



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday December 26, 2021 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

From the Bishop's Pen...

"His parents found Jesus sitting in the midst of the teachers."

Most of us grew up, or are growing up, in a family with both parents, and maybe a sister, or brother, or two, or more. How important is it to grow up in a family? We cannot place a value on the family into which we were born.

Our reading from the Book of Sirach, a wisdom book from the Old Testament, tells us of the graces and benefits that come to children in families, who honor their fathers and mothers. He calls on children to respect their parents, and by extension, everyone in their family. He tells us to take care of our parents and to show them only kindness in their old age.

The Book of Sirach is telling us that honoring and respecting our parents and our families is living Christ's Second Great Commandment of love, to love our neighbor as ourselves. It also tells us what we accomplish for ourselves, in God's eyes, by showing our love for Him when we do good works for others. These words, written 2,200 years ago, hold true today.

St. Paul echoes this message in his Letter to the Colossians, telling members of a family how they should treat each other. Husbands must love their wives as they do their own bodies, as Christ does for His Body, the Church. Joseph protected and provided for Jesus and Mary. He named Jesus, taught Him how to pray, how to work, how to be a man.

When their 12-year-old child stayed behind in the Temple we are told that Joseph, along with Mary, searched with great anxiety for three days for Him. They were looking for God, in Mary's Son, Jesus. Jesus had His priorities in order. He was being obedient to His Father in heaven, first. However, when Mary and Joseph found Him, to take Him home with them, Luke's Gospel tells us that Jesus was obedient to His earthly family.

Do we look for God, searching sometimes all our lives to find Him? Jesus told Mary and Joseph, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" God, the Father, wants each of us to be His house, the temple where Jesus can be found. When Jesus can be found in us, we bring Him to the home where our family lives.

Each of us wrestles with identity issues, while at the same time embracing responsibilities toward our family. Every parent wrestles with freedom issues for their child, while at the same time cooperating with God, trusting that their child is being protected. Let us pray for all families this weekend, that this balance may be found, so that as families, we will always grow spiritually and in our trust in God, finding Jesus in "His Father's house."

— 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
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Holidays and Holy Days
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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

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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

\$20,390.77 December 19, 2021

*Our average weekly parish expenses for
November 2021 - \$13,759.24*

*Our Offertory last week was 148.1%
of Expenses*

*Faith Direct for
November 2021- \$20,576.00*

Last Week's Attendance: 446

The 2021 Church Contribution Statements

The 2021 contribution statements will be mailed to your address of record.

Please contact the church office if your address has changed.

We want to ensure that your statement is mailed to the correct address.



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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 26, 2021

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH**

Masses

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

Note: 10:00 am Mass - Live Stream

Monday December 27, 2021

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday December 28, 2021

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Tuesday Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday December 29, 2021

ST. THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday December 30, 2021

ST. JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday December 31, 2021

NEW YEAR'S EVE

**ST. SYLVESTER I, POPE;
MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Parish Office Closed

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

*New Years Eve Vigil Mass and
New Years Day Mass will be live stream*

Saturday January 1, 2022

**NEW YEAR'S DAY;
MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD;
WORLD DAY OF PEACE**

Mass - 10:00 am

Saturday January 1, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Vigil Mass - 5:00
(Sunday Obligation)

Next Sunday

Sunday January 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

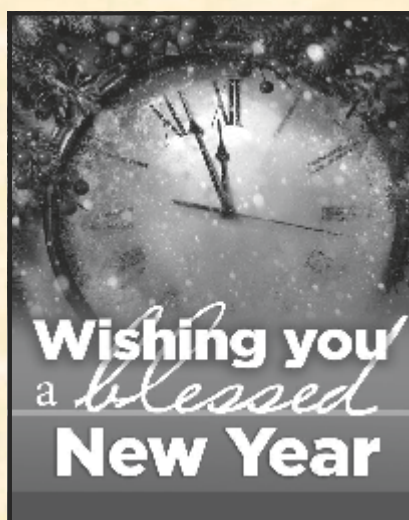
Masses
8:00 am - 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Additional Activities

Wednesday December 29, 2021

Perpetual Helpers - 9:30 am

**Choir Rehearsal (CH)
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm**



Daily Readings for the Week

Week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

For... Our Young Parishioners

Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, he felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about his Father in heaven. His questions and his answers showed how much he loved God.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to feel at home in my church like Jesus did.

Mission for the Week

Help visitors to your church feel welcomed. As a family or as a class, make cards for visitors, asking them to come back.

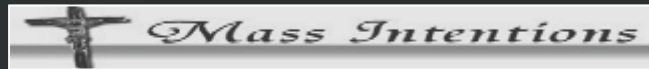
Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

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And the Recently Deceased:

Bernadette Crawford, Sam Walker

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



Sunday 10:00 am
Benedicta Okpah
Birthday Blessings

Sunday 12:00 pm
Manou Ndah
Birthday Blessings

Tuesday 8:30 am
Loraine Hayling
Birthday Blessings

Saturday 5:00 pm
Thanksgiving & SI for the
Ndum Family

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times.

Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR REFLECTION

First Reading

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith.

How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?

Second Reading

John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, "we may be called children of God."

How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family

Gospel Reading

Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with "great anxiety" as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost.

How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family?

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

Coming Back

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner.

Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who reads the first and second readings at Mass?

Answer: The lector

Remembering Our Beloved Bernadette Crawford



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Our Teacher

Our Songbird

Our Counselor

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