



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday June 25, 2023 ~ The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body."

"Jesus said to the Twelve: 'do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.'" He goes on to say that nothing happens to lowly sparrows without His heavenly Father's knowledge. "So, do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

We are worth more to God than anything else He has created through Christ. Jesus said, "If anyone bears witness to me before men, I will praise him in the presence of my Father." Yet, Jesus is also saying that He will only acknowledge us before His heavenly Father, if we acknowledge Him. When we acknowledge Jesus, it means we are willing to follow Him, especially in suffering for Him as He suffered for us.

Each Apostle suffered, like Jesus, and all but one died a violent death, like Jesus. However, like Jesus, they were not afraid of those who persecuted them, who killed their bodies, because they could not kill their souls. The Apostles knew that their love for Jesus meant that they would share in His praise of them before His heavenly Father.

That is why Jesus says, "do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." Remember though, Jesus also adds, "be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." That one is the devil, Satan.

Satan tempts us to tell lies. Satan tempts us to covet what others have and to steal from them. Satan tempts us to always think of ourselves and not others. Satan tempts us to turn away from Jesus and God's love and to be miserable in our lives. Then, Satan hopes that he will succeed in making us miserable, soul and body, with him, in Gehenna, in hell, forever.

We cannot let Satan destroy our souls and bodies. Our protection against Satan is our commitment to give ourselves TOTALLY and COURAGEOUSLY to the love of Jesus. That commitment allows us to bear witness to Jesus before men. That commitment allows us to bring Jesus to others, like the Apostles, by denying ourselves, taking up our crosses and following Him in the way we live our faith in our daily lives. And, as Saint John Paul II said, when we live our faith by following Jesus, **"do not be afraid."**

– Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday
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ALL Weekends
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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

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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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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***

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.

COMMUNION CALLS / HOME VISITS

Fr. Pat and the Eucharistic Ministry have resumed communion calls and home visits If you or someone you know is homebound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, contact the office to schedule a visit.

Please contact the parish office

Monday through Friday

between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ N/A June 18, 2023

*Our average weekly parish expenses for
May 2023 - \$14,469.42*

*Our Offertory last week was N/A%
of Expenses*

Faith Direct: May 2023 - \$23,700.83

Last Week's Attendance Total:

Sunday Masses - 740

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday June 25, 2023
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses
8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm

10:00 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED

Monday June 26, 2023

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday June 27, 2023
**ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP
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 June 28, 2023
SAINT IRENAEUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday June 29, 2023
STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday June 30, 2023
**THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE
HOLY ROMAN CHURCH**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration - 9:30 am
Benediction - 10:00 am

First Saturday July 1, 2023
ST. JUNIPERO SERRA, PRIEST

First Saturday Mass - 8:30 am
Confession / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
Sunday July 2, 2023
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday June 25

- **SJCC Gospel Choir** (CL2) 9:00 am
- **SJCAF - African and Friends Choir Practice** (CL2) 10:00 am
- **Multicultural Picnic** (Parking Lot) 12:00

Tuesday June 27

- **African and Friends Choir Rehearsal** (CL2) 7:00 pm
- **K of C- DD #3 Meeting** (CL1) 7:00 pm

Wednesday June 28

- **Line Dancing** (RR) 11:00 am
- **Gospel Choir Rehearsal** (CL2) 7:00 pm

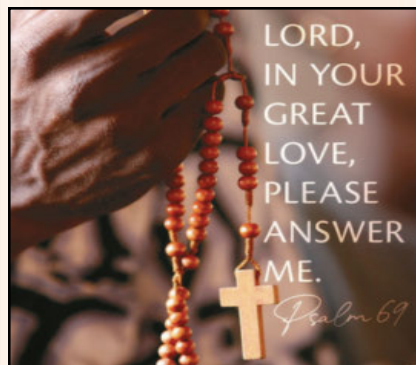
Thursday June 29

- **Beginner Line Dancing** (RR) 12:30 pm
- **St Joseph Sodality -Pray the Rosary** - (Virtual) 5:00 pm Call in number (848) 220-3100 Conference ID: 06241954#
- **SJCAF-Charismatic Group** (CL2) 7:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

**OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY JULY 4, 2023**

Just a Thought...



