

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 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.

### **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.

### **Thanksgiving Day Mass**

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

**Schedule Next Week** – There will be no daily Mass and the Rectory Office will be closed on Friday, November 28.

Happy Thanksgiving!

### *Mass Intentions for November 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 29<sup>th</sup>*

11/23 Sun – 8 a.m.	Gary Edelen
10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
11/25 Tues – 5 p.m.	Donna Marie Dixon
11/26 Wed – 12 p.m.	Dcn. Andrew John Nosacek
11/27 Thurs – 10 a.m.	Paul Howe
11/28 Fri	<b>No Daily Mass</b>
11/29 Sat – 5 p.m.	Douglas & Daniel Brown, Joshua Holton
<b>November 16, 2025 Offertory</b>	<b>\$2602.00</b>
<b>November 16, 2025 Retired Priests</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>

## *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

On the Feast of Christ the King let's focus on what we're saying about Jesus. Particularly, what are we saying when we call him a "king?" A king is a man who has the power to make laws, he has the power to judge rightly, and he has the power to command obedience. Jesus has all these. "You have heard that it was said...but I say to you..." "I give you a new commandment, love one another..." "He will come again in Glory to Judge." Each of these is real and true.

But how does Christ have this power? St. Cyril says, "Christ, has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, but his by essence and by nature." This is to say, God unites Christ's human and divine natures in the person of the Eternal Word by a unique Grace. He is the perfect man. His very manhood is most blessed indeed. Who else would claim sovereignty over him as a man?

And yet, as if possessing the Grace of perfect humanity were itself somehow not enough, Christ acquires his sovereignty by performing the noblest of deeds—by shedding his blood for the salvation of humanity.

King David sang about Christ when he—David—called him "my Lord."

He is truly king. He deserves our allegiance. Let us honor him today with great Love and rejoicing.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

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***Christmas Caring Program*** – At St. Joseph's, the Christmas Caring Program offers parishioners a chance to help needy children by donating gifts of clothing and toys. Beginning November 29, please take a tag from one of the trees which will be placed in the church and return the wrapped gifts with the original tag and code by December 14 or contact Karen Gailey (contact Rectory Office for her contact information). Thank you!

***Upcoming Events for the Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's*** – Middle School Event on Friday, December 12, 2025 from 6-8 PM. Shadow Days are ongoing throughout the school year by appointment only. For links to RSVP for any of these events, please visit <https://www.chestertonstmarys.org/events>.

***Christmas Craft Sale at Immaculate Conception*** – Immaculate Conception Church is having a Christmas craft sale on Saturday, December 6th at 5:30 pm and Sunday December 7th at 12:30 pm. Handmade items include quilts of many sizes, holiday ornaments, table centerpieces, holiday decor, and much more! Proceeds shared between the parish and St. Vincent de Paul society.

***St. Nicholas Lunch at St. Mary's Newport*** – Join us for a festive St. Nicholas Lunch on Saturday, December 13th, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM in St. Francis Hall, St. Mary's Newport -11555 St. Mary's Church Road, Charlotte Hall, MD. 20662 Enjoy good food, warm fellowship, and a joyful start to the Christmas season! Please RSVP: Frank Wathen – 240-682-1145

***P3 Young Adult Group*** – Most Wednesday's at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Solomons for Mass at 5:30 followed by adoration and a young adult social. Email us at [paxcatholicministry@gmail.com](mailto:paxcatholicministry@gmail.com) for questions or to join our flocknote or GroupMe.

***Continuing Education Spring 2026*** – "*Called to Love: Theology of the Body*" on Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Jan. 21 – April 22, 2026. This course will explore John Paul II's Catechesis on Human Love to discover how Christ reveals the spousal meaning of the body—from the original experiences to their fulfillment in the resurrection. It will also show how marriage and virginity both reflect Christ's total self-gift on the Cross, the source of divine love that transforms human relationships and grounds the Church's teaching on the unity of love and life. For more information: [information@johnpaulii.edu](mailto:information@johnpaulii.edu) or 202.526.3799.