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# St. Joseph Catholic Church

**Serving Commerce Since 1895**

**2207 Monroe Street, Commerce, Texas 75428**

**Website: [www.stjoetx.net](http://www.stjoetx.net)**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 5, 2015**

**Office Hours**

Monday-Friday  
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## News, Reminders, and Events

The **Church Office** will be closed until **Monday, April 6** and will reopen Tuesday, April 7.

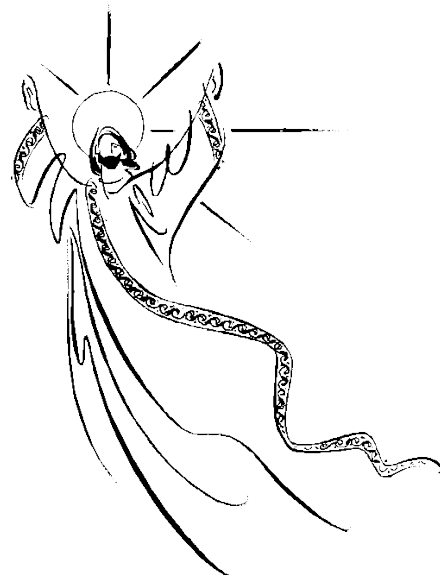
**La oficina parroquial** estará cerrada desde el **Miércoles, 01 de abril** hasta el **lunes, 6 de abril** y se reabrirá **Martes, 07 de abril**.

The next **Women's Guild meeting** will be April 8 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Reunión Gremio Los próximos de la Mujer** será el 8 de abril a las 7 pm en el **Salón Parroquial**.

A **mandatory Confirmation Parent's Meeting** has been scheduled for April 12 after mass.

**Reunión Una confirmación de los padres** obligatoria ha sido programada para el 12 de abril después de la misa.



TO CELEBRATE THE  
**125th Anniversary**  
of our Catholic Community  
in Commerce, Texas

**Saint Joseph**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Invites you to join us  
at a celebration Mass  
followed by a presentation on  
the history of our community  
in Commerce and brunch  
in the Parish Hall.*



**April 19, 2015**  
after 9:30 Mass until 12:00

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<b>Saturday April 4</b> <i>Easter Vigil 8 p.m.</i> Well Being of All by Carmen & Manuel Osuna	<b>Sunday April 5</b> <i>9:30 a.m. Mass For the People</i>	<b>Monday April 6</b> <i>No Mass</i>	<b>Tuesday April 7</b> <i>6:30 p.m. Mass Rodrigo Pineda</i>	<b>Wednesday April 8</b> <i>6:30 p.m. Mass Charles &amp; Shirley Ranley by Boyd &amp; Cary Roberts</i>  <i>C.S.O Meets Women's Guild Meets 7 p.m.</i>	<b>Thursday April 9</b> <i>8 a.m. Mass Mary Lou Hall by Boyd &amp; Cary Roberts</i>	<b>Friday April 10</b> <i>8 a.m. Mass ✠Marie Isenbart by Boyd &amp; Cary Roberts</i>	<b>Saturday April 11</b> <i>5:30 p.m. Mass Fred Isenbart by Boyd &amp; Cary Roberts</i>
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The usual stipend for a Mass is \$5.00.

## Pastor's Corner by Fr. Marcus Chidozie

How would you explain what Easter means either to a novice or to a non-Christian? Some of us might be tempted to replicate exactly what we often hear from our pastor's teachings. You might try to explain theological jargon or concepts of Easter as the Paschal Mystery. Through Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, He conquers death and all the forces of evil. Christ endured all the inglorious things because He loved us.

My own explanation is that the Resurrection is beyond human comprehension. No words, ideas or concepts are adequate enough to explain it, because it still remains a mystery. However, in lay person's terms, Easter is a new birth. It is like spring, when a seed bursts into life anew. Two weeks ago, Christ alluded to this when he said among other things "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of when; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

When we say or sing "Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen today," it means Christ has conquered death in order that we might enjoy life to the fullest. Easter is a promise that death and the evil forces of the world can no longer threaten or hold us ransom. Simply put, Easter is the victory of life over death. As such, we have reason to rejoice and be glad. We have been saved, rescued and renewed!

**Our Parish Weekly Need: 2,771.60\***

**Las necesidades semanales de nuestra parroquia: \$2,771.60\***

**Last Sunday, March 29, 2015: \$3,106.83**

**Recaudado el domingo pasado: \$3,106.83**

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$3,402.50

**Pago mensual de hipoteca: \$3,402.50**

Last Sunday's Building Fund: \$525

**Fondos recaudados el domingo pasado: \$525**

Building Fund March Total: \$3,357

**Total de fondos en marcha: \$3,357**

Mass Attendance: 305

**Cantidad de asistentes: 305**

\*What it takes to function not including the Mortgage Payment.

\*Lo que se requiere para el funcionamiento de la parroquia, sin el pago mensual de la hipoteca.



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