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**Sunday July 23, 2023 ~ The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***From the Bishop's Pen...***

***"Let them grow together until harvest."***

Jesus explained the parable of the "weeds in the field" to His disciples. The good seed are the children of the kingdom, the weeds are the children of the evil one, the devil, and the harvesters are the angels. At the final judgement, Christ will separate the evil from the good and all who are evil will be thrown into the fires of hell.

What else is Jesus telling us in the parable of the "weeds in the field"? Why does He let weeds grow alongside the good seed? Jesus is telling His disciples and us, how we are to deal with the reality of evil in the world, with patience, tolerance, and trust in God. God will deal with the weeds at the "end of the age," that is, at the final judgment.

In our human frailty, we all have weeds as well as good seed in our own lives. The "good seed" in our lives is following Jesus and living as Christians. The "weeds" are the times we sin in thought, word, or deed against God and each other. However, Jesus is patient with us, because He does not want to damage the "good seed" in our lives, just to rid us of the "weeds."

We place our trust in Jesus' patience and tolerance, knowing that He will always give us another chance to amend our lives when "weeds" appear. That is why He gives us the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that we can change and amend our lives, and be rid of any growing "weeds." Jesus is also telling us that we must be patient and tolerant with others, as He is patient and tolerant with us.

Saint Paul echoes Jesus' desire for patience and tolerance in His letter to the Galatians, "Let us never be boastful, or challenging, or jealous toward one another. Help carry one another's burdens; in that way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

We must be willing to give others another chance, just as Jesus is willing to give us another chance. What Jesus wants, is for us to act like Him, only then we can truly call ourselves Christians. Then, we will be "wheat" from "good seed," not "weeds," at harvest time.

**– 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:

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!**

**SUPPORT MINISTRIES**

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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**

The Eucharistic Ministry has 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**

\$ 13,298.00 July 16, 2023

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

*Our Offertory last week was %  
of Expenses 92.0*

*Faith Direct: May 2023 - \$23,700.83*

*Last Week's Attendance Total:*  
*Sunday Masses - 716*

**St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week**

**MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Sunday July 23, 2023

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

10:00 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED

Monday July 24, 2023

**ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday July 25, 2023

**ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI,  
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Wednesday July 26, 2023

**ST. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP; ST.  
PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday July 27, 2023

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday July 28, 2023

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Saturday July 29, 2023

**THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF  
ST. MARY MAJOR**

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

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday July 30, 2023

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

Sunday July 23

- **SJCC Summer Choir** (CL2) 9:00 am
- **SJCAF - African and Friends Choir Practice** (CL2) 10:00 am
- **African and Friends Monthly Meeting** (RR) 1:30 pm
- **SJYM** (CL1) 1:30 pm

Tuesday July 25

- **Deacon Greg - Summer Catechism Class** (CL1) 10:00 am
- **African and Friends Choir Rehearsal** (CL2) 7:00 pm

Wednesday July 26

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

Thursday July 27

- **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

Saturday July 29

- **Landings 2** (CL1) 1:00 pm
- **Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CL2) 3:30 pm

**Daily Readings for the Week**

*Week of July 23, 2023*

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

**For Our Young Parishioners**

**Sharing the Gospel**

Your toys can break. Your books can tear. Your clothes can shrink and stain. Things don't last forever. The kingdom of heaven does last forever. It is like a treasure. Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of God's kingdom.

**Prayer**

God, help me to love your kingdom more than the things I have.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of yourself finding a buried treasure.

**Mission for the Week**

Put God's kingdom first. Read a Bible story every morning.

**Just a Thought...**





## ***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, Fr. Michael Bryant, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Edwinda Castleberry, Alberta Christian, Angela Clark, Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Kennard Dalrymple, Herman Davis, James Doe, Gregory Eades, Ver-na 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:**

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



Sunday 8:00 am  
Philomena Ekwosi †

Sunday 10:00 am  
Tiras and Jayan Aching  
(Protection)

Sunday 12:00 pm  
Charles Okpah  
(Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday 8:30 am  
Thanking God for His  
Love and Mercy for  
Elizabeth Nkede and Children

Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Hugo & Susann  
Braden †

Wednesday 8:30 am  
Joan Oladipo  
(Birthday Blessing)

Thursday 8:30 am  
For the Souls  
in Purgatory

Saturday 5:00 pm

## **LIVE THE LITURGY:**

### **INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

When the disciples cannot understand something, they approach Jesus, and beseech him to explain. Let us be this forthcoming when we are discerning the will of God or struggling with a decision. Let us ask him to explain in words we can understand.

### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION**

#### **First Reading**

Our Jewish wisdom writer describes God as lenient, powerful, and kind.

***What words would you use to describe God?***

#### **Second Reading**

Paul encourages the believers in Rome that the Spirit intercedes for us and teaches us what to pray for.

***What could you pray for this week?***

#### **Gospel Reading**

In the parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus speaks privately to his disciples of the presence of the evil one, the devil in this world.  
***How can we best defend our family and loved ones from evil?***

### **CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **Question:**

What is the name given to the Chalice used by Christ at the last supper?

#### **Answer:**

- (a) The Chalice of the Last Supper
- (b) The Holy Grail
- (c) The Holy Chalice of Christ

## **WHY DO WE DO THAT?**

### **CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

#### ***Why Wear a Roman Collar?***

#### **Question:**

Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

#### **Answer:**

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

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**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?**

*You are correct if you answered* (b) Holy Grail



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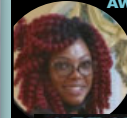
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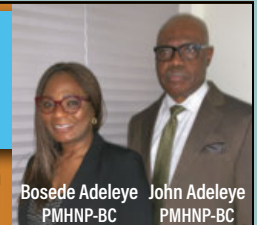
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