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# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2015

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## News, Reminders, and Events

*With sentiments of joy and gratitude, I welcome everyone as St. Joseph's family celebrates yet another milestone in the history of our parish-125 years of the arrival of the Catholic Church in Commerce. As we celebrate this 125th anniversary of our parish, let us remind ourselves of the men and women of this great parish who sacrificed to make sure that we are where we are now. We honor them and salute their courage, faith, and devotion which fortified our parish. We have to remember that the church is not the building itself; we, ourselves, are the Church in Commerce today. St. Joseph, pray for us.*

*Blessings, Fr. Marcus Chidozie*



**Pre-registration for 2015-2016 CCD classes** will be held after Mass this weekend through April 26. Visit our table outside the church for enrollment forms.

**Pre-inscripción para las clases de Catecismo 2015-2016** se llevará a cabo después de la misa este fin de semana a través de 26 de abril. Visita nuestra mesa fuera de la iglesia para los formularios de inscripción.

**First Communion classes will hold a mandatory practice at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 26** for all students making their First Communion. Please meet your teachers in the church at that time. **Clases de primera comunión sostendrán una práctica obligatoria a las 11 horas el domingo 26 de abril** para todos los estudiantes que hacen su Primera Comunión. Por favor, satisfacer sus maestros en la iglesia en ese momento.

A big "thank you" to the Hispanic Group here at St. Joseph for all the **landscaping work completed on our church and rectory grounds**. Last weekend, men, women, and children, once again, were working together to mulch, trim bushes, and pull weeds to make our parish shine! Un gran "gracias" al Grupo hispana aquí en San José por todo **el trabajo de paisajismo completado en nuestros terrenos de la iglesia y de la rectoría**. La semana pasada, los hombres, las mujeres y los niños, una vez más, estaban trabajando juntos para abono, recorte los arbustos, y sacar las malas hierbas para hacer brillar nuestra parroquia!

Thank you so much for your generosity St. Joseph parishioners! When we asked for funds to provide a much needed surgery for Stella, you answered the call! **Stella received her surgery this week**, and we will soon be sharing photos of the new and healthier Stella.

Muchas gracias por su generosidad St. Joseph feligreses! Cuando pedimos fondos para proporcionar una cirugía necesaria tanto para Stella, su respuesta a la llamada! **Stella recibió su cirugía esta semana**, y que pronto estará compartiendo fotos del nuevo y más saludable Stella.

You've most likely noticed some changes in the physical appearance of the church. We are so very grateful for the generous donations of parishioners (almost two years ago now) specifically for the purpose of keeping our music ministry up to date. **The new cantor stand along with the new monitors on either side of the church are there to enhance your worship experience!** Again, thank you to those who made this possible-we are thrilled to see it finally come to fruition!

Seguramente ha notado algunos cambios en la apariencia física de la iglesia. Estamos muy agradecidos por las generosas donaciones de los feligreses ( hace casi dos años ) específicamente con el fin de mantener nuestro ministerio de música al día . **El nuevo cantor de pie junto con los nuevos monitores a cada lado de la iglesia están allí para mejorar su experiencia de la adoración!** Una vez más , gracias a los que han hecho esto posible hace - estamos encantados de ver que finalmente llegan a buen puerto!

<b>Saturday</b> <b>April 11</b> 5:30 p.m. Mass Tesia Roberts by the Salisbury Family	<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 12</b> 9:30 a.m. Mass For the People  125th Anniversary Celebration	<b>Monday</b> <b>April 13</b> No Mass	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>April 14</b> 6:30 p.m. Mass †Ross Lucian Selvaggi by Tom Selvaggi	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>April 15</b> 6:30 p.m. Mass Music Ministry by the Salisbury Family  C.S.O. Meets	<b>Thursday</b> <b>April 16</b> 8 a.m. Mass †Wendy S. Selvaggi by Tom Selvaggi	<b>Friday</b> <b>April 17</b> 8 a.m. Mass Fred Isenbart by the Salisbury Family	<b>Saturday</b> <b>April 18</b> 5:30 p.m. Mass †Tyson Roberts by the Salisbury Family
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The usual stipend for a Mass is \$5.00.

## Pastor's Corner by Fr. Marcus Chidozie

In today's Gospel story, Jesus' followers were able to overcome their fears, anxieties, and discouragements by building their lives around Jesus Christ and His Eucharist. Walking on the road to Emmaus, they were talking about their shock and disbelief about the events of Jesus' death. They had placed all their hopes in Jesus. With His death on the cross, their hopes quickly faded. They were visibly upset, troubled, discouraged, frightened, and disappointed when Jesus appears and begins to talk to them. They did not recognize Him at first. It was only after he explained the Scriptures to them and broke bread (Eucharist) with them, that their eyes opened and they were able to see it was really Him.

The point of this story is that the presence of Jesus in our lives is capable of turning all our sorrows, disappointments, fears, and losses into happiness and joy; at the darkest moments of our lives, we are never alone. It is okay to come to mass with all our anxieties, hurtful feelings, disappointments, etc. At mass, Jesus speaks to us through the Scriptures, through the sacraments, through our pastors, and more importantly, in the Eucharist. All we need is to come to him with our whole body and mind present.

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

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

**Last Sunday, April 12, 2015: \$3,724**

Recaudado el domingo pasado: \$3,724

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$3,402.50

Pago mensual de hipoteca: \$3,402.50

Last Sunday's Building Fund: \$555

Fondos recaudados el domingo pasado: \$555

Building Fund April Total: \$1,351

Total de fondos abril: \$1,351

Mass Attendance: 335

Cantidad de asistentes: 335

\*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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