



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. Transportation is provided via the parish bus **or** by coordinating transportation with the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) Community Shuttle Service, depending on location.*

Contact

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Schedule of Routes

5:30 PM Vigil Mass, Saturday Evenings (Parish Bus)

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 (ParishBus)

Normal Pick-up: **8:25 AM – 9:35 AM**

Normal Drop-off (depending on the length of Mass): **11:25 AM – 12:35 PM**

10:00 AM Mass, Sunday Mornings (JTA Community Shuttle*)

Transportation is coordinated for residents at PSI Mandarin Center, Augustine Landing, and Emeritus via the JTA Community Shuttle Service.

Normal pick-up schedule:

9:05 AM – PSI Mandarin Center

9:10 AM – Augustine Landing

9:20 AM – Emeritus

*Though the Transportation Ministry does coordinate rides for parishioners on Jacksonville Transportation Authority's (JTA) Community Shuttle as a service to its parishioners, St. Joseph's does not charter this shuttle, nor does the JTA directly endorse or support St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The JTA is solely responsible for the management of this service.

Bus service is also offered for certain feast days and holy days of obligation. Passengers must sign-up for these services in advance.

Scheduling and Space

Due to increased demand for transportation, route changes are made only when possible and well in advance. Your patience is requested as we try to accommodate all those in need.

Absences

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

Parish Bus Drivers and Transportation Volunteers

All parish bus 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.

On the JTA Community Shuttle, St. Joseph's Transportation Ministry volunteers do ride along to assist parishioners to/from Mass. However, the Jacksonville Transportation Ministry (JTA) is directly responsible for the Community Shuttle. Any questions or concerns regarding this service should be directed to the JTA.

Fees

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

Required Passenger Information (Parish Bus Only)

Parish Bus Passengers:

In order to participate in the parish 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.

JTA Community Shuttle Passengers:

Though ridership on the JTA Community Shuttle does not require pre-registration, parishioners are also requested to complete the Passenger Information form in case transportation is needed on the parish bus (i.e. holy days or to be able to ride on Saturday evenings).

General Procedures

- The Parish Bus is equipped with an elevator lift and one wheelchair bay. Please notify Michael Broach if you will need to use the lift or if you must use a wheelchair as this will affect the seating and scheduling arrangements. (The JTA Community Shuttle is equipped to handle two wheelchairs and has a folding ramp accessible for all passengers)
- 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 / Volunteers will take attendance to ensure that no one is left behind.

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