

St. Joseph's Parish Bus Service

Passenger Information and Guidelines

St. Joseph's Parish Bus Service is a division of the Transportation Ministry. Established in 2000, this volunteer-led ministry provides the means for those in need of safe transportation to and from Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Contact: Michael Broach, Director of Transportation
891-0746

Routes: **5:30 PM Vigil Mass, Saturday Evenings**
Normal Pick-up: **3:45 PM – 5:10 PM**
Normal Drop-off (depending on the length of Mass):
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

10:00 AM Mass, Sunday Mornings
Normal Pick-up: **8:35 AM – 9:35 AM**
Normal Drop-off (depending on the length of Mass):
11:25 AM – 12:25 PM

Bus service is also offered for certain feast days and holy days of obligation.

Schedule/Space: Due to increased demand for transportation, all routes are over-full. This requires the patience and understanding of all passengers as route schedules have been extended to accommodate all those in need.

Passengers **not riding on a particular weekend** are requested to call Michael Broach **by Saturday at 12:00 Noon**, if possible. This is to ensure adequate time to plan weekend routes.

Drivers: All drivers are licensed by the State of Florida and insured by the Diocese of St. Augustine. However, **all drivers are volunteers**, committing hours of their personal and family time each month to serve you. Please be understanding of this and direct any concerns to Michael Broach.

Fees: **There is no cost to ride as this is a free, outreach ministry of the parish.**

Information:

In order to participate in the bus program, certain information **MUST** be collected in case of a medical emergency, as well as for insurance purposes. No passenger may ride until this information is received. A registration form is collected from new passengers. Existing passengers may be asked to update their registration form periodically.

General Procedures:

- The bus is equipped to handle one wheelchair. This space must be reserved in advance. The bus is also equipped with an elevator.
- All passengers must remain seated with seat belts fastened while the bus is in motion.
- The bus will pick-up and drop-off at the covered entrance located to the side of the church. At the end of Mass, passengers should return to the covered entrance in a timely manner for bus pick-up. Drivers will take attendance to ensure that no one is left behind.
- Due to overcrowding, it may be necessary for the bus to leave a group of passengers at the church in order to transport another group. We apologize for this inconvenience, but ask for your patience and understanding as we try to accommodate all those in need of a ride to Mass.

Ministry Expansion:

St. Joseph's Catholic Church is in the process of purchasing a second bus to meet growing demands. The date of arrival of this new bus will be announced.

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