



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday December 12, 2021 ~ The Third Sunday of Advent

From the Bishop's Pen...

"The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness."

Today is Gaudete Sunday. It means REJOICE, for the Lord is near. "God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation."

These are the words from Isaiah from the Responsorial Psalm of today's Mass. They are the words of one who waits for the Lord, confident in his strength and courage, because of his faith in the Lord. These words should describe us, as we wait in remembrance of our Lord's birth.

We should rejoice, because Jesus, the Son of God, without losing His divinity, became fully human. He came to live as one of us, to save us from our sins and to give us eternal life. Because of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection, we can rejoice. We wait in faith for the day when we will see the Lord, face to face in our heavenly home.

However, John the Baptist tells us that it is not enough, just to wait in faith. If we have true faith, then we must put that faith into action. Through Baptism, we have the strength of Jesus to put our faith into action. Jesus calls us to act as sons and daughters of our heavenly Father. God calls us to love Him with our entire mind, our entire strength, our entire soul, and to love our neighbor as God loves us.

These are the two great commandments of love that Jesus gave us. When we love each other, when we help each other, our love for each other shows God our love for Him. That is why we rejoice in exciting anticipation for the remembrance of Jesus' birth at Christmas. We wait rejoicing, because we know that the Son of God became one of us, sharing our human life, so that we could share in His divine life forever.

— Bp. 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

Saturday - 5:00 pm
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

Sunday 10:00am Mass, Daily Masses and
Tuesday Adoration
Live Stream via Facebook Page [stjoseph-largo.org](https://www.facebook.com/stjoseph-largo.org)

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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!

St JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL
parishcouncil@stjosephlargo.org

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

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Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ 25,417.76 December 5, 2021

*Our average weekly parish expenses for
October 2021 - \$13,213.66*

*Our Offertory last week was 192.3 %
of Expenses*

Faith Direct for October 2021- \$25,965.69

Last Week's Attendance: 589

***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.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR FLOCKNOTE

1. Create a new text message.
2. In the To box: 84576
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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.

MASS SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are made in the Church Office during regular business hours or may be given to Hospitality Minister after the Sunday Masses. You will be contacted if the date requested is not available. Bookings for one name for several days in succession will not be accepted. An offering is \$10.00 cash per date / per envelope

Mass intentions are acknowledged at the Sunday and daily Masses.

Mass intentions must be received in the office by Monday 9:00 am to be included in the bulletin for the next week.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

St Joseph Church Calendar for this Week

WEEKLY MASS / RECONCILIATION AND ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Sunday and Saturday Masses

Sunday 10:00 am and Weekday Live Stream via Website / Facebook / YouTube

Sunday December 12, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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

Monday December 13, 2021
ST. LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday December 14, 2021
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS,
PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Tuesday Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday December 15, 2021

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday December 16, 2021

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Pray the Rosary with the
St. Joseph-Largo Sodality - 5:00 pm

Call in number: 605-313-5111

Friday December 17, 2021

8:30 am Daily Mass

Exposition / Adoration / Benediction
after Mass

Note: Sunday 10:00 am and Weekday
Masses are in the church and live stream
via Website / Facebook / YouTube

Saturday December 12, 2021

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM
Confession / Reconciliation

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Next Sunday
Sunday December 19, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Happening this Week

Sunday December 12
Youth Group Meeting (RR)
after the 12:00 Mass (about 1:30)

Monday December 13
GSM - Project Warmth Sorting (RR)
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesday December 15
Funeral Mass - Jerusha Proctor (CH)
10:00 am Visitation / Mass 11:00 am

Wednesday December 15
Choir Rehearsal (CH)
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday December 16
KC - Council Meeting (RR)
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday December 17
Young Adult Meeting (CH)
7:00 pm

Saturday, December 18
SVDP - Food Distribution
By Appointment Only

RCIC Classes
Every Saturday
Grades 1-6 - Virtually
Every Tuesday (C R I)
Grades 7 through high school

RCIA Classes
Every Sunday during 12 pm Mass (CL1)
Every Monday 7:00 -8:00 pm -
Virtually

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6
[6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-
5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-
7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps
85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk
7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-
6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab,
7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13,
18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,
18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-4

For... Our Young Parishioners

Sharing the Gospel

How can you show you love God? In-
stead of keeping all of your clothes and
food, share some with people who don't
have any. Be happy and thankful for all
God has given you. When you love God
more than money, you'll be happy to
share.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to share happily with
others.

Mission for the Week

The next time you go grocery shopping
with your parents, ask if you can pick
out some foods to share with the poor.
As a family, talk about how thankful
you are for the many ways God takes
care of you.