Daily Readings for the Week

Week of June 25, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

For Our Young Parishioners

Sharing the Gospel

Counting the hairs on your head can get tiresome and confusing. However, God knows exactly how many you have. Your body works on its own. You do not have to tell your heart to beat or your lungs to fill with air. Every day your body needs exercise to make all parts work well. Every day your soul needs pray-er-cise or talking with God. Pray-er-cise will fill you with peace and make your fears go away.

Prayer

Thank you for my body and soul, Lord.

Mission for the Week

I will exercise my body and pray-er-cise my soul for 10 minutes every afternoon.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of everyone in your family exercising and/or pray-er-cising together.

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

Gerry Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Melody Atkinson, Randy Belt, Veronica Blakeney, Otto Boswell, Rachel Brewer, Eleanor Brooks, Maxine Brown, Virginia Brust, Esther Buchanan, Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Edwinda Castleberry, Alberta Christian, Angela Clark, Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Kennard Dalrymple, Herman Davis, James Doe, Gregory Eades, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Mary E. Fletcher, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, James Gant, Regina Gary, Maureen Gramby, Agnes Grayson, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Eva Henson, Sheila Hinton, Doris Hite, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Joseph Jennifer, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Mark Landry Sr, Mark Landry Jr, Gabrielle Landry, Theresa Leeke, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Jean Neal, Madga Nelson, Paul Newman, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Claudette Randall, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Carolyn Richardson, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Virginette Scott, Lucille Shaw, Madeline Stillwell, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Lamont Wade, William "Billy" Tolbert, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Michael Younger, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, 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.



Sunday 8:00 am
The St Joseph Family (SI)

Sunday 10:00 am
Glen Hayes Michael Colbert †

Sunday 12:00 pm
Godfrey Ogbekhilu
(Birthday Blessings)

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ promises to acknowledge us before his Father if we will acknowledge him. In what ways are we called to acknowledge Christ today? In what ways are we tempted to deny him, to distance ourselves from him?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Lectio Divina

Question:

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Answer:

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

First Reading

We hear how the prophet Jeremiah turned to God when he felt alone and attacked. **What do you need to pray to God for this week?**

Second Reading

Paul taught that through the grace of God, Christ reversed the sin of Adam, which brought death to all. **When have you felt God's grace in your life?**

Gospel Reading

Jesus encourages his disciples not to be afraid. **What are some fears you have that you could turn over to God?**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question: There are two different types of sin. What are they called?

Answer: (a) Pride and greed (b) Wrath and envy

(c) Venial and mortal (d) Gluttony and sloth

SEE PAGE 5 FOR ANSWER

**ANNUAL ST JOSEPH PARISH
MULTICULTURAL PICNIC**

TODAY

Sunday June 25, 2023

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm



We need all of YOU to help us make this the best picnic, ever.
Your dish should serve 10 people.

ALL FOOD MUST BE COOKED

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ALL FOOD MUST BE DELIVERED BY 3:30 PM ON THE DAY OF THE PICNIC

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THESE STUDENTS...**

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 12:00pm Mass. Parents may pick up a Baptism Registration Packet from the parish 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 member should contact the parish office soon as possible to plan the funeral arrangements.

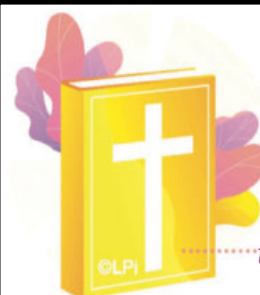
Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the sick is celebrated upon request prior to surgery or at the time of illness. Please notify the parish office of the illness or hospitalization of the parishioner.

To Receive the Eucharist: Sick, hospitalized and shut-ins should contact the parish office or Bernard Broadus broadus53@gmail.com to schedule a visit.

SPEND TIME IN ADORATION

Adoration is every First Friday of each month starting after the 8:30 am Mass with Benediction at 6:00 pm.

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.



**Invite
a Friend**

to Mass next Sunday

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered: (c) Venial and mortal

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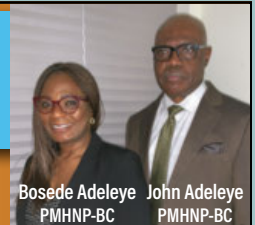
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