



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday January 19, 2020 ~ The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him at the Jordan River and said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one who is coming after me, who ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me." John realized that he was the humble servant who is preparing the way of the Lord. He was called to proclaim our Lord's coming and to prepare Israel for His coming by a baptism of repentance. John knew his role was as a servant of God. John was to baptize with water so that Israel would be prepared for the One who was to come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. He also knew that Jesus was not only the SERVANT of God, but the Son of God.

Isaiah prophesies about the SERVANT of God and we see that He will be the Light to the nations. From Isaiah's prophesy we see that God's SERVANT will be sent not just to redeem Israel from its sins, but to free the whole world from its bondage to sin and death.

We are all baptized into the life of Christ, the SERVANT of God, and we are called to spread the good news of the Gospel of Christ to all. However, in order to fulfill our calling in Christ, we, like John the Baptist, must know our roles as servants of God. Do we know that to carry out our roles, we are dependent on God? Do we know that what we want must decrease so that the proper place of Jesus in our lives may increase? Are we as clear about our roles as John the Baptist was about his?

John the Baptist did not shy away from making clear distinctions between Jesus and himself in today's Gospel. Neither should we. We must always remember our relationship to Jesus and make the necessary preparations in our own lives to make straight the way of the Lord.

In short, we must move from independence in our own lives, to dependence upon Jesus in the life of Christ.

— Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours:

Monday thru Friday
9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The office is closed for business on:

ALL Weekends
Federal Gov't Closings
Holidays and Holy Days

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(Please make appointments for private meetings.)

MASS SCHEDULES

Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.
In the Rectory Chapel

Tuesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
In the Church

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. and 6:00p.m.

Holy Day Masses

Holy Days of Obligation:
12 Noon & 7:00p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:30 p.m. to 4:15p.m.
or by special appointment

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Our Parish family's Weekly offering

\$ 20,546.24 (01/12/2020)

*Our average weekly parish expenses for
December 2019 ~ \$ 18,958.05*

*Our Offertory last week was, 108.0%
of Expenses*

Faith Direct for December 2019 ~ \$ 11,366.21

Last Week's Attendance = 1,043

Welcome to St. Joseph Church

Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community.

That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, yet communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to take the steps below:

1. **Get connected** and stay up-to-date with what's going on here at St. Joseph Church. The Lord is alive and working in many ways here which means a lot of ministries and events are taking place almost every week. We provide a number of ways for you to stay connected with all of that. Read our weekly bulletin and visit our website (www.stjoseph-largo.org) to keep yourself "in the loop" of happenings at the church.

2. **Spend time in Adoration.** Adoration is every First Friday of each month all day with Benediction at 7 pm. Adoration is also offered every Tuesday at 6 pm followed by Mass at 7 pm. Stop in and experience the renewing power of being in God's presence. Jesus waits for you so he can pour his love and mercy into your heart.

3. **Seek to give in selfless, self-giving ways.** God has given you gifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. Check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome table in the foyer. Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.

4. **Complete the parish registration form (you can obtain one at the Welcome Table) before you leave .** Let us know you are here so we can properly welcome you!

Welcome and May God Bless you and your family.

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptisms: Parents requesting baptism must be registered active members of the Parish. A Catholic godparent must be a registered and practicing Catholic, confirmed in writing by his or her proper pastor. Baptisms are on the last Sunday of each month, after 11 am Mass . Parents may pick up a Baptism Registration Packet from the church office during business hours. Participation in Pre-Baptismal Program is required.

Marriage: Couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with the pastor six months to a year in advance of their intended wedding date in order to allow time for the couple to complete marriage preparation. At least one of the engaged must be a registered active member of this Church.

Christian Burial: The family of the registered deceased should contact Bp.Campbell or Fr. Boxie as soon as possible to plan the funeral arrangements. Please contact Mrs. Hawkins on the bereavement committee at etoile1706@aol.com .

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the sick is celebrated upon request prior to surgery or at the time of illness. Please notify the Parish office of the illness or hospitalization of the parishioner.

To Receive the Eucharist: Sick, hospitalized and shut-ins should contact Bernard Broadus at bbroadus53@gmail.com to schedule a visit.

We thank all who contribute regularly and generously to the support of our Parish.

Please use your envelopes, and fill them out completely. Enclose your offering and write the amount on the envelope. REMEMBER, money/checks do not stay together with the envelopes so if there's no information or amount on the envelope you used you may not be getting proper acknowledgement for your offering. Anonymous giving does not help to establish you as an active church participant. Your tax deductible offerings are based on the information on your envelopes. Please complete your checks and envelopes **BEFORE** the Mass starts. If you are registered and not receiving your envelopes contact the office to verify correct names and/or change your address.

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully...for God loves a cheerful giver.

