What do Catholics celebrate in October?

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others. "Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven."If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. The Rosary is Christocentric setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ, the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honors and contemplates Mary too, and rightly so, for the same reason that the Liturgical Year does likewise: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she". Meditation on this cycle of Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries makes the Rosary not only "a breviary or summary of the Gospel and of Christian life, "but also a compendium of the Liturgical Year.

Ongoing Events

STUDY THE BIBLE

Sunday morning after 10:30 Mass until 1:00 pm Probe the Scripture Readings of the day. Question; share insights; consider applications for living in today's world. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate!

EARN MONEY FOR OUR PARISH

Food Lion gift cards in various amounts are available every Sunday after Mass and in the church office during the week.
The cards can be used when you do your regular shopping or given as gifts. They are as easy to use as a debit card- just swipe and go and St. Joseph gets money!
Go to Smile.amazon.com and designate St. Joseph as your charity and shop through Amazon as usual!
If you shop at Kroger – register your rewards card online at www.kroger.com/communityrewards and enter St. Joseph #82116 and the number on your card. The church gets money back based on how much you spend.
There is no cost to you for any of these programs! Kroger rewards need to be renewed after a year. You should receive an email with instructions. See Steve Ogilbee for more information about gift cards or call the church office about Amazon.

HELP THE COMMUNITY

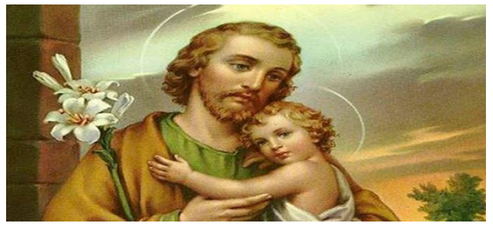
Community Storehouse is still in need of Chef Boyardee microwave meals for the children's backpack program.
The Women's Guild meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Contact Stephanie Bailey for details: (276) 732-6441.

Events / handouts / fundraiser policy

If you would like to post or donate, flyers, pamphlets, books, magazines, or other materials, please bring them to the church office.
DO NOT put items on the bulletin board or tables. Items needs to be approved and posted by office staff.
Activities held on church property must be preapproved by the appropriate committee and Father Carlos. Please come to the church office during the week for an activities form.

Sacraments / Sacramentos:

Baptism: Call parish office to register for preparation classes. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend.
Bautismo: Llenar el formulario, después padres y padrinos asistir a dos pláticas de preparación. Ver a Eduardo Guerrero Miéroles y Viernes de 6:30 a 8:30 pm en la oficina de la iglesia.
Reconciliation: Tuesday/Wednesday at 12:30 pm and Wednesday 6:00-7:00 PM or by appointment.
Confesión: Martes/Miercoles a la 12:30 pm y Miercoles de 6:00 a 7:00 pm o llamar a la oficina para hacer una cita.
Marriage: Call or email for an appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding.
Matrimonio: Llamar y hacer cita por lo menos 6 meses antes de las fecha de la boda, o ver a Eduardo Guerrero.
Ministry with the Elderly: Homebound parishioners who would like to receive communion at their home, contact the parish office.
Ministerio con los ancianos: Feligreses que no pueden salir y quisieran recibir la comunion en sus casa, llamar a la oficina.
Religious Education and Youth Ministry: Call Sandra Ruiz at (276) 638-4779 Tuesday –Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Religion Education: Adults (RCIA). More information contact Stephanie Bailey at ssiddle13@gmail.com or call church office at 276-638-4779



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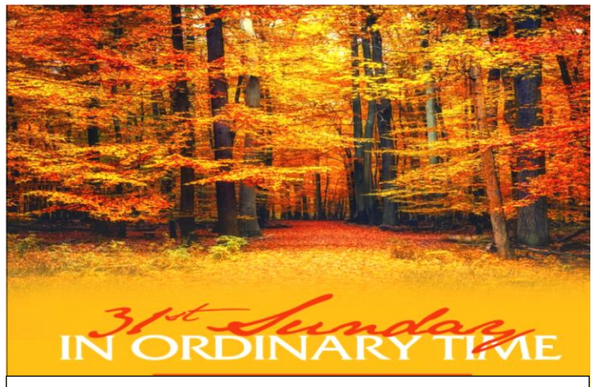
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Mission Statement: To foster and deepen faith in the Holy Trinity through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Word of God & to be active disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in our community and throughout the world.
Declaración de la mission parroquial: Queremos fomentar y profundizar la fe en la Santísima Trinidad a través de la celebración de la Eucaristia y la Palabra de Dios y ser dicipulos activios de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo, en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo.

