

# *Saint Joseph Catholic Church*

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## **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 6, 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: Check website

### ***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 8:00 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, 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, Alya Nelson, David Russell, Grant Bidle, Mary Helen Knight, and Billy Patton.

<b><i>Mass Intentions for July 6<sup>th</sup> through July 12<sup>th</sup></i></b>	
7/6 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i> : LL SMOOCH
10 a.m.	Imelda & Leonard Johnson Family
7/8 Tues – 5 p.m.	Robert Francis Merson
7/9 Wed – 5 p.m.	Paul Howe
7/11 Fri – 5 p.m.	Special Intention
7/12 Sat – 5 p.m.	Rev. Raymond Wadas
<b><i>June 29, 2025 Offertory</i></b>	
<b><i>Thank you for your generosity!</i></b>	
<b><i>\$2,571.00</i></b>	

***First Sunday Potlucks*** – All are welcome to join the parish family for a potluck after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on July 6, instead of our regularly scheduled coffee and donuts. Please bring a dish to share and/or simply join us for the fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

***Seven Sisters Apostolate*** – We have openings for the Seven Sisters Apostolate group at St. Joseph’s. Each woman commits to praying a holy hour in front of the Tabernacle on a specific day of the week for one year for our pastor, Fr. Drew. This year’s commitment will begin on July 7. See [sevensistersapostolate.org](http://sevensistersapostolate.org) for more details. Please contact Cookie Pontzer to join and be assigned a particular day or to volunteer to be an on-call substitute.

## *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

Our Christian witness must be moderate. But what is the standard of moderation? How can we keep to the “Golden Mean” of a moderate Christian witness? We don’t want to be excessive and so cast our pearls before swine. And yet we don’t want to fall short like the dog that failed to bark. How can we strike the right balance? Is there even a “right balance” when it comes to the Christian life?

Of course there is. And that balance or that “Golden Mean” is not some abstraction, or imaginary ideal. Just the opposite. It’s very real, indeed. It’s as real as God himself. It is, in fact, the Eternal Word, himself. It’s the words of the Word himself. “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away...” “I am the Way.”

When it comes to giving witness and preparing the way of the Lord, it is He himself who guides us, providing the limitations for our approach. By working within these limitations we can be confident that we are doing well.

These limitations extend to strong language and firm rejection, such as “It will be more tolerable for Sodom than for you...” and “The dust of your town we shake off against you.” Indeed, making full use of just these seemingly extreme measures can be, at times, exactly the expression of mercy and charity that will save souls. Else, Jesus would not have recommended them to us.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

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***Vacation Bible School at Immaculate Conception*** – Join Immaculate Conception in Mechanicsville for Vacation Bible School July 21-25 from 9am to 12pm each day. Visit <https://icchurchmd.org/vacation-bible-camp> to register. Please register by Monday, July 14 at 4pm.

***Domestic Church Day at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine*** – During this Jubilee of Hope, we invite all Catholic couples and families to a half-day retreat on Saturday, July 12 with John Paul II! Talks for couples by Soren and Ever Johnson, teenagers, and children (with childcare included!), Holy Mass, family Rosary, and more! Cost of attendance is \$20 per family and \$10 per couple (which includes lunch). Free parking is available. RSVP: <https://DCDJuly2025.eventbrite.com>

***Combat Veteran Support Group*** – The next meetings will be on July 7 and 21 at St. Aloysius Parish Hall (22800 Washington St, Leonardtown) at 6:30 PM. Join St. Aloysius parishioner Chris Kotlinski, LtCol USMC (Ret) OIF and OEF Veteran and other combat veterans to foster a community support network for combat veterans and their families seeking camaraderie and a Christian way of life, and to discuss how to incorporate the power of God and Christian Life in our recovery, transition, and understanding of our combat experiences and Post Traumatic Distress Disorder (PTSD).

***Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection, and Worship Night*** – Join us on Sunday, July 20 at 6PM at St. Aloysius Church, Leonardtown for an amazing evening with Adoration & Praise, Reflection and individual prayer. This month we will be introducing a new format with more quiet Adoration time. If you struggle to stay focused in prayer or would like to grow in your Eucharistic Prayer Devotion, join us! Music provided by: Fiat! Contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for more information at: (301) 475-7139 also visit us at: [www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org).

***2025 - 10th Annual - Ride for Vocations - Registration Open!*** – To all of our Riders, Prayer Warriors and Volunteers – Let’s go! It is summer time and time to start training for the Ride for Vocations. On June 21, 2025 five men were ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ in the Archdiocese of Washington. We are so blessed to have these holy men ordained this year. This is why we ride, to pray and sacrifice for them! A few details about the ride, to see more & to register go to: <https://dcpriest.org/event/2025-ride-for-vocations/> and follow the links. Location: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, La Plata, MD, Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025. Bike Jerseys are available to purchase, the deadline is July 24th: [teamstore.agile-sportswear.com/store/adw/](https://teamstore.agile-sportswear.com/store/adw/)