

St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday September 03, 2023 The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Times

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself."

Jesus was aware of the pain and suffering He had to undergo for our salvation, and He was preparing His disciples for that reality. Peter, who spoke first in last Sunday's Gospel, proclaiming that Jesus was the "Son of the living God," spoke first again. He could not understand how the Son of God could undergo such suffering and death that Jesus described to His disciples. In doubting that his Lord had to undergo His passion, Peter fell victim to Satan's temptation to doubt God's plan. That is why Jesus said, "Get behind me, Satan!"

That temptation of doubt caused Peter to see things only from the human desire to avoid suffering and pain for oneself and one's friends. We are never immune from Satan's constant temptations, especially to take the "easy way out."

Saint Paul tells us, "I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."

Jesus too, was not immune from Satan's temptations, nor from great suffering and death, and neither are we. However, Jesus would not listen to Satan's temptation, to avoid His suffering and death, made through Peter.

Jesus willingly offered His body as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. He knew what the agony, suffering and death that His living sacrifice would cost, and He calls us to do the same. Discipleship comes with a cost. Our success as Jesus' disciple is the priceless gift of resurrection to eternal life with God in heaven. And, like anything else worth having, it does not come cheap. No cross of suffering, no crown of glory!

- 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 Federal Gov't Closings Holidays and Holy Days

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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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Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

N/A August 27, 2023

Our average weekly parish expenses for

Our Offertory last week was n/a of Expenses

Faith Direct: July 2023 - \$29,903.07

Last Week's Attendance Total: Sunday Masses - 713



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!

PARISH TITHING AND **CONTRIBUTIONS**

As we reopen for public Mases, 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

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

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St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

Masses / Observances and Church Activities

Sunday September 03, 2023
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY
TIME

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

Monday September 04, 2023 Labor Day

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday September 05 2023

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday September 06, 2023

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday September 07, 2023

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday September 08, 2023

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday September 09, 2023 St. Peter Claver, Priest

Confession / Reconciliation 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
Sunday September 10, 2023
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday September 03

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

Wednesday September 06

• Funeral Service

Thursday September 07

- 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#
- SJCC Gospel Choir -November Concert Rehearsal (Cl2) 7:00 pm
- SJCAF-Charismatic Group

Saturday September 09

• Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CL2) 3:30 pm

Prayer for those who Labor

Dear Lord,

Please bless and protect the men and women whose work contributes to the labor force and supports families and those in need. Give them strength when they face challenges, grace in times of stress, and renewal as they rest.

Amen.

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of September 03, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday:, 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

<u>Tuesday:</u> -1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: -Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

<u>Saturday</u>: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/ Lk 6:1-5

<u>Next Sunday:</u> -Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-2

For Our Young Parishioners

Sharing the Gospel

Sometimes it's hard to give of your time, or your toys, or even to share your friends. Sometimes you want to be selfish and keep everything for yourself. This is not what Jesus did. He kept sharing God's love all the time. He shared so much that he even gave his life for us by dying on the cross. Jesus wants us to share like he did, to give of ourselves even when we want to be selfish.

Prayer

.Heavenly Father, give me strength to share your love.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself sharing in way that is hard for you.

Mission for the Week

Give of your time this week to help someone who needs it.

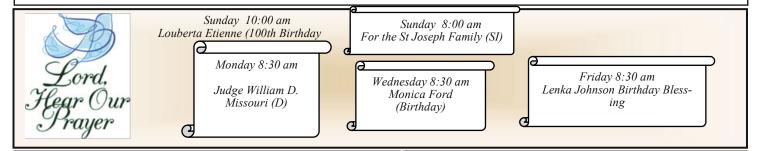
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Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Gerry Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Melody Atkinson, Randy Belt, Veronica Blakeney, Rachel Brewer, Eleanor Brooks, Maxine Brown, Virginia Brust, , 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, 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, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Joseph Jennifer, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Mark Sr/ Mark 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, Danielle Miller, 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,

And the Recently Deceased: Andrew Dyer and Agnes Tolson, Esther Buchanan

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



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"A love of suffering does not come naturally to us as humans. We have no instinct to throw our arms around a rough and heavy cross — no, we shy away from it. But as adopted children of God, crafted lovingly in His image, our inheritance is the

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

<u>First Reading</u> The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the loneliness and ridicule he endures for answering his prophetic call. Who do you turn to in times of personal sadness and distress?

Second Reading Paul challenges us not to be conformed to the present world "but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." What can you do this week to grow in your thinking as someone who believes in Jesus?

<u>Gospel Reading</u> Peter is resistant to Jesus's revelation that as the Messiah, he is destined to suffer and die before rising. How do you react to news difficult to hear?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question: What are the names of the three persons of the Holy Trinity?

Answer: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Church Teaching About suicide

Question: What does the Church say about suicide?

Answer:

Unfortunately, despite the Church's clear teachings in resources like the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, there are still many people who are confused about what the Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide.

While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional, and even physical illness — as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse — can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults reflects, "Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can "diminish the responsibility of one committing suicide" (pg. 293).

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CLASSES STARTING SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

TO REGISTER, CLICK LINK OR OR CODE:

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For more information contact the Parish Office

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Do you or do you have a friend or a family member who wants to know more about the Catholic faith? Did you or any family member or friend miss receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or

First Communion? Are you searching for a greater knowledge and appreciation of your faith? RCIA is the program through which the Church welcomes, educates, and equips those persons seeking full communion in the Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Initiation, namely, Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. If you are interested in becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church please consider the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process. All are welcome to attend our "Inquirers" class!

Starting Sunday September 10th
We meet every Sunday at the 12:00 pm Mass
and virtually every Monday from 7:00-8:00 pm.

For more information contact: Deacon Stephen Nash <u>snash@stjosephlargo.org</u>

To register click the link or QR code:

https://forms.gle/NVmMs4tAsfeNcDg67



ST JOSEPH MINISTRY FAIR

September 9th and 10th

St. Joseph will host a Ministry Fair in the Rosemont Room after each Mass.

Representatives from various church ministries and organizations will be available

to offer information about their ministry and /or organization.

Parishioners will have the opportunity to learn, ask questions, and sign up to join new ministries.



The KC Ladies Auxiliary organization

is sponsoring a Brick Fundraising Project to benefit the Church and the KC Ladies Auxiliary.

Personalized Bricks will be installed in the Church's outdoor front courtyard. Brick order forms are in the Church foyer or you can order online at www.fundraisingbrick.com/sjcclargo/

For more information, please contact Robin Davis at columbiarobin@yahoo.com or

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