OCTOBER 31, 2021 ~THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~



The scribe said to Jesus "To love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."
MARK 12:33

ST. Joseph's Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am English
Sunday 12:30 pm Spanish

Monday 12:00 pm All Saints Day
Tuesday 12:00 pm All Souls Day
Wednesday 12:00 pm
First Friday of Month 3:00 pm

Confessions/Adoration

Tuesday/Wednesday 12:30pm-1:30pm
Wednesday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

We are lifting the mask requirement to enter church for those who are fully-vaccinated starting on May 28th. We ask that people who are not fully-vaccinated continue to wear masks, all those over the age of 5. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICES: (CLUSTER)

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Father Carlos' reflection
Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today' Gospel, Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. The Ten Commandments are the fulfilment of both the law and the prophet, love your God and love your neighbor. These commandments go hand in hand.

How do you understand these two commandments in your life? How does love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind connect with and become a part of as you love yourself? How might the Holy Eucharist would help you to recognize God's love in your heart and see Him in your community?

Jesus as Jesus tells the scribe to keep the Ten Commandments, let us ask the Lord to teach us how to live out this centerpiece of out Covenant with God. As we pray: Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. Through Christ, our Lord.

10/31 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: 1019
Processional 521 O Breathe On Me, O Breath of God
Psalm R&A 148
Gospel R&A 149
Offertory 706 Peace is Flowing Like A River
Communion 793 One Bread, One Body
Recessional 843 America (vs 1-4)

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Nov. 7th:
Lectors: Diane Nalls-1, Nancy Edelen -2, Lil East-Int
Eucharistic minister: Marilyn Cartier

Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the week of October 31:

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6, Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51, Heb 7:23-28, Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14, 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, 1 Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9, 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Rom 6:3-9, Jn 6:37-40
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10, 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9, Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12, 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14, Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21, 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27, 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11, Lk 16:9-15

Or visit daily readings at www.usccb.org

MASS Intentions

Sunday, Oct 31: Robert Butler+
Tue, Nov. 01: Maria Anny Lee-Lan Anh+
Wed, Nov. 02: Maria Dung Doan Vu+

+ Indicated the Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of the person(s) listed.

Prayer Requests

Carolyn Eanes, Mike Kelly, Lewis Drane, Teresa Biggs, Ricky East, Mark Szulecki, Theresa McGarry, Jim Tobin, Ed Cozzete, David Simmons, Margaret Cunningham, Tim Hollingsworth, Lena Martin, Ruth Weaver, Doo Lie Toppled, Lauren Teresa, Mike Harris, Ann White, Bridget Johnson, Betty Gillispie, Anna Towarnicki.

(***To add or remove prayer requests, please call the church office. Para quitar o poner una peticion, por favor llamar a la oficina de la iglesia)***
Unless otherwise requested, names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks. If you would like to add a name to the prayer network phone chain, please call Betty Gillispie or Ann Gunter.

Sick, homebound, hospitalized? / ¿Enfermo, Confinado en casa u hospitalizado?
If you, or someone you know, would like to receive Communion or anointing of the sick, please call the office. Outside of office hours, please call Barbara Kurtz (276) 647-1906
*Si usted o alguien que usted conoce quisiera recibir el **Sacramento de la Communion*** tendremos a Rosa Aguirrre, Maribel Ortega, Anselmo Diaz, y Miguel Ruiz que seran los encargados de este ministerio por favor llamar a la oficina para agendar la visita al (276) 638-4779.

