and confession**  
**4:00 pm Holy Mass**

Land- 802-896-6000m  
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Stations of the Cross for the Souls in Purgatory will be prayed after each daily Mass during Lent at St. Mary Church and after the Friday "Bread and Soup" meal at St. Joseph Church.

**Lenten Rules of Fasting and Abstinence:**  
**All Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence from meat. Good Friday is a day of Fasting as well as Abstinence.**



**SUNDAY MARCH 10**  
**Return to Daylight Saving Time**  
 Please remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hr on Saturday March 9 before retiring so you won't miss Mass!



Sunday March 10  
 after Mass in our Parish Hall.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
 No Charge!  
 Free Will Offerings Accepted

**St Joseph Church Hall**  
**Bread & Soup Penitential Meal**

11:00 am to 12:00 noon  
 No Charge, Free Will Offerings accepted

12:10 pm  
 Stations of the Cross

*PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME THAN LAST YEAR*

*We hope this change in time will allow some of our older parishioners, who may not want to come out during the evening hours, to participate.*

**St Mary's Gym**

**Knights of Columbus Benefit Fish Fry**  
 4:30 to 6:00 pm

\$15.00 a plate; dine in or take-out  
 Beer-battered fish and onion rings, hand-cut fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, tartar sauce, soda

Proceeds to benefit K of C activities and St Mary Church Maintenance Fund

Information:  
 Kevin Kraviec 603-801-6130

**FRIDAYS IN LENT**

**Grand Annual Collection**

In October we began our parish's Grand Annual Collection. This is not a one-time collection taken up at a weekend Mass, but an ongoing collection to build a fund for larger repair and maintenance projects on the various parish buildings, both current and future—similar to our Renovation Fund in past years.

Grand Annual Collection envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you are not able to bring your weekly offertory or other donations to Mass, you may mail them to:

St Joseph Church, 58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Hymns for March 3, 2024

Entrance Hymn: No. 356  
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"  
Offertory Hymn: No. 363  
"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"  
Communion: Choir  
Recessional Hymn: No. 237  
"From Ashes to the Living Font"

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
**Wed. March 6 6:30 pm**  
**New members**  
**welcome!**

Mass Readings  
Third Sunday  
of Lent  
B 509



**Sunday** March 3, 2024  
Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8,  
12-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
1 Cor 1: 22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**Monday** March 4, 2024  
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3;  
43:3, 4; Lk 4: 24-30

**Tuesday** March 5, 2024  
Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25: 4-5ab,  
6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday** March 6, 2024  
Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13,  
15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday** March 7, 2024  
Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-  
9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday** March 8, 2024  
Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-  
9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17;  
Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday** March 9, 2024  
Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19,  
20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

### Prayer List

Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	Fr. John Loughnane
Brenda	Deborah Hemingway
Anne Cherry	Karen Ouellette
Chris Currier	Tim Roberts
Jean Drena	Brenda Ruest
Frederick Gallant	Janet Ruest
Isabella Gowell	Barbara Trask
Stephen Grogan	Chee Chee Tyrrell

To add a name to our Prayer List, please ask the person's permission first, and then notify Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after Mass, or leave a message on the Rectory answering machine (603-542-5732) or at [stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

**CONFESSIONS St Mary Church**  
**Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 pm**



K of C 3rd Degree  
Monday March 11th; 7 pm  
Council Chambers  
St. Mary's Gym.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

**3pm Tuesdays**

If you have something you would like put into our bulletin, please send it to [stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

### Safety and Security

Please remember to lock your car doors when attending any event in the church.

### Winter Weather Cancellations

If it becomes necessary to cancel Wednesday Mass, rectory office hours or choir rehearsal, we will again be using the WMUR-TV notification system. Please check the cancellations listed on their website or broadcast on air.

### Homebound?

Schedule a visit with Fr. Sebastian on the 2nd Monday of the month. Contact him at [sebaafri@comcast.net](mailto:sebaafri@comcast.net)

Did you miss getting a printed copy of our bulletin because of travel, illness or snow? Past copies are available. Email [stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com) or tell Sharon Wood at Mass and a copy will be located for you.

