



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday September 27 2020 ~ The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"He changed his mind and went."

Quite often, the love, forgiveness, and patience that parents have for their children are a direct reflection of the love, forgiveness and patience that our heavenly Father shows to His adopted children on earth.

One of the first words that a toddler learns is NO! As a parent, how would you feel if you asked your child to "mow the lawn" and your child said no? Would you feel disappointed? In today's Gospel parable, that is just what one son tells his father when asked to work in the father's vineyard.

As a parent, how would you feel if you then asked your other child to "mow the lawn" and that child said yes; however, when you look at your lawn an hour later, it has not been mowed? You might feel not only disappointed, but a little deceived by your child's agreement to do what you asked and then did not do it. In today's Gospel parable, that is just what the other son does when his father asked him to work in the father's vineyard.

Later, you find out that your first child actually had a change of heart and mowed the lawn. You are elated! That is Jesus' message to the chief priests and elders of the people: change your hearts! It means nothing if we say yes to God, but do not do what He asks.

Yet, even those who at first say no to God, but have a change of heart and do as our heavenly Father asks, will enter the kingdom of heaven before those who give only "lip service" to His commands.

– 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 SCHEDULE

Mass in the Church
Saturday and Sunday Masses
by Reservation Only

Saturday - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Weekly on Tuesday
Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm
Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Daily Mass Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am

Live via Facebook Page or Website
St. Joseph Catholic Church-Largo, MD
Sunday Mass 10:00 am
Monday Daily Mass 8:30 am

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Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ 8,355.22 September 20, 2020)

*Our average weekly parish expenses for
August 2020~ \$ 15,126.68*

*Our Offertory last week was 55.2 %
of Expenses*

Faith Direct for August 2020 ~ \$ 20,968.17

***Last Week's Attendance = 244*

**** Re-Open Masses**



To The St Joseph Catholic Church Community

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, 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 check in at the Welcome Table and complete the parish registration form. You may also get the form from a Hospitality minister. Stay connected with the St Joseph Community through our Website, Facebook and FlockNote. 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. When we fully reopen, please check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome Table or our Website.

Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.

***Let us know you are here so we can
properly welcome you!***

**PARISH TITHING AND
CONTRIBUTIONS**

As we gradually start to reopen for public Masses, please use your offertory envelopes, and please fill them out completely. Enclose your check or cash in your offertory envelope and write the amount on the envelope. As a reminder money/checks do not stay together with the envelopes so if there's no information or amount on the envelope you may not receive proper acknowledgement for your offering. If you choose to send in your Church envelopes by mail or drop them off at the Church, please continue to do so. Your tax deductible offerings are based on the information on your envelopes.

We have also set-up **Online Giving** through **Faith Direct**, which is an easy, simple, and secure way to continue supporting the ministry and mission of our parish. We had to make a number of decisions regarding our current Church staff because we are unable to collect our regular offertory.

Please go to the link:
<https://www.stjoseph-largo.org/online-giving> to sign-up for **Faith Direct**, make a contribution, and to view a video about enrollment and have your questions answered about online giving.

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

**STAY CONNECTED WITH
St JOSEPH'S**

***Keep yourself "in the loop"
of church happenings"***

Stay up-to-date with what's going on here at St. Joseph Church. The Lord is alive and working in many ways in our church. There are many ministries and events taking place every week. We provide a number of ways for you to stay connected. Read the weekly bulletin, see us on Facebook, visit our website, and register for FlockNote.

Website

www.stjoseph-largo.org

Facebook

www.facebook.com/StJosephLargo

**How to Register for
FLOCKNOTE**

1. **Create a new text message.**
2. In the **To** box: **84576**
3. In the **Text** box: **SJ2020**
4. **HIT SEND**
5. The message appears:
***Thanks for connecting with
St. Joseph Catholic Church!***
6. Click the link in the reply message.
7. Complete the name page, hit **SAVE**.
8. Choose your groups*, hit **NEXT**.
(*groups that you currently have membership)
9. Complete the rest of the fields, hit **SAVE**
10. You will receive an email to verify your email address, **click verify my email**.
11. You will receive another email to create a password. Click **CREATE PASSWORD**.
12. Once your password is set, it will log you into Flock Note.

