



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday February 9, 2020 ~ The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"You are the light of the world."

In today's readings, we hear about salt and light. Salt is used to season and preserve food. The main effect of light is known to anyone who can see. Light brushes away the darkness so that we can see where we are going and what we are doing.

In our Gospel, Jesus continues His "Sermon on the Mount," telling His disciples that they are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." They are called to increase the "flavor of desire" for faith in God and to nourish and preserve that faith among the Body of Christ. Jesus' disciples are also sent to "pierce" the darkness of sin in people's lives by their preaching, their example, and their care for God's people. Not only that, Jesus shows His disciples through His own actions that whatever they are called to do in His name, to do it with love.

To be joined in love with Jesus means to actively live as He lived, by being Salt and Light for others. Salt is active, and light is active, they are not passive things. Being salt and light for others is what it means to be a disciple of Christ, being a Christian by putting love into the action of charity. Every Christian must strive for personal holiness, but we must remember that in order to be holy we must be about the task of bringing others to holiness in the One who is holy, Jesus Christ.

Every one of us is called by Christ to strive for holiness by sharing our God-given gifts with others, in some way or another. We are all called to be a positive influence on everyone around us. Jesus is reminding us today, that we are called to be salt and light in each of those relationships. We are called to share with others the meaning, the hope, the forgiveness, and the goodness that we have received from the Lord. This is every Christian's job. How do we do this? We do it through our personal example. Jesus said, "Your light must shine before others." He goes on to explain, "That they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Salt and light – these are the comparisons Jesus uses to explain our mission in life.

– 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
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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

\$ 23,026.91 (02/02/2020)

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

*Our Offertory last week was, 121.0%
of Expenses*

Faith Direct for December 2019 ~ \$ 11,366.21

Last Week's Attendance = 998

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 February 9, 2020
The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses- 8:30 am - 11 am - 6 pm

- 1:00 pm - Altar Servers (CH)
- 1:00 pm - Ladies Aux. Knights of St. John (CL1)
- 1:15 pm - Black History Program (RR)
- 1:30 pm - Youth Ministry Mtg (CL1)

MONDAY February 10, 2020
8:15 am Mass in Chapel

- 4:00 pm - Grow Our Own Musicians (CL2)
- 6:30 pm - Music Dept (CL2)
- 7:00 pm - Good Samaritans (RR)

TUESDAY February 11, 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 February 12, 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)
- 7:00 pm - SJSC Mtg (CL2)

THURSDAY February 13, 2020
8:15 am Mass in Chapel

- 10:30 am - Count Meeting (CL1)
- 4:00 pm - Grow Our Own Musicians (CL2)
- 6:30 pm - Music Dept (CL2)

FRIDAY February 14, 2020
8:15 Mass in Church

- 10:00 am - Marian Tweens & Teens (CL1)
- 5:00 pm - Life in the Spirit (CH)

SATURDAY February 15, 2020
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

- 9:00 am - Religious Education (All Rooms)
- 10:30 am - Children's Choir (CH)
- 11:00 am - MLK Jr. Squires Circle (CL1)
- 12:30 pm - Marian Teens & Tweens (RR)
- 3:00 pm - Sodality (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:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

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, Kennard 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, Lillian Lee, Florence & Thomas McDaniels Sr., Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, James Marshall, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Fr. Everett Pearson, John Queen, Paul Newman, Claudette Randall, 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:

*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

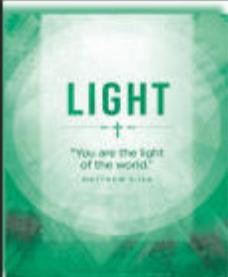
Contact the Church office to reserve your mass for your loved one today!