If you use email and would like to be placed on the Parish email list to receive timely updates to our church schedule, please send an email to:

**[stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)**

You can view our bulletin, and other valuable information, on our new website at **[stjosephclaremont.org](http://stjosephclaremont.org)**

**PLEASE NOTE: The email address uses St Josephs (plural) but the website address is singular (St Joseph)**

### Claremont Warming Shelter at Trinity Episcopal Church

Open on nights that go below 28 F, as long as there are enough funds and volunteers. If you can help, contact Trinity Administrator, Shelly Page, at 603-542-2103 or [welcome@trinityclaremont.org](mailto:welcome@trinityclaremont.org). **Information sheet available in the Church Hall after Mass.**



### Home Visitation of the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

This is an authentic reproduction made by NASA of the upper portion of the miraculous Image of the Mother of God which appeared on the tilma (cloak) of Juan Diego, a humble Indian and devout Catholic in Mexico City on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1531.

If you would like this very special Image to visit your home for a week, please contact Juanita Sweet at: [juanitajoy2@gmail.com](mailto:juanitajoy2@gmail.com) or 603-477-1348.

**Information sheet available in the Church Hall after Mass.**

## Feast Days and Memorials

### March 3: St Katharine Drexel, Virgin, 1858-1955

Patron of racial justice and philanthropists

Katharine Drexel was a wealthy heiress born in Philadelphia, whose parents provided her and her two sisters with a strong education and their example of charity to the poor. Katharine took a special interest in helping Native and African Americans. On a tour of Europe in 1887, Katharine and her sisters had a private audience with Pope Leo XIII and asked him for missionaries to assist in their efforts to help the St Francis Mission of the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. The Pope replied that she herself should become a missionary. She made the decision to give her life to God and joined the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh.

Among Mother Katharine's many accomplishments were the founding of schools for Native Americans in the West and for African Americans in the South. St. Katharine Drexel is remembered for her love of the Eucharist and a desire for unity of all peoples, courageously taking the initiative to address social inequality within minorities.

### March 4: St Casimir (Kazimierz) 1458-1484

As the second son of King Casimir IV and Elizabeth of Austria, Casimir was expected to follow his father's plans to increase Poland's military power. From his youth, however, he rejected the comforts of the royal life he had been born into and chose to obey the higher authority of God. At the age of 13 he was sent on a military campaign to install himself as King of Hungary. Obeying his conscience, he and many of his soldiers turned back and the attack did not take place.

Exiled and imprisoned by his angry father, Casimir did not waiver in his beliefs, but spent the rest of his short life in prayer, study, and helping the poor. He died at the age of 23 from a lung disease, probably tuberculosis. The hymn we know today as "Daily, Daily Sing to Mary" has come to be known as St Casimir's Hymn because it was his favorite.

Daily, daily, sing to Mary,  
Sing, my soul, her praises due;  
All her feasts, her actions worship,  
With the heart's devotion true.

Lost in wondering contemplation,  
Be her majesty confest;  
Call her Mother, call her Virgin,  
Happy Mother, Virgin blest!

Henry Bittleston (1818-1886) from the 'Hymn of Saint Casimir'  
probably by Bernard of Cluny (12th century)

<https://www.catholic.org>

<https://www.catholicculture.org/>

[franciscanmedia.org/](http://franciscanmedia.org/)

<https://hymnology.hymnsam.co.uk/>

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LOOK FOR A COLORING

The Lord  
is kind and  
merciful.

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The psalm says the Lord is merciful. Merciful means forgiving. Listen for the priest to say, "mercy."

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PAGE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**  
(Prepared by the Knights of Columbus)  
Sunday March 10; Noon-3:00 pm  
St Mary Gym

**Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes,  
Carrots, Turnip, Rolls, Irish Soda Bread, Desserts,  
Coffee/Tea, Soft Drinks**  
\$20/adult \$40/family  
**TICKETS REQUIRED**  
After Masses or call Kevin Krawiec 603-801-6130  
All proceeds to benefit the K of C  
and St. Mary Church



**St Patrick's Day/St Joseph's Day  
Brunch after Mass March 17**  
**Corned Beef and Cabbage**  
**NO CHARGE**  
**FREE WILL OFFERINGS ACCEPTED**

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so we know how much food to prepare.

**DESSERTS NEEDED!**

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