St Joseph Church Calendar for this Week

WEEKLY MASS / OBSERVANCES AND RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

**Sunday and Saturday
Masses by Reservation Only**

Link to Mass Signup via FLOCKNOTE AND Website www.stjoseph-largo.org
Live Stream via Facebook

**OCTOBER ALTAR SERVER
SCHEDULE**

TBA

SUNDAY September 27, 2020

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses- 8:00 am - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

All Masses in the Church

Note: 10:00 am Mass - Live Stream

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1, 2020
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

8:30 am Daily Mass
In the Church and Live Stream

MONDAY September 28, 2020
St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz
and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 am Daily Mass
Live Stream

FIRST FRIDAY
FRIDAY OCTOBER 2, 2020
The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 am Daily Mass
Exposition / Adoration / Benediction
(after daily mass)
In the Church and Live Stream

TUESDAY September 29 2020
Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels

8:30 am Daily Mass
6:00 pm - Exposition / Adoration
6:30 pm - Benediction
7:00 pm - Tuesday Evening Mass
In the Church and Live Stream

WEDNESDAY September 30, 2020
St. Jerome, Priest and
Doctor of the Church

8:30 am Daily Mass
In the Church and Live Stream

Come and Pray the Rosary with
St. Joseph-Largo Sodality
Every Thursday at 5 pm
via conference call
All are invited
Call in number: 605-313-5111
Access code: 263572#



FIRST SATURDAY
SATURDAY October 3, 2020

8:30 am Mass (Live Stream)

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION
3:00 - 4:15 PM
(USE SIDE ENTRANCE DOOR NEXT TO
THE MEMORIAL WALL)

5:00 pm Vigil Mass
In the Church

Next Sunday

27th Sunday in Ordinary
Time; Respect Life Sunday



**Interested in learning more about
the Catholic faith?**

RCIA

Virtual Classes
Every Wednesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm

For Additional Information
Contact Deacon Steven Nash
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Religious Education will begin

Saturday, September 26th
Grades 1- 6

Tuesday, September 29th
Grades 7 - through High School

All classes will be held virtually through
ZOOM or GOOGLE CLASSROOM
platforms of communication

For additional information contact:
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday 10:00 am Mass
Albert Scott Birthday †

Monday - 8:30 am Mass
Norma Lyons Birthday †

Thursday - 8:30 am Mass
Thanksgiving for Ndum Family SI

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 \$10.00
cash per date / per envelope. Mass intentions are
acknowledged at the daily mass
†=Deceased SI=Special Intentions

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

Richard and Gloria Anderson, Shelia Anderson, Agnes Bell, Sharon Alenda, Carla Amorim, Lois Atkinson, Otto Boswell, Theresa Bowser, Carolyn Branch, Rachel Brewer, Margaret Brooks, Maxine Brown, Kelvin & Francine Brown, Virginia Brust, Renee Burroughs, Edwinda Castleberry, Alberta Christian, Cecelia Clayton, Angella Coker, Bernadette Crawford, Kennard Dalrymple, Herman Davis, Frederick Fant, Mary E. Fletcher, Evelyn Frelow, Regina Gary, Desiree Graves, Kimberly Grimes, Doris Hite, Roblyn Hymes, Cathy Jackson, Demetrius Jackson, Jake Jacobs, Wanda Johnson, Mark Landry Sr, Mark Landry Jr, Gabrielle Landry, Robin Landry, Lillian Lee, Henrietta Long, Florence & Thomas McDaniels Sr., Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Anthony Mc Donald, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Fr. Everett Pearson, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Msgr. Pope, John Queen, Michael Younger, Paul Newman, Claudette Randall, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Carolyn Richardson, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Irene Richmond, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Lucille Shaw, James Shorter, Robert (Bob) Sistare, Maurice Sutton, William "Billy" Tolbert, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Joan and John Woody, Paula Wynn

