

St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday July 16, 2023 ~ The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower."

In Palestine, during the time of Christ, the sowing of seed was often done before ploughing. Because sowing preceded ploughing, much of the seed is scattered on ground that is unsuitable for growth. However, while much of the seed is wasted, the seed that falls on fertile soil, or good ground, bears fruit in extraordinarily large measure.

In this parable, the "type of soil" that we are, depends on how we receive the seed sown by Jesus, the Word of God. Christ respects our freedom of choice. Jesus is truly the Lord, but He refuses to bully us into following Him.

People, who are like fertile soil, hear the Word of God, allow it to take root in their hearts and grow in them, then they respond to that Word by acting upon it. One spreads God's Word to others by his or her own words and actions.

Each of us is called to be fertile soil for God's Word. We only need to be open to hearing our Lord's message about the coming of the kingdom and through faith, take it to heart and act upon it. We are called to live our Lord's message by taking it to everyone we meet, in the very way we live our lives, loving God by loving and serving each other. Then, each of us will bear much fruit for the Lord.

The failure of many to hear the Word of God, to understand it and to take it to heart, is because they are either indifferent, or do not want to change the way they live their lives. Those who do hear Jesus' message about the coming of the kingdom, and take it to heart, will have enormous success in spreading His message, by how they live His message in their lives.

God plants the seed and gives it life, but He leaves it up to us to prepare the soil and tend the garden.

– Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The office is closed for business on:

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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

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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 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
301-773-4838

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ N/A July 9, 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 - 716

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday July 16, 2023

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:00 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED

Monday July 17, 2023

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday July 18, 2023

ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Tuesday Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday July 19, 2023

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday July 20, 2023

ST. APOLLINARIS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday July 21, 2023

**ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST AND
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Exposition / Adoration - 9:30 am
Benediction - 10:00 am

Saturday July 22, 2023

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Confession / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday July 23, 2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday July 16

- **SJCC Summer Choir** (CL2) 9:00 am
- **SJCAF - African and Friends Choir Practice** (CL2) 10:00 am

Tuesday July 18

- **Deacon Greg - Summer Catechism Class** (CL1) 10:00 am

Wednesday July 19

- **Line Dancing** (RR) 11:00 am

Thursday July 20

- **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
- **KC - Council Meeting** (RR) 7:00 pm
- **St Joseph Youth Ministry** (Virtual) 7:00 pm

Saturday July 21

- **Men's Ministry Meeting** (CL2) 7:30 am
- **Landings 2** (CL1) 1:00 pm
- **Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CL2) 3:30 pm

Just a Thought...

Prayer for Good Fruit

Dear Lord,

Grow your word, truth, identity,
and mission in us.

Inspire us with the fruit
you would have us produce.
Help us to stay close to you.

Amen.

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of July 16, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14
(Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or
13:1-9

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7
-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33
-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4,
6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9,
24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15
and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps
63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10,
15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or
13:24-30

For Our Young Parishioners

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is standing in a boat at the edge of a large lake. He is talking to you and a crowd on the shore. You are sitting on a blanket with your mother's picnic basket beside you. Jesus talks about sowing seed. You are like God's seed. You grow in God's way because you are baptized with the water of salvation and are given the nutrients that come from obeying God's commandments.

Prayer

Lord, tell me how to grow closer to your ways of goodness.

Mission for the Week

I will plant a seed in good dirt and water it for you, Lord.

Something to Draw

Draw Jesus in a boat on the lake talking to you and your family.

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

Gerry Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Melody Atkinson, Randy Belt, Veronica Blakeney, 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, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Maria 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:

Theresa Leeke

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
Veronica Nduam
(Birthday Blessing)

Sunday 12:00 pm
Ronet Aching †

Monday 8:30 am
Kesha C. Marshall
(50th Birthday)

Tuesday 8:30 am
David Eli Ourega
(3rd Birthday)

Tuesday 7:00 pm
Cherry Neal
(Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday 8:30 am
Yvette White
(Birthday Blessings)

Thursday 8:30 am
John Quentin Ramey †

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention: these finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah assured the Israelites who were exiled in Babylon that God's word is reliable and purposeful. **How might you help friends or family trust more in God?**

Second Reading

Paul sees creation itself sharing in the redemption and future glory that awaits all believers — "For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God." **What do you imagine earth would look like filled with God's glory, absent any "corruption?"**

Gospel Reading

Over the next few Sundays, we will be hearing many parables from Jesus. Today's parable of the sower and the seeds speaks to how people react differently to the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. **How would you describe your reaction to Jesus's parables of the kingdom?**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question:

This event made Jesus weep?

Answer:

- (a) The transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana
- (b) The sorrow, sympathy, and compassion He felt for all mankind
- (c) The death of Lazarus

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Why Use Incense?

Question:

Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

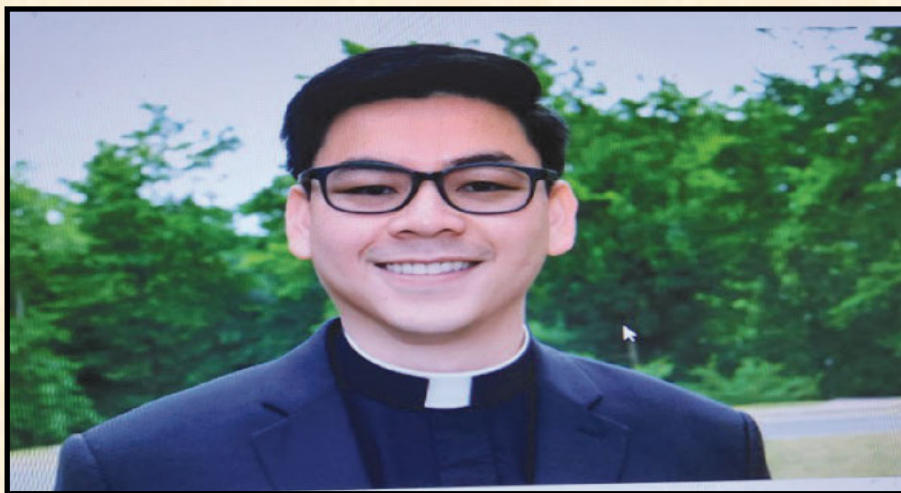
The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

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FATHER VINCENT TINH VU**



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Then our Deacon...

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO
THESE STUDENTS...**

THE SJCC SUMMER CHOIR

The Summer Choir is open to anyone in our church who would like to sing at the 10:00 am Mass.

If you are interested, please meet in Classroom 2 at 9:00 am sharp on Sunday morning to familiarize yourself with the music.

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

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (c) The death of Lazarus

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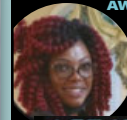
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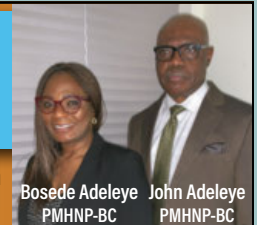
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