- **Sunday** 8:30 Mass
James M. Harley †
- **Sunday** 11:00 Mass
Juliana Abosede Johnson -Birthday
- **Sunday** 6:00 Mass
Alberta Christian SI
- **Monday** 8:15 Mass:
- **Tuesday** 8:15 Mass:
- **Tuesday** 7:00 Mass:
Cecilia Oshogwe †
- **Wednesday** 8:15 Mass
Rose Nduanya †
- **Thursday** 8:15 Mass
- **Friday** 8:15 Mass:
- **Saturday** 5:00 Vigil:

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**LIVE THE LITURGY—
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**



Before the arrival of GPS and other technological advances, folks relied on a compass to assist them with directions. If set and used properly, people who would otherwise be lost could find their way. What properly sets our God compass? We know that we require God in order to find our way through life, but we need to be in proper relationship with God before this can effectively happen. God certainly does not need to be placated, but some things open Him up to us more than others. Isaiah gives us a clue today. Share your bread with the hungry ... clothe the naked ... remove oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech ... satisfy the afflicted. When we do this, we will not only be on proper course and in right relationship with God, but will be the salt and light Jesus asks us to be.

**Observances for the week of
February 9, 2020**

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day

Monday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Question of the Week for
Reflection
From the Second Reading**

Early in his first letter to the Christians in Corinth, Paul speaks of the tension between human wisdom and the power of God.

Why do you think Paul saw a trap in relying on human wisdom?



**Readings for
the week of
February 9th**

Sunday: Is

58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Mark Your Calendar

**LITURGICAL
MINISTRIES
SCHEDULE**



BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER
Fill a Bottle, Save-A-Life

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual Forestville Baby Bottle Fundraiser during the month of February. Bottles may be filled with change, bills or checks and returned during the month of February. The Forestville Pregnancy Center is very grateful to the parishioners of St Joseph for their generosity

February 15th and 16th

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

Lectors:

- **5:00 pm Vigil** - Garveyette Brown
Delores Missouri
- **8:30 am** - Toni Grier
Edwina Love
- **11:00 am** - Knights
- **6:00 pm** -

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

- **5:00 pm Vigil** - Team A
- **8:30 am** - Team E
- **11:00 am** - Team Knights

Altar Servers

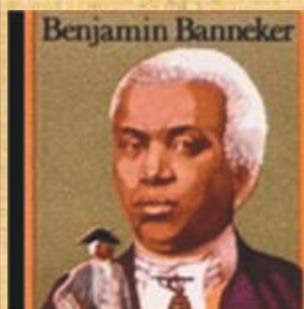
- **5:00 pm Vigil** - Team L
- **8:30 am** - Team M
- **11:00 am** - Team B
- **6:00 pm** - John Huntley
Allison Nnaka

**Join St Joseph -
Our Lady of Grace Sodality**
to see
"Queen Esther"
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with a \$50 deposit.
Pick up a detail information flyer in
the Church foyer.

***Church of Incarnation will host the
"Come and See"
Meeting in March***

The diaconate formation office is holding "Come and See" meetings for men to learn more about the permanent diaconate and the formation program, which will be conducting interviews for the Ordination Class of 2025. Men of prayer with a heart for service to the Church and the community, between the ages of 30 to 60 who are feeling called to learn more about deacons are encouraged to attend on Wednesday, March 4, 7-9 PM at the Church of the Incarnation, 880 Eastern Avenue N.E. Washington DC 20019. Men inquiring who are married are strongly encouraged to bring their wife to the "Come and See" meeting. Deacons and their wives will be at these meetings to answer questions and share their experiences. For more information, please visit the diaconate formation webpage on the Archdiocese of Washington website.

***Black History Month February 2020
Maryland Black History First and Facts
Did You Know.....***



Benjamin Banneker

***November 9, 1731 – October 19, 1806
Surveyor***

Benjamin Banneker was a free African American almanac author, surveyor, naturalist, and farmer. Born in Baltimore County, Maryland, to a free African American woman and a former slave, Banneker had little formal education and was

largely self-taught. Banneker built what is possibly the first wooden striking clock made in Maryland. He is known for being part of a group led by Major Andrew Ellicott that surveyed the original borders of the District of Columbia, the federal capital district of the United States. Banneker's knowledge of astronomy helped him author a commercially successful series of almanacs entitled Banneker's Almanac.

DID YOU KNOW / FYI

Mass Intentions

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Mass Preparation

Fast before Mass. It is Church law that one fasts for at least 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion. Water and medicine can be consumed, of course. The purpose is to help us prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

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