And the Recently Deceased:

Mary Harley, April Thom

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!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When making decisions, we often struggle with what voice to follow. We acknowledge the presence of God, the existence of the Trinity, the priority of the Gospel, and the virtues and values they embody. Yet, even with all of that truth, knowledge, and tradition behind us, we think we know better. When confronted with a decision, we easily dismiss what we know we ought and need to do and entertain responses that stem from lesser desires and wants. We eventually may come around and realize that what God asks us to do is what we need to do, even if it wasn't our original intention. God accepts our return to Him with joy. What becomes dishonest is deceiving ourselves, God, and others by originally saying yes to what we know we need (and are asked to do) and willfully doing something else. That is blatant hypocrisy.



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR REFLECTION

First Reading

The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance.

How do you turn away from your sin?

Second Reading

Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, emphasizing the humility of Christ.

Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?

Gospel Reading

In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance.

What do you think motivates anyone to repent?

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

The Tradition of Genuflection

Question:

Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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Ever considered the priesthood?

Join us for a Men's Discernment Mass and Dinner

The event will include Mass with Archbishop Gregory, dinner, and an opportunity for young men, college age and up, to discuss the priesthood with priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese of Washington.

Sunday, October 4, from 3:00-7:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill
313 2nd Street, SE, Washington, D.C.

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND AT
WWW.DCPRIEST.ORG

For additional information contact:
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202.636.9020
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration for Religious Education and Rites of Christian Initiation of Children (R.C.I.C.) has begun through the weekend of October 10/11 after each Mass.

These classes are for students who are not in Catholic school and are in the 1st grade through 8th grade and for those children 6 yrs. through 17 yrs. old, who have not completed or begun the Sacraments of Initiation (R.C.I.C.). Religious Education will begin Saturday, September 26th, for grades 1-6 and Tuesday, September 29th for grades 7 through high school. For all new registrations, we ask that a copy of your child's Baptism certificate (if baptized at another church) be attached with the registration form.

All classes will be held virtually through ZOOM or GOOGLE CLASSROOM platforms of communication.

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LET US LOVE GOD,
my brothers, let
us love God. But
let it be with the
strength of our
arms and the
sweat of our brow

—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

REGISTER TO VOTE



YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

To CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION

If you are unsure if you are registered to vote, you can check

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>

IF YOU STILL NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE CLICK

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>

Voter Registration Deadlines

The deadline to register in Maryland and The District of Columbia is October 13th

Census 2020 Deadline September 30, 2020

10 Questions ~ 10 Minutes ~ 10 Years of Impact!

Census data is used to allocate funding for roads, health care, child care, housing, schools. The Faith Action Network has downloadable resources to help educate parishioners about the benefit of filling out the Census.

<https://fanwa.org/advocacy/advocacy-toolkit/census-2020/>

Take this time to complete your Census 2020 questionnaire. You can choose any one of the three following ways to respond:

Online: 2020census.gov

By phone: Call 844-330-2020 for English.

You can complete the census by phone in 13 other languages or TDD: 2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.html



INFORMATION FROM: Social Justice Social Concerns Ministry

Love United - A Virtual Domestic Violence Awareness Discussion

Virtual Mother-Daughter Domestic Violence Awareness Discussion hosted by the Prince George's County Department of Family Services

Saturday October 17, 2020
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM EDT

Registration required to receive details for drive-thru supply and resource pick-up which includes:
Pre-sketched Paint Canvases, Paint, Paint Brush, Apron, and other resources for the event.

www.eventbrite.com/e/girls-talk-love-united-a-virtual-domestic-violence-awareness-discussion-tickets-116643099651

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