

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

### Mass Times

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)  
Tues, 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 & Fri: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,  
Wed: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

<i>Mass Intentions for August 31<sup>st</sup> through September 6<sup>th</sup></i>	
8/31 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
10 a.m.	Washabaugh Family
9/2 Tues – 12 p.m.	Richard Long
9/3 Wed – 5 p.m.	Special Intention
9/5 Fri – 12 p.m.	Patrick Lasher
9/6 Sat – 5 p.m.	Carole “Donie” Alvey
<b>August 24, 2025 Offertory</b>	
<b>\$2,293.00</b>	
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	

### 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.

**St. Joseph’s Ladies Sodality** – The Ladies Sodality will be having their “Welcome Back” meeting on Saturday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall. New members are welcome. If anyone is interested in joining the Sodality or has questions, please contact a sodalist or join us at our next meeting.

**Mass Schedule** – Daily Mass on most Tuesdays & Fridays beginning Tuesday, September 2 will be at 12 p.m. Check the website for changes. If you would like to be added to the MassNotifications Flocknote, please contact the Office (301) 475-3293.

**Maximilian Kolbe movie!** – SOMDCatholic and RC Theaters are partnering to bring the new Maximilian Kolbe movie, *Triumph of the Heart*, to the county. Mark your calendars (September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>) to come out to RC Theaters and support this new Catholic movie! It is produced by skilled filmmakers who are trying to break the stigma of poorly made Catholic movies! Visit the home page of SOMDCatholic.org, scroll down, and click the button to secure your tickets today!

**St. Mary’s County Right to Life** – Come support PRO-LIFE efforts and march with St. Mary’s County Right to Life in the St. Mary’s County Fair Parade on September 20. Meet at 10 AM in the parking lot of Dr. James A Forrest Career and Tech Center. Look for the St. Mary’s County Right to Life Banner. Signs to carry will be available or bring your own. Gain free entrance to the fair. Contact Cookie Pontzer for more information.

## *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

We want men to sing our praises. As a result we care less about what God thinks of us. But for Jesus, it's exactly the opposite. He seeks out those who are overwhelmed with disgrace and shame precisely in order to give them a shot at redemption.

Imagine, someone written off by the entire rest of the world as utterly godforsaken and beyond anyone's capacity to win back, only to have Jesus come along, infuse them with the gift of hope and receive them, while they are still a long way off, at the first sight of their returning to him.

There is no way any of us would be able to be so sensitive to the movements of hope in the souls of the most forlorn if we are instead fixated on our own self-promotion and glorification.

Jesus models this for us. He despises the shame of the cross, infuses us who are justly punished for our sins with hope in his help, and promises us paradise for acknowledging him.

And yet we continue to seek men's praises.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

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***Catholic Apologetics Class*** – Ever wanted to learn how to explain and defend your Catholic Faith? Join Deacon Ken Scheiber every Monday night (beginning September 8) from 7pm-8:30pm for his Catholic Apologetics class! Class takes place at St. John's in the St. Jude Room (within the Monsignor Harris Center). Virtual attendance is also an option! Contact Deacon Ken ([kenneth.scheiber@smrhs.org](mailto:kenneth.scheiber@smrhs.org)) for more info!

***St. George 2025 Annual Crab Cake Dinner*** – Carry out (Drive Thru) Dinner on Sunday, September 14, 11:30am – 5pm or until sold out. Dinner includes 3 crab cakes, fried chicken, ham, potatoes, green beans, beets and dinner rolls., Bake Goods will also be available to purchase. St. George Catholic Church (Community Center) 19197 St. George Church Road, Valley Lee, MD. For information call 301-994-0607 or email [secretary@stgeorgegcc.org](mailto:secretary@stgeorgegcc.org)

***Ride for Vocations*** – 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.

***Save the Date: Catholic Family Festival*** – Sunday, October 12, 3-8 PM, at Cardinal Gibbons Park, (across from St. Peter Claver Church). An open invitation to all, our 15 Catholic parishes of St. Mary's County are coming together for a day of faith, fellowship and fun! Potluck Picnic, family and children activities and games, youth and young adult yard games and corn hole, music and sitting areas for the young and old alike. Outside candlelit Eucharistic Procession and rosary! Mark your calendar – more details to come.

***Grieving with Great Hope*** – If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and trying to learn how to cope, you are encouraged to attend a 6-week Catholic-based grief support workshop “Grieving with Great Hope” (GWGH). Guided by the Holy Spirit, GWGH is presented in a DVD format that offers prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship. Sessions will be held at Immaculate Conception in the Parish Center (28299 Old Village Rd., Mechanicsville) beginning Tuesday, September 30th from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm and scheduled as follows: Tuesdays, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28 and the final session on Tuesday, November 4th (which will include a special candle ceremony in the church). All participants must register to ensure we have enough people to hold this workshop. Please register at Immaculate Conception ([ImmaculateConception.MD@adw.org](mailto:ImmaculateConception.MD@adw.org), [NguyenP@adw.org](mailto:NguyenP@adw.org) or 301-884-3123).