

St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday August 6, 2023 ~ The Transfiguration of the Lord

From the Bishop's Pen...

"They all ate and were satisfied."

Imagine a family with a dozen children. Assuming, that like most of us, they are not monetarily wealthy, feeding a family of that size would not be easy and there often won't be enough for "seconds" at the table. Still, everyone in that family managed to get enough to eat, stay healthy and grow. Even amid their own needs, that family would always welcome, and tried to help, those they found in need, even allowing friends to share their home for awhile, when those friends found themselves temporarily without a place to live. This family's philosophy is that "God will always provide."

In feeding the 5,000, Jesus gives us a far greater lesson than that "God will always provide." He shows us not only the miraculous way that God provides, but also how God intends to provide, through us. Jesus told His disciples, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." When they brought the gifts of bread and fish to our Lord, He blessed them and multiplied them so that there would be more than enough for all to eat. However, He gave those blessed gifts to His disciples to go and feed the 5,000.

Through His disciples, Jesus fed the bodily needs of the crowd that followed Him, just as He was feeding their spiritual needs with His teachings. When Jesus fed the 5,000, the bread foreshadowed the Eucharist, in which Jesus would give us Himself, at the Last Supper. The fish represented the people who are being fed; therefore, it is not surprising that the fragments collected were more than the original amount of bread, and fish. This miracle of the loaves and fish shows us that Jesus will always be there for us in the Eucharist and that the number of people who will come to Him to be fed will continue to grow.

Jesus tells us, His disciples today, to go and evangelize to those around us, bringing them to Christ, so that He can feed their Spiritual hunger. Jesus calls us to feed their physical hunger through the charity of our own lives. Then they can hear the Word of God that we proclaim with our lives, bringing them to Christ, so that He can feed their spiritual hunger with Himself, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

– 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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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

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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

The Eucharistic Ministry is available for 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
10:00 am and 5:00 pm
301-773-4838

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ 15,424.80 July 30, 2023

*Our average weekly parish expenses for
June 2023 - \$13,704.11*

*Our Offertory last week was 113.0 %
of Expenses*

Faith Direct: June 2023 - \$20,993.11

Last Week's Attendance Total:
Sunday Masses - 639

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday August 6, 2023

TRANSFIGURATION of Christ

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

10:00 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED

Monday August 7, 2023

**ST. SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS,
MARTYRS; ST. CAJETAN, PRIEST**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday August 8, 2023

ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Tuesday Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday August 9, 2023

**ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS,
VIRGIN AND MARTYR**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday August 10, 2023

ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday August 11, 2023

ST. CLARE, VIRGIN

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Exposition / Adoration
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS

Benediction - 10:00 am

Saturday August 12, 2023

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

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

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday August 13, 2023

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday August 6

- **SJCC Summer Choir**
(CL2) 9:00 am
- **SJCAF - African and Friends Choir Practice**
(CL2) 10:00 am
- **SJYM - Donut Sales**
(After Masses)

Wednesday August 8

Line Dancing (RR) 11:00 am

Thursday August 10

- **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**

Saturday August 12

- **Landings 2 (CL1) 1:30 pm**
- **Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CL2) 3:30 pm**
- **SJYM - Donut Sales**
(After Mass)

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of August 6, 2023

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

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15,
16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab,
6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a,
34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt
15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-
8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9,
10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-
33

For Our Young Parishioners

Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured. He was changed. Rays of light came from his body like the rays of sunshine come from the sun. His clothes were dazzling white. Each time God forgives you, he sends rays of love to cleanse your soul. When you forgive others, you send rays of love to their souls. Forgiveness fills your body and soul with happiness.

Prayer

Father, I am thankful for my dazzling white soul of forgiveness.

Something to Draw

Draw Peter, James, and John looking at Jesus with rays of light coming from his robes.

Mission for the Week

I will forgive those who hurt me.

Just a Thought...