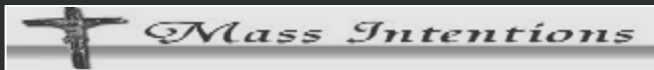
Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Richard and Gloria Anderson, Shelia Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Otto Boswell, Theresa Bowser, Carolyn Branch, Rachel Brewer, Eleanor Brooks, Maxine Brown, Virginia Brust, Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Edwinda Castleberry, Alberta Christian, Angella Coker, Bernadette Crawford, Kennard Dalrymple, Herman Davis, Evangeline Dyer, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Mary E. Fletcher, Larry and Evelyn Frelow, Maureen Gramby, Delores Garner, Regina Gary, Desiree Graves, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Doris Hite, Cathy Jackson, Demetrius Jackson, Joseph Jennifer, Roland Joyner, Mark Landry Sr, Mark Landry Jr, Gabrielle Landry, Henrietta Long, William Madison, Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Florence & Thomas McDaniels Sr, Anthony Mc Donald, Effie McGee, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Cynthia Obedike, Richard Parker, Fr. Everett Pearson, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, John Queen, Michael Younger, Dottie and Paul Newman, Claudette Randall, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Carolyn Richardson, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Celeste Saleem, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Lucille Shaw, James Shorter, Patricia Stith-Clem, William "Billy" Tolbert, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler,

And the Recently Deceased:

Michael Harold Baines, Jerusha Proctor

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



Sunday 10:00 am
James E. Marshall, Sr. †

Wednesday 8:30 am
Thanksgiving and
Birthday Blessing for
Tony & Chinedu Ndum

Saturday 5:00 pm
Wanda Johnson †

LIVE THE LITURGY!

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that?

Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR REFLECTION

First Reading

The words of the prophet Zephaniah focus on hope for a new beginning of the Lord's presence in their midst.

How has the season of Advent thus far brought you spiritual renewal?

Second Reading

As his letter draws to a close, Paul encourages the Philippians to be a community that rejoices in the Lord.

How would you rate your own spiritual happiness?

Gospel Reading

John the Baptist exhorted the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live a moral and other-centered life within the parameters of their day-to-day work.

What would this look like for you in your current station in life?

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

Holy Water

Question:

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

Answer:

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: While reciting the Angelus prayer, how many times do you pray the Hail Mary?

Answer: Three

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS,
AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

—ZEPHANIAH 3:17



Update Contact Info



UPDATES

Do you need to update or
correct your contact information?
Have you moved? Did you change your
telephone number?
Have you had any status
changes?

Please contact the office with your updated status. Call the office
on 301 773 4838 or email parishoffice@stjosephlargo.org or ask
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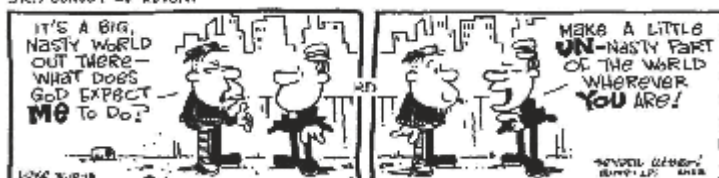
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*As always, thanks for your consideration and generous donation.
God bless and reward you abundantly.*

JUST A THOUGHT...

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



UPCOMING EVENTS / MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Hello Church Family,
The Year of St Joseph ended on December 8, 2021; however,
our St Joseph Table will remain up for our 100th Anniversary
celebration.

We are looking for photographs of the church when it was in
Glenarden as well as early photographs of our current
church. We will gladly make copies if you want to keep the
originals. If you have anything else that pertains to the two
churches (programs, documents, bulletins, etc.) that we can
display on our table, please let us know.

Please forward any photographs or documents, you wish to
share to parishoffice@stjosephlargo.org or you may drop them
off at the parish office.

In addition to the St Joseph 100th Anniversary Table, we
will, celebrate our One Hundred Years, with activities
throughout the year.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please consider helping with one of the following
committees:

Family Game Night
Family Game Day
Pilgrimages
Church Picnic
Evening of Performing Arts with Silent Auction
Family Costume Party

The committee signup will be available via Signup Genius in
the coming weeks.

STAY TUNED ... MORE TO COME

The St Joseph 100th Anniversary Committee

Take a Personal "Retreat" Day

Jan 21 / Feb 18 / Mar 11

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Je-
sus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda
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your personal retreat, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat di-
rector will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat sched-
ule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflec-
tion, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental
breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while
Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you.
Cost is \$120 per person. Advance Registration is required, and regis-
trations will be limited to facilitate appropriate social distancing.
Visit our website to register and to find more
dates ourladyofbethesda.org.
Or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007
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