

Annual Diocesan Day of Prayer in Atonement and
for the Healing of all those Harmed by Sexual Abuse

Monday, April 26, 2021 Mass 11:00 am

Cathedral of St. Joseph

Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr DD, JCL

St. Joseph, Protector of Holy Church



Pray for us!



Office of Child and Youth Protection

Carrie Cooper, Sherry Huffman, Sarah Larson

and Independent Ombudsman Joe Crayon

"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?" - Psalm 22:1

**ABANDONED
IN SUFFERING - ONE IN
RENEWAL**

*"And after you have suffered a little while, God ... will himself restore, support,
strengthen, and establish you." - 1 Peter 5:10*

Presider: Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr, DD, JCL

Homilist: Abbot Benedict Neenan, O.S.B.

Reader: Joyce Estes

Cantor: Matthew Bobela

Choir: Bishop LeBlond High School Choir

Choir Director: Christie Ottinger

Organist: Tom Smith

Emcee: Deacon Jim Hall

Servers: Students from Bishop LeBlond High School

Videographer: Deacon Joshua Fultz

Entrance Hymn: #664 Healing River of the Spirit (Beach Spring)
Penitential Rite: Deacon chants Kyrie

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING [Romans 4:13,16-18,22](#)

RESPONSORIAL Psalm 89:2-3,4-5,27 and 29

GOSPEL [Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a](#)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts: #660 O Jesus, Healer of Wounded Souls
(Rubalcava)

Communion: #320 Gift of Finest Wheat (Bicentennial)

Closing Hymn: #537 O God beyond All Praising (Thaxted)

UNA ORACIÓN DE SANACIÓN VÍCTIMAS DE ABUSO

Dios del amor infinito,
Siempre presente, siempre justo;
Tú nos cuidas y nos proteges
Y nos diste a tu único Hijo
Para salvarnos con su sangre en la cruz.

Jesús manso, pastor de la paz,
Dígnate unir a tu propio sufrimiento
El dolor de todos los que han sido heridos
De cuerpo, mente y espíritu
Por parte de aquellos que traicionaron la confianza puesta en ellos.

Escucha el clamor de nuestros hermanos y hermanas
Que han sido lastimados gravemente,
Así como el clamor de aquellos que los aman.
Dales la esperanza que mitigue el desosiego de
sus corazones,
Dales la fe que calme sus espíritus perturbados.
Concédeles justicia para su causa,
Ilumínalos con tu verdad.

Espíritu Santo, consolador de corazones,
Cura las heridas de tus hijos e hijas
Y devuelve la integridad a lo que ha sido quebrantado.
Concédenos el valor y la sabiduría,
La humildad y la gracia, para actuar con justicia.
Sopla tu sabiduría en nuestras oraciones y empeños.
Que todos los que han sido heridos por el abuso
encuentren paz y justicia.
Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.



FIRST READING **Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22**

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

It was not through the law
that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants
that he would inherit the world,
but through the righteousness that comes from faith.

For this reason, it depends on faith,
so that it may be a gift,
and the promise may be guaranteed to all his descendants,
not to those who only adhere to the law
but to those who follow the faith of Abraham,
who is the father of all of us, as it is written,
I have made you father of many nations.

He is our father in the sight of God,
in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead
and calls into being what does not exist.

He believed, hoping against hope,
that he would become *the father of many nations*,
according to what was said, *Thus shall your descendants be.*

That is why *it was credited to him as righteousness.*
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29**

The son of David will live for ever.

The promises of the Lord I will sing forever;
Through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness,
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";
In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

The son of David will live for ever.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
And establish your throne for all generations."

The son of David will live for ever.

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father,
My God, the Rock, my savior.'
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
And my covenant with him stands firm."

The son of David will live for ever.

GOSPEL **Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.

Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.

When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,
but before they lived together,

she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,
yet unwilling to expose her to shame,
decided to divorce her quietly.

Such was his intention when, behold,

the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
"Joseph, son of David,

do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.

For it is through the Holy Spirit

that this child has been conceived in her.

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins."

When Joseph awoke,

he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him
and took his wife into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.



Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.



Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.



Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A Service of Lament was held on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to show our Diocesan Church's sorrow, repentance and apology for sins committed in clergy sexual abuse. At this service, Bishop Johnston announced the establishment of the diocesan Annual Day of Prayer in Atonement and for the Healing of all those Harmed by Sexual Abuse. The first Annual Day of Prayer commenced on April 26, 2017.

The Office of Child and Youth Protection vision statement is the protection of children from sexual abuse.

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The Catholic church is committed to ensuring the safety of children and young people and providing pastoral outreach to victims and survivors of sexual abuse by clergy.