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Sunday September 10, 2023 ~ The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"If your brother or sister listens to you, you have won them over."

I remember the song, "He ain't heavy, he's my brother." That song was originally written by Bobby Scott and Bob Russell; recorded by Kelly Gordon in 1969 and then made popular by the Hollies the same year. Some of the lyrics of the song say "I'm strong enough to carry him, so on we go. His welfare is of my concern; no burden is he to bear. He ain't heavy, he's my brother."

That song says a lot about caring for each other, just as Jesus tells His disciples in today's Gospel. He calls us have the strength to carry each other, because "He ain't heavy, he's my brother." How important is it to have that strength? In our Old Testament reading from the Prophet Ezekiel, the Lord says, "If I tell the wicked man that he shall surely die, and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked man from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death."

As true friends, we would not let our brothers and sisters do wrong without trying to persuade them to do what is right. But what if they do continue to do wrong? Our Lord gives us the steps to follow, go to him in private; if that does not work, bring someone else to help. If that is to no avail, go to the Church and finally, realize that you have done all that you can. Why does our Lord give these action steps to His disciples?

Jesus is insisting that all His followers, especially His ordained ministers, have the same selfless and determined attitude that He has, to save every lost soul. We are called to live as Christ lived. We are called to do as He did, to give ourselves to each other in true friendship, to help each other come to Christ.

- 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

<u>\$ N/A September 3, 20</u>23

Our average weekly parish expenses for July 2023 - \$15,559.60

Our Offertory last week was N/A % of Expenses

Faith Direct: July 2023 - \$29,903.07

Last Week's Attendance Total: Sunday Masses - 659



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 10, 2023
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
GRANDPARENTS' DAY

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

10:00 am Mass Live Streamed

Monday September 11, 2023

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday September 12, 2023
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday September 13, 2023 St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday September 14, 2023
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday September 15, 2023
Our Lady of Sorrows

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Exposition / Adoration
Immediately following Morning Mass

Benