

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025

### **Mass Times**

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)  
Tues (Latin), Wed, & Fri: 8:00 a.m.

### **Confessions**

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
Sunday: Before Mass, After 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Tues, Wed, & Fri: Before Mass, 4:30-5:00 p.m.

### **Office Hours**

Tues, Wed, & Fri: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Adoration**

The Church is open for prayer and adoration from 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. unless Fr. Drew is away from the premises.

**Please pray for those who are sick in our parish**, especially Barbara Watson, Sarah Hancock, Paul Howe, Billy Joe Hill, Annie T. Nelson, Joseph Tippet, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, John Campbell, Max Long, Gailann White, Georgia Nelson, James Davis, Tommy Johnson, Barbara Lilly, Joseph “Zip” Douglas, Josh Johnson, and Alya Nelson.



<i>Mass Intentions for January 19<sup>th</sup> through January 25<sup>th</sup></i>	
1/19 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
10 a.m.	Donna Jean Cranford
1/21 Tues – 8 a.m.	Emile Pelletier
1/22 Wed – 8 a.m.	Rev. Charles McCann
1/24 Fri – 8 a.m.	Ray Dunlap
1/25 Sat – 5 p.m.	Sage W. & Jacob Faunce (Living)
<i>January 5, 2025 Offertory</i>	<i>\$3,253.00</i>
<i>January 5, 2025 Building &amp; Repair</i>	<i>\$377.50</i>
<i>January 12, 2025 Offertory</i>	<i>\$1,492.00</i>
<i>January 12, 2025 School Support</i>	<i>\$801.00</i>
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	

**Who Is My Neighbor?** – Take a moment to watch a 60-second video at [erf.science/who-is-my-neighbor](http://erf.science/who-is-my-neighbor) and you will see a breathtaking example of God’s definition of neighbor. Please consider helping to raise awareness of your littlest neighbors by placing a magnet on your car that shows a picture of an 8-week-old fetus and reads, “A Person’s A Person No Matter How Small.” Contact the parish office to get your free pro-life car magnet.

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** – Friday, January 24, 2025 is a day of prayer and penance for the legal protection of unborn children.

## *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

This week, on Friday, citizens will gather in the nation's capital for the March for Life. This peaceful demonstration protests the decriminalization of killing unborn children. Prior to 1973, across our country, it was a crime to kill a child in his or her mother's womb. In 1973 those laws were struck down. The slaughter of the most innocent has continued to this day.

In 2022, states were permitted, once again, to criminalize these killings. And many have. But the damage has been done. Estimates vary, but some suggest that over 60 Million little ones have been killed over the past half-century.

In our home state, Marylanders, just a couple of months ago, went to the ballot-box and voted to amend our state constitution in favor protecting the slaughter. We have got a lot of work in front of us if we are going to leave this place better than we found it. Indeed, in Maryland we're going in the wrong direction.

Of course, the moral clarity of the issue could not be more obvious. God's salvation is born of a woman. It is a dark and satanic horror to seek to devour her offspring in her own womb.

Correcting the laws of our states would be a good sign that God's plan is gaining respect. But until that happens, we can all work to promote a culture that honors mothers and children, families and those in-need. We can foster, even socially, the virtues of modesty and chastity and encourage a culture of life—where the most vulnerable are protected.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

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**2025 Wedding Anniversary Mass** – This year Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 8, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples must register with the parish office by Friday, January 31, 2025 to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

**SoMD Mass with Healing Prayers** – Monday, January 27, 7:00PM - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park. Confessions available beginning at 6:30PM. 7PM Mass followed by healing service. All are invited to come and receive healing prayers in the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord. Bring your family member or neighbor.

**Mother Teresa Vocation Society—21st Annual Day of Recollection** – Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Annunciation Catholic Church, 3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. Church of the Annunciation is handicapped accessible. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, and lunch. All are welcome to attend this free event. Please register by January 29 at <https://forms.dcpriest.org/2025-mtvs-day-of-recollection-registration>.

**Knight of Columbus Holy Ghost Council 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner** – 2025 marks the 30th anniversary of the Holy Ghost KOC Council. Join us in our celebration of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We will be hosting a dinner on Saturday, Feb 8, in St. Francis Hall at St. Mary's, Newport, catering by Thompson. The cost is \$30 dinner is open to the parish communities, not just Knights. Call 240-233-6541 for reservations.

**Sweetheart's Dance** – February 8, 2025 at Bowles Farm Clements, MD. Dance is from 7pm-10:30pm music by the Wanderers. Chicken and Ham Dinner at 6pm. \$50.00 donation per person all proceeds go to Mother Catherine Academy. Tickets sold in advance. Contact Ricky McKinney - 240-925-6101 or call MCA 301-884-3165.

**Lenten Retreat** – Please join Our Daybreak Journey for a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 1, 2025 featuring Lisa Hendey reflecting on discovering joy in God's perfect plan. Visit [www.ourdaybreakjourney.com](http://www.ourdaybreakjourney.com) for more information, or contact Penny Bailey at 301-399-2655. Retreat to be held at St. Mary's Newport, in Charlotte Hall, MD.