



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday February 21, 2021 ~ The First Sunday of Lent

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to Him."

As a boy growing up, Lent meant that I had to "give up" something that I really liked. We would ask each other in school what we were "giving up" for Lent. I was not sure how giving up something that I liked was going to make me a better boy, or how it would prepare me for Easter.

Usually, I would tell the other kids in school that I was giving up my favorite sweet food for Lent, chocolate. I really liked chocolate, so I would really be giving up something that I liked and looked forward to eating. The way I saw it, that meant that when Easter came, I would go straight for the chocolate rabbit in my Easter basket, since I had abstained from chocolate for forty days! However, I still wondered what the true purpose was of "giving up" something for Lent.

In Mark's Gospel this Sunday, Jesus shows us the true purpose of "giving up" something for Lent. Right after His baptism in the Jordan river, the Holy Spirit sends Jesus into the desert for forty days. Jesus did not take food, water, or extra clothes with Him. The desert was a lonely place and full of wild animals, so it was also a dangerous place to be. The desert sounds a lot like the world we live in today. On top of that, Satan was there the whole time, tempting Jesus.

During His trials and temptations Jesus "gave up" something, that we all like to use, to His Heavenly Father. Jesus "gave up" His will to His Father, to do what His Father wanted, not what He wanted. Jesus placed His trust in His Heavenly Father to sustain Him and protect Him. God the Father did just that, sending angels to care for Jesus.

By "giving up" His will, to do His Father's will, Jesus received from His Father what He needed to sustain and protect Him in the desert and to prepare Him for His public ministry. When John the Baptist's public ministry ended with his arrest, Jesus began His public ministry. And Jesus' public ministry fulfilled God's promise to the Israelites by bringing His kingdom to His people. Now we see why we are taught to "give up" something we like for Lent.

Lent is the time when we can learn to "give up" our will to do what we want, so that we can do God's will. We can start our journey through the desert of Lent with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Then the graces we receive from God during Lent will sustain and protect us, so that with the joy of Easter, we are ready to go out and proclaim the good news of the Gospel, by the way we love and care for each other. In other words, by the way we live our lives in Christ, as Christians doing our heavenly Father's will.

— 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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MASS SCHEDULE

*Saturday - 5:00pm

*Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Daily Mass 8:30 am

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

*Reservation Only

Sunday 10am and Daily Masses are Live Streamed
Live Stream via Facebook Page or Website

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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!

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PARISH TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

As we 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

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ N/A February 14, 2021

Our average weekly parish expenses for
January, 2021 ~ N/A

Our Offertory last week was N/A %
of Expenses

Faith Direct for January, 2021 ~ N/A

Last Week's Attendance - N/A

Annual Church Contribution Statements

The statements for your contributions via church envelope were mailed to your address of record the week of January 18, 2021. Please contact the church office if you have not received your statement or if you have questions regarding your statement.

If you have questions regarding your Faith Direct annual contribution statement, please contact Faith Direct 1-866-507-8757 or membership.faithdirect.net

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 Website / Facebook

SUNDAY February 21, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

All Masses in the Church
Note: 10:00 am Mass - Live Streamed

MONDAY February 22, 2021
THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Live Stream Only / Not in Church

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2021
ST. POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm
Benediction 6:30 pm

Tuesday Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

All - In the Church and Live Stream

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2021

Daily Mass 8:30 am

7:00 pm - THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
Reconciliation/Confession

Mass In the Church and Live Stream
Reconciliation / Confession in the Church

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

In the Church and Live Stream

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2021

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Stations of the Cross
9:00 am and 7:00 pm

In the Church and Live Stream

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2021

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

In the Church Only

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY
3:00 - 4:15 PM

(USE SIDE ENTRANCE DOOR NEXT
TO THE MEMORIAL WALL)

NEXT SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saturday Morning
Grades 1-6

Tuesday Evening
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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Daily Readings for the Week

Week of February 21, 2021

Sunday:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
[cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday:

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]
/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17,
18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
[19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a,
7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5,
7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]
/Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

**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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(C) 202-270-8660 (text preferred)

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office on Monday
by 12 noon. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday morning.
Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.

