

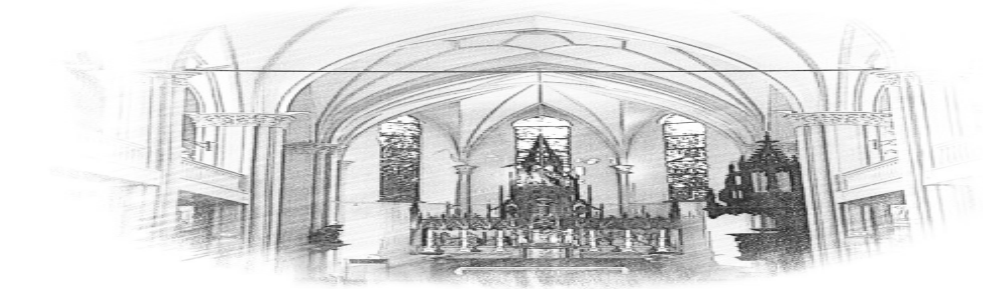


PARROT INFO

ST JOSEPH CHURCH

fifteen minutes for God

Amsterdam, March 2024



Dear parishioners,

This year again we are invited to celebrate Holy Thursday Solemnity and the Easter Vigil together with the Nicholas Basilica. This is in line with the Dutch bishops who advocate a central Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil celebration per parish. St. Joseph's Church **does not** have its own Holy Thursday Mass and Easter Vigil. **However, during Holy Week we do have our own Good Friday ceremony at 15.00 hours.** Pay attention to all times of the liturgical celebrations, see liturgical calendar.

Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays 1, 8, 15 and 22 March at 15:00 alternating between Dutch and English in the St Jozefkerk.

The lectures on the Latin liturgy are on Friday 8 March by Tijmen van Tol, conductor of our schola and composer and 22 March by Henk van de Kerkhoff who has led the schola Psittacus for 45 years on the fourth Sunday of the month. The lectures are at 20:00 at the presbytery of St. Joseph's Church.

Silent Procession

On Saturday, March 16, the Silent Procession pilgrimage. At 8:00 p.m., the doors of St. Joseph's Church open for the Eucharist at 8:30 p.m. Afterwards, the so-called Evening of Mercy with singing, adoration and confession. At 11:30 p.m., a group from Limburg and East Brabant will come for the Eucharist.

Note: Start of summer time Saturday 30 March on Sunday 31 March Easter Sunday

A WORD FROM THE FATHER

**Without Good Friday there
would be no Easter,**

We don't get heaven on earth. Jesus did come by leaving heaven behind and descending into our unstable lives. In short, He walks with us to live with God, his Father. We may come to know and love the Most High. Jesus Christ wants to open us more to the divine life in us and among us. On Ash Wednesday, various groups of secondary schools from Zwolle and Doorn of Christian character visited the St. Jozef Church, Parrot, Quarter for God. These teens were quite open to learning about what they saw. It was about the confessional and the sacraments. The Tabernacle also attracted attention. What does it do to them? God knows. It was a great initiative by the teachers. Because, as one sociologist said: Young people live in "survival mode". After Covid and with the concerns about the environment moreover now with two devastating wars everything is unstable. A house of God signifies a history that

continues. As a secret church, we can be a sign for them as well. God works in secret. The Synodal process initiated by Pope Francis in 2022 also seems to me to be a sign of the times. After the great meeting in Rome with 350 participants in October 2023, now a new round on: "A synodal church on mission". Both mission and women in the church are central. Let us pray confidently and persistently for the Holy Spirit. Because not with piles of documents, but training in openness in a listening attitude were the goal for those three weeks together. Mgr. Ted Hogenboom, Auxiliary Bishop of Utrecht, represented the Dutch bishops. Now it is up to us at the base as baptized persons, equipped with Confirmation. In October 2024, there will be another meeting of the world church in Rome. Is it an arduous process? It requires a lot of patience and tolerance. May the Holy Spirit be the Helper who also brought Jesus Christ from Calvary to Easter morning. That's what the daffodils and the magnolias show us.

MY DREAM FOR THE CHURCH...

The church can raise funds with the help of the parishioners so we have money to renovate parts of the church that need improvement. Also, to hold activities like retreat, to strengthen the spiritual growth of parishioners.

Raise funds for the repair of the organ, which is an essential part of the church (music ministry).

We have church activities for children and teens to encourage them to come to church.

Cynthia Saavreda

ANNOUCEMENTS

Joachim Oude Vrielink ofm. is very familiar with the Latin liturgy. He likes to come on Sundays for the 10:30 a.m. Mass to celebrate with us the Holy Mass according to the Latin liturgy.

The Lent project started on Sunday 25 February with Mrs. Hilde Sluiter. She explained the project in Burundi, as one of the poorest countries, which we have been working on through supporting Fidesco again. Very concretely, it concerns support for interior design for a school, such as € 25 per table and € 15 per chair. These are young students who are eager to learn in the destitute country of Burundi. You can put your donations in the collection plate. You can also transfer it to Vastenactie, The Hague IBAN number: INGB 0000 0058 50 stating 402430

Hans Mensink passed away and was buried on Saturday 24 February at St Barbara. He has been a member of the parish council for a long time and as such has done a lot for the maintenance of St. Joseph's Church. May he rest in the Light of the Resurrection.

The Church Balance campaign is still ongoing. At the back of the church there are a few letters for information in Dutch and English. Many thanks for the financial support for this annual national Church Balance for the churches.

Gregorian vespers are held every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. by the schola Gregoriana. Now that there is an

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Mar 3 3rd Sunday of Lent
Mar 7 Perpetua and Felicitas
Martyrs
Mar 10 4th Sunday of Lent
Mar 13 Miracle of the Blessed
Sacrament in Amsterdam
Mar 16 Stille Omgang
Mar 17 5th Sunday of Lent
Mar 18 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
Mar 24 Palm Easter 10.30 am
and 12.30 pm
Mar 28 Maundy Thursday
together in the St. Nicholas

Basilica 20.00 hrs
Mar 30 Easter Vigil together in St.
Nicholas Basilica 9:00 p.m.
Mar 31 Solemnity of Easter 10.30
am and 12.30 pm
Apr 1. Second Easter Day
10.30am

St Joseph Church

Fifteen minutes for God / Parrot

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Presbytery open

Monday, tuesday and friday

09.00 to 16.00 hours

Open church: Monday till Saturday: 10.00 tot
16.00 hours

Sunday: 10.00-14.00 hours

Mass hours

Monday to Saturday 10.30 hours

Sunday : solemnly highmass 10.30 hour Latine
liturgy and Gregorian

English Holy Mass

Sundays at 12.30 pm. Latin and English songs

First Friday of the month

and solemnities 10.30 hours Holy Eucharist

with songs

Eucharistic adoration

First Friday of the month

After Mass 11.15 to 12.00 hours

Every Saturday after Mass 11.00 to 16.00
hours

Confession / Sacrament of reconciliation

On request and after every Mass and

thursday, friday and saturday 15.00 to 16.00
hour.

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month the
Gregorian vespers are sung at 16:00 in the
St. Joseph church.

Intentions for Mass

On request at the presbytery or just before
Mass in the sacristy. Or by giving the intonation
to the caretaker in the back of the church

Gifts and misintentions :

Bankaccountnumber;

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H. Nicolaas as special mentioning St

Jozefkerk de Papegaai.