TRANSFIGURATION



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, Gwen Jarman, 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
Bruce Martin †

Sunday 10:00 am
Gertrude Scott †

Sunday 12:00 pm
For the St Joseph Family (SI)

Tuesday 8:30 am
Mrs. Valencia Ayers and Family (SI)

Saturday 5:00 pm
James and Jane Ezeigwe
45th Wedding Anniversary

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead,” Jesus told his disciples. Why keep such an amazing thing as the Transfiguration a secret? Because the world wasn’t ready for the end of the story yet. Sometimes, the glory only makes sense after the trials.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

First Reading

In a vision, the prophet Daniel sees the heavenly throne of God and the coming kingdom of God represented by a human figure, a “son of man.” The vision speaks to God’s everlasting love and ultimate control of the world. ***Why do you think God reveals Himself in visions?***

Second Reading

Peter speaks of his eyewitness to the majesty of Jesus Christ. ***How might you witness to family or friends this week your beliefs about Jesus?***

Gospel Reading

The transfiguration reveals Jesus’s divinity to Peter, James, and John, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ***What would you say is the most important lesson from Jesus that we should listen to?***

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

What Are “Special” Masses?

Question:

Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they’re not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

Answer:

Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation:

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question: The King James version of the Bible is approved by the Catholic church.

Answer: (a) False (b) True

**CLASSES STARTING
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2023**

TO REGISTER, CLICK LINK OR QR CODE:

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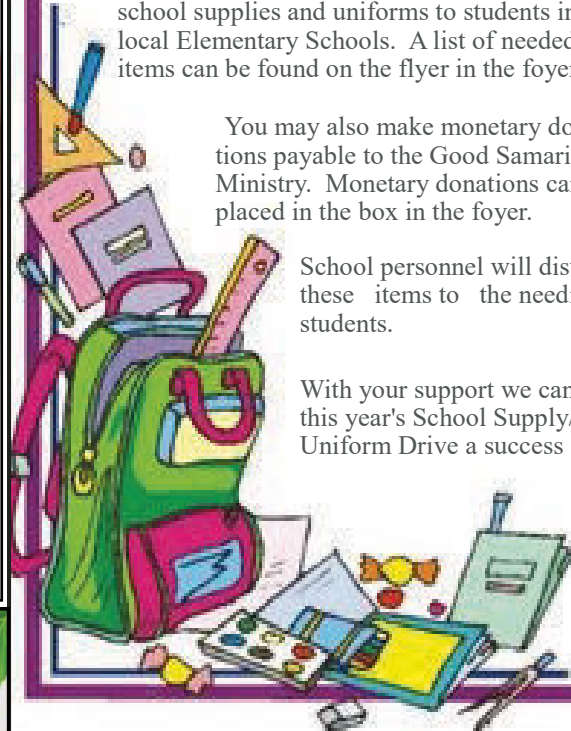
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You may also make monetary donations payable to the Good Samaritans Ministry. Monetary donations can be placed in the box in the foyer.

School personnel will distribute these items to the neediest students.

With your support we can make this year's School Supply/School Uniform Drive a success



Support the St Joseph Youth Ministry



The Saint Joseph's Youth Ministry will be sponsoring a pop-up fundraiser offering Krispy Kreme donuts over the next 2 weekends after each Mass

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Prayer for the Transfiguration

Dear Lord,

*The heavens and earth declare your glory!
Fill our hearts with songs of praise for you,
today and always! Come, Lord Jesus!*

Amen.

Thank You

*The Leeke family wishes to thank
the St. Joseph Community for all
the wonderful support we have
received during this
difficult time.*

*Thank you for your love,
support, kind words, prayers,
contributions and attendance at
Theresa's viewing and funeral.*

*We are grateful to have had you
there to honor her life.*

*Love,
The Leeke Family*



**Invite
a Friend**
to Mass next Sunday

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (a) False

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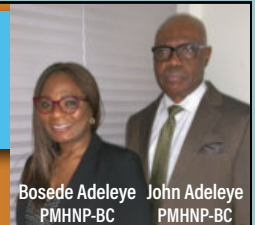
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