"2 Corinthians 6 -7



Consider Lighting a Memorial Candle

Memorialize a Family Member or an Event

Light one for yourself as a special intention or for a Birthday, Anniversary or a special remembrance. Candles stay lit an entire year and are renewable. Any one can have a candle for less than 85¢ a day! Pick up an order form in the Welcome Room or ask for one from one of our Hospitality Ministers. Return the form and your payment to the office manager M-F 9:30am-1:30pm.

Church Calendar for this Week

SUNDAY January 19, 2020
The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses- 8:30 am - 11 am - 6 pm

- After Masses - Parish Council - Directory Distribution (WW)
- 1:30 pm - Youth Ministry Mtg (CL1)

MONDAY January 20, 2020
8:15 am Mass in Chapel

- 4:00 pm - Grow Our Own Musicians (CL2)
- 6:30 pm - Music Dept (CL2)
- 7:00 pm - African & Friends Officers (CL1)

TUESDAY January 21, 2020
8:15 am Mass in Chapel

- 4:00 pm - Grow Our Own Musicians (CL2)
- 6:00 pm - Exposition / Adoration
- 7:00 pm - Tuesday Evening Mass
- 7:30 pm - Cantors / Musicians (CH)
- 7:30 pm - Religious Ed (All Rooms)

WEDNESDAY January 22, 2020
8:15 am Mass in Chapel

- 10:00 am - Senior Line Dance (RR)
- 4:00 pm - Grow Our Own Musicians (CL2)
- 7:00 pm - Gospel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 pm - RCIA (CL1)

THURSDAY January 23, 2020
8:15 am Mass in Chapel

- 4:00 pm - Grow Our Own Musicians (CL2)
- 6:30 pm - Music Dept (CL2)

FRIDAY January 24, 2020
8:15 am Mass in Chapel

- 5:00 pm - Life in the Spirit (CH)

SATURDAY January 25, 2020
8:15 am Mass in Chapel
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

- 7:00 am - Men's Ministry (CL2)
- 9:00 am - Religious Education (All Rooms)
- 10:30 am - Children's Choir (CH)
- 11:30 am - Children of Virtue (CH)
- 6:00 pm - Welcome Ministry - New Member Reception (RR)

Our Church Home

Please remember this is God's house and you should try not to bring food or drink into it. Treat it with the care and respect that it deserves. Please do not leave cookie crumbs, potato chip crumbs, wrappers, bags or water bottles on the seats or on the floor of the church. Please do not allow your children to bend, fold, tear, write or color the pages in the hymnals.

Thank you for helping to keep our church beautiful.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

The Bible talks a lot about "testifying" or "giving testimony" to our faith. That may make you think of a courtroom. What does testifying to faith look like in everyday life?

Answer:

The courtroom image isn't too far off for some Christians. The Church has often been persecuted, and it was especially intense in the early days of the Church, when Acts and the various epistles were being written. For persecuted Christians, it did mean attesting publicly to their faith in Jesus Christ, sometimes before harsh judges. To testify is to bear witness, and this is something we are all called to do.

The call of Jesus is, first and foremost, a call to conversion of life. It is a repentance from sin, a casting off of old ways of seeing and moving in the world. The Christian life is one of transformation, becoming more and more like our God of love. In one sense, to testify to faith should happen naturally as we live like Jesus did. Our lives should bear witness in the respect we accord to others and the uncompromising dignity we honor in them. We bear witness in our gratitude, in our joy, in our hope in God's power and grace. This is where we start! Sometimes others might inquire, as St. Peter puts it, as to "a reason for your hope." Now you're on the stand! It's time to offer, "with gentleness and reverence," the Good News of the Gospel (c.f. 1 Peter 3:15-16)

Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Shelia Anderson, Agnes Bell, Lois Atkinson, Barbara Bechet, Otto Boswell, Theresa Bowser, Dorothy Brandford, Rachel Brewer, Margaret Brooks, Virginia Brust, Renee Burroughs, Edwinda Castleberry, Alberta Christian, Angella Coker, Bernadette Crawford, Ken-nard Dalrymple, Mary Fletcher, Evelyn Freelow, Desiree Graves, Kimberly Grimes, Betty Herring, Doris Hite, Demetrius Jackson, Wanda Johnson, Annette Keizer, Mark Landry Sr, Mark Landry Jr, Gabrielle Landry, Robin Landry, Florence & Thomas McDaniels Sr., Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, James Marshall, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Fr. Everett Pearson, John Queen, Paul Newman, Claudette Randall, Charles Ratcliffe, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Irene Richmond, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, James Shorter, Robert (Bob) Sistare, Jennie Smith, William "Billy" Tolbert, Fannie Williams, Pamela Witherspoon, Erma Torney, Maxine Tucker, Frances Tyler, Nellie Wade, John & Joan Woody, Paula Wynn

And the Recently Deceased:

Frances Shaw

*Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Honoring the Memory of Your Deceased Loved Ones

Do you have a loved one who has passed on? Have you offered Masses for them? In our faith tradition, it is customary not only to visit the graves of our beloved departed, but also to have Masses offered for the eternal repose of their souls. Having a Mass offered for the repose of a soul, and offering our own prayers, is more beneficial to them and comforting than a card or a bouquet of flowers.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. CCC n.1032

Contact the Church office to reserve your mass for your loved one today!