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, Tanesha Butler, Edwinda Castleberry, Alberta Christian, Angella Coker, Bernadette Crawford, Kennard Dalrymple, Herman Davis, Nigel Djossou, Frederick Fant, Mary E. Fletcher, Evelyn Frelow, James Gant, Regina Gary, Desiree Graves, Kimberly Grimes, Doris Hite, Cathy Jackson, Demetrius Jackson, Jake Jacobs, Wanda Johnson, Roland Joyner, 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, Richard and Sylvia Parker, Fr. Everett Pearson, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Msgr. Pope, John Queen, Michael Younger, Paul Newman, Claudette Randall, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Carolyn Richardson, Gladys Richardson, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Johnny Scott, Lucille Shaw, James Shorter, Patricia Stith-Clem, William "Billy" Tolbert, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Joan and John Woody, Paula Wynn

And the Recently Deceased:

William Irving James

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

MASS Intentions

Friday 8:30 am
Martha Joseph †

Thursday 8:30 am
LaFern Johnson Birthday Blessings

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. Mass intentions must be received in the office by Monday 9:00 am to be included in the bulletin for the next week.
(†) Deceased (SI) Special Intentions

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe."

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and

take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR REFLECTION

First Reading:

God promises Noah to use a "bow in the clouds" (a rainbow) as a sign and symbol of His divine pledge to never again allow a world-wide flood to devastate the earth. This is the Bible's first recorded covenant between God and humanity.

What do you think of when you see a rainbow?

Second Reading:

Peter teaches that Jesus preached to both the living and the dead — those dead dating back to the days of Noah — and connecting us through baptism.

What do you find intriguing about this idea?

Gospel:

We hear about Jesus' temptation in the desert and His inaugural gospel message to those living in Galilee. Jesus saw repentance as necessary to believe His good news.

As we begin the Lenten journey, what aspects of your life require repentance?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Genuflecting

Question:

Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

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. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

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 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.

**Archdiocese of Washington
MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT WEEKEND
Friday through Sunday, March 26-28, 2021**

Cardinal Gregory invites men in their 20s, 30s, and 40s, who are interested in learning more about the priesthood, to attend a discernment retreat led by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. The retreat will be held the weekend of **March 26 to March 28** at Saint John Paul II Seminary and the Washington Retreat House in Washington, D.C. The retreat will be an opportunity to pray and reflect on God's call, meet priests and seminarians, hear their stories, and learn more about the Seminary and priesthood. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required.

Please register at <https://depriest.org/young-adults>.

For more information, contact Fr. Mark Ivany at 202-636-9020.

Please note that all COVID-19 protocols will be in place to ensure everyone's safety.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Thursday
Come and Pray the Rosary
with St. Joseph-Largo Sodality
All are Invited
5:00 pm
Call in number: 605-313-5111 Access code: 263572#

Every Wednesday during Lent
Virtual Bible Study
7:30 pm
sponsored by the Bowman Francis Ministry
www.bowmanfrancis.org

Every Wednesday
The Light is on for You
Reconciliation / Confessions
In the Church
7:00 pm

Every Friday
Stations of the Cross
9:00 am (after morning Mass)
7:00 pm

HOLY HUMOR

Coming or Going?

On the way home from the Ash Wednesday service, a young boy asked his mother, "Is it true that we are made of dust?"
"Yes, darling."
"And do we go back to dust again when we die?"
"Yes, dear."
"Wow!" said the boy. "When I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I found someone who is either coming or going!"



Honoring Our Medical Professionals

1783

Dr. James Durham, born into slavery in 1762, buys his freedom and begins his own medical practice in New Orleans, becoming the first African-American doctor in the United States. As a youngster, he was owned by a number of doctors, who taught him how to read and write, mix medicines, and serve and work with patients. Durham had a flourishing medical practice in New Orleans until 1801 when the city restricted his practice because he did not have a formal medical degree.

1862

Freedmen's Hospital is established in Washington, D.C., and is the only federally-funded health care facility for Blacks in the nation.

1879

Mary Eliza Mahoney was the first African American to study and work as a professionally trained nurse in the United States. Mahoney was the first African American to graduate from an American school of nursing.

1900

Washington, DC: **The Washington Society of Colored Dentists**, the first organization of Black dentists, is founded

1968

Prentiss Harrison is the first African American to be formally educated as a Physician Assistant. Prentiss graduated from Duke's Physician Assistant (PA) Program which was established in 1965 as the first of its kind in the nation.

1981

Alexa Canady becomes the first African-American woman neurosurgeon in the U.S. She served as chief of neurosurgery at the Children's Hospital of Michigan from 1987-2001.

2020

Kizzmekia Corbett, PhD, is one of the National Institutes of Health's leading scientists working directly to develop and produce the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. A native of North Carolina, Corbett's work helps to highlight the significance of supporting black students in entering STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields.

Black History Quote for the Week

"Anyone who claims to be a leader must speak like a leader. That means speaking with integrity and truth."

KAMALA HARRIS

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