



Father George Washington Burden II SSJ

June 15, 1941 - November 26, 2022

Father George Washington Burden II, S.S.J. a native of Saginaw, Michigan born on June 15, 1941, the son of George I. and Mary Rose Lorraine (Curtley) Burden. He departed this life on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at the blessed age of 81 years. He was baptized in 1947 when his mother along with his sister (his father and uncle later on) became converts.

In 1960 Father George graduated from St. Joseph High School in Saginaw, Michigan with honors. Father George attended St. Paul Seminary in Saginaw in 1961, he then transferred to St. Joseph's Industrial School in Clayton, DE and became a Josephite Brother for the Society of St. Joseph in 1963. Father George became the Librarian at St. Joseph's Industrial School when he started their library.

Brother George Burden II, S.S.J. attended Summer Classes at Delaware State College in Dover, DE receiving a Certificate to teach in Delaware. After five years of teaching in Clayton, Brother George moved to New Orleans, LA to begin studies at Xavier University. On May 16, 1976, Brother George received a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degree from Xavier University. During his twelve years teaching at St. Augustine High School, Brother George served on the Science Teaching Staff as well as the Financial Committee. In his instructional capacity, Brother George had been the Science Department Head several times and was certified to teach Physics, Earth

Science, Biology and General Science. Brother George began priestly studies at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and was ordained a priest on May 19, 1991 by Josephite Bishop, Carl Fisher at Epiphany Church in New Orleans.

Father George's first assignment was as Assistant Pastor at Corpus Christi Church in New Orleans from 1991-1992. Fr. George was transferred to St. Benedict the Moor Church in Washington, DC as Associate Pastor for six months (1992-1993). In the summer of 1993, he was sent to help and be a Temporary Administrator at St. Joseph Church in Wilmington, DE. Father George's first appointment as a Pastor was at St. Joseph Church in Welsh, LA from 1993-1995. Father George's next appointment as Pastor was to Our Lady of Grace Church in Reserve, LA from 1995-1998. A one-year pastorate followed at St. Benedict the Moor Church in Washington, DC after which in 1999, he began a five-year pastorate at St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Donaldsonville, LA.

Fr. George's longest pastorate of seven years (2004-2011) brought him to Mobile, AL as Pastor to Prince of Peace Church followed by a Parochial Vicar term of two years (2011-2013) at Holy Family Church in Natchez, MS.

Illness forced Fr. George to retire to St. Joseph Manor, Baltimore, MD in 2013-2018. After St. Joseph Manor was closed in 2018, Fr. George moved to Swanhaven Manor in Saginaw from 2018-2020 and later to St. Francis Home Rehabilitation/Skilled Nursing Home from 2020-2022.

Father George's advice to anyone was: "To think about other people".

Family Hour 10:00 A.M. with Funeral Service commencing at 11:00 AM Monday, December 5, 2022, at St. Joseph Church, 910 North 6th Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Host Pastor, Father Frank Voris OFM, CAP. Bishop John Ricard S.S.J. will officiate with interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 3440

South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48601.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

3440 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48601

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
910 North 6th Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
910 North 6th Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

JP

“ Jackie Posey sent a virtual gift in memory of
Father George Washington Burden II SSJ



Jackie Posey - January 16, 2023 at 07:38 PM

GB

“ Gwen White Bowman lit a candle in memory
of Father George Washington Burden II SSJ



Gwen White Bowman - December 04, 2022 at 09:37 PM

JG

“ JoEllen Gaddis sent a virtual gift in memory of
Father George Washington Burden II SSJ



JoEllen Gaddis - December 03, 2022 at 11:58 AM

DL

“ He was a devoted Priest.



Doreen Leek - December 02, 2022 at 10:13 PM

VG

“ Vera And Vincent Green lit a candle in memory of Father George Washington Burden II SSJ



Vera and Vincent Green - December 02, 2022 at 04:51 PM

VG

“ Beloved Priest who spent some time in Natchez, MS. We will remember you always Fr. George. "Angels receive his soul and present it to God the Most High"

Vera and Vincent Green - December 02, 2022 at 04:49 PM

KB

“ Karen Betts lit a candle in memory of Father George Washington Burden II SSJ



Karen Betts - December 01, 2022 at 08:42 AM

JC

“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Father George Washington Burden II SSJ



Judge Terry L. Clark - November 29, 2022 at 09:20 PM