- **Sunday** 8:30 Mass
- **Sunday** 11:00 Mass
Gertrude Cox †
- **Monday** 8:15 Mass:
- **Tuesday** 8:15 Mass:
- **Wednesday** 8:15 Mass
- **Thursday** 8:15 Mass
- **Friday** 8:15 Mass:
- **Saturday** 5:00 Vigil:

Mass Intentions are made in the Church Office during regular business hours. We no longer accept bookings for one name for several days in succession. An offering is **\$10 cash per date**.
†=Deceased SI=Special Intentions

LIVE THE LITURGY—INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our relationships ground and define us. Understanding where we come from, who matters to us, and to whom we have an allegiance all frame and direct our lives. One unchangeable about who we are is that God formed us in our mother's womb. Unless understanding of ourselves begins with this solid fact about ourselves, our knowledge will always be incomplete. John the Baptist and Jesus knew who they were and where they came from. This allowed them to understand their purpose and express their identity. **To whom do you matter? If your primary answer is God then you are on your way to knowing who you are.** Each of us has a purpose and mission to fulfill. See God as your strength and get about the business of meeting life's challenges.

Observances for the week of January 19, 2020

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Wednesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Thursday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Friday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

Question of the Week for Reflection From the Gospel

John the Baptist spoke of Jesus metaphorically as "the Lamb of God."

What do you think this image means?



Readings for the week of January 19, 2020

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Mark Your Calendar



Blessing of the Bibles

In celebration of Pope Francis declaring the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time as the first ever "Sunday of the Word," we are asking all parishioners to bring their Bibles to Mass on the weekend of January 25th/26th so that we can bless your Bibles. This will be our way to show the importance of Sacred Scripture and the word of God in our spiritual lives, to encourage parishioners to read and meditate on the word of God, and to have a better appreciation for this great gift.

Teen Summit on Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence

The Social Justice Social Concerns and Youth Ministries are sponsoring an informative conversation on the topics of substance abuse and teen dating violence awareness.

Saturday, February 1, 2020

12:30-3:30

Rosemont Room

A representative from the Interfaith Medical Center, NY; Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center, University of Maryland PG Hospital Center; and the PG County Family Justice Center will be present to lead participants through an interactive session on these relevant issues. Open to both the youth and adults of the parish. Please RSVP to :

Lisa Smith (lmsmith2103@verizon.net)

Beverly Dandridge (fnptraveler6@gmail.com)

Calling all middle school and high school students to participate in the annual Rally, Mass, and March for Life at the Capital One Arena in DC, on **Friday, January 24th**. This is an opportunity to stand up for life in all its stages and witness publicly to our faith. There will be additional seats on the bus for other parishioners who would like to attend. **The bus leaves at 6:00 am from the Church parking lot. Students can request a letter from the Church for an excused absence from school and parents will also need to complete a permission slip form.** See youth ministry officers for those forms and more information.

Social Justice Social Concerns Ministry

Social Justice Social Concerns Ministry is seeking volunteers for the Night to Shine Prom. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for individuals with special needs, ages 14 and older. Hundreds of Churches from around the world come together on one night to host Night to Shine for approximately 100,000 honored guests. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a wonderful experience for the attendees.

Friday February 7, 2020

6:00 – 9:00 pm

**First Baptist Church of Glenarden Ministry Center
3600 Brightseat Road Landover, MD**

To volunteer please contact:

Judy Cox-Brown (301-395-1218) or

Lisa Smith (301-390-1137)

All volunteers must register on line: <https://www.fbcglenarden.org/nighttoshine>

**LITURGICAL
MINISTRIES
SCHEDULE**

January 25th and 26th

..for Next Week Please report at least 30 minutes before your Mass so that you are properly prepared...

Lectors:

- **5:00 pm Vigil** - Janis Knight
Alicia Sanders
- **8:30 am** - Beverly Dandridge
Mary McWilliams
- **11:00 am** - Teresa Nwankwo
Teresa Tolson
- **6:00 pm** -

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

- **5:00 pm Vigil** - Team A
- **8:30 am** - Team F
- **11:00 am** - Team H

Altar Servers

- **5:00 pm Vigil** - Team C
- **8:30 am** - Team D
- **11:00 am** - Team E
- **6:00 pm** - Allison Nnaka

ALL ABOUT THE MINISTRIES

The Perpetual Helpers Ministry

Seeking volunteers to help maintain and keep our church beautiful. Responsibilities include, dusting, straightening the hymnals and adding welcome envelopes to the pew racks.

The Benefit

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