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one, please call the church office or fill out a Mass intention envelope completely and place it in the offertory basket. **Make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church**. Specific dates may not be available. Please include a contact number to arrange an alternate date if necessary.
Si usted quiere ofrecer una misa a un ser querido por favor lléne el sabre correspondiente para la intención y depositelo en la canasta de la colecta. Haga el cheque a nombre St. Joseph Catholic Church. Quizas algunas fechas no esten disponibles incluya su número de teléfono para ofrecerle opciones.

All Saints Day Mass Monday, November 1st at noon
(Not Holy Obligation Mass in English)
All Souls Mass Tuesday, November 2nd at Noon
(Not Holy Obligation Mass in English)
Dia de Muertos Mass Tuesday, November 2nd at 7 pm in Spanish (No es dia de obligación)
Our Book of Remembrance will be displayed in the Gathering Space near the entrance to the sanctuary from this weekend through November 28th. We invite people to write in this book the names of deceased loved ones.
A remembrance service will be held for all those in the book on Sunday, November 28 at regular Mass time.

You are invited!
St. Joseph Catholic Church
20th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday November 14th from 2pm -4pm
~Bring your favorite dish to share~
A sigh up sheet is in the round table in the commons area.

Collections/ Colectas: 10/24/2021

Budget Amt. / Presupuesto	**$ 4,154.00**
Collection/ Colecta:	**2,573.86**
Surplus/Deficit	**- $ 1,580.14**

Grocery Card Income 3nd quarter:
Food Lion: $367.00, Kroger: $ 152.65, Amazon Smile $ 16.52

The Second collection for Nov.7, 2021 will be for **Pandemic Fund** that helps with the expenses of our church.
La Segunda colecta para el 7 de Noviembre sera pa el Fondo de Pandemia que ayuda con los gasto de la iglesia.

The first collection is for payment of St. Joseph's daily expenses which include office supplies, salaries, sacramental materials, etc. **If absent, please make up your contribution.**
La primera colecta se utiliza para para el pago de los gastos diarios de San José. **Si estuvo ausente por favor, haga su donación.**
Thank you for your generous support of our parish

Reminder! Grocery shopping can earn money for our parish! Register your Kroger card and/or purchase a Food Lion gift card! See the back cover for details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL # 6538

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY
The Knights of Columbus will invite each family in our parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. To help strengthen families and revitalize our parish on November 14th at 10:30 am Mass and 12:30 pm Mass. The Kings of Columbus will be distributing the Holy Prayer Cards.

BINGO NIGHT
Everyone is invited to play bingo on Friday, November 12th at 7 pm here in St. Joseph's Social Hall. All the process go to our church.

SPECIAL MASS FOR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

FRIDAY, NOVENBER 5TH AT 3:00 PM

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

Make a Difference This Advent through Your IRA: As we approach the Advent season, we hope you will consider making a charitable donation from your IRA to benefit our parish. If you are 72 or older, you can make your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA straight to our parish. And there may be a benefit to you: it could be excluded from your adjusted gross income (AGI).

Giving through your IRA is EASY! To learn how you can make an impact through your IRA right now, contact your financial advisor or Maggie Keenan at the Catholic Community Foundation - 804-622-5221 or mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org.

IMPORTANT: Please make your gift as soon as possible so you can ensure it is received by December 31st!

Grace network food Partner assignment Oct–Dec 2021
As a church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Our item for this quarter is **canned beans or peas 15oz.**

GUIDELINES FOR ALL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Masks – Fully Vaccinated. Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask in any setting. In addition, fully vaccinated people do not need to supply proof of vaccination; parishes should not ask to see or check vaccination cards.
Masks – Unvaccinated. All those who are unvaccinated or not-fully vaccinated ages 5 and older should cover their mouth and nose with a mask when present for any Mass or liturgical celebration. Any person not wearing a mask shall not be required to produce documentation that they are vaccinated or that they have an underlying medical condition. More information please visit: https://richmonddiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/ReIntegration-Liturgical-Guidelines-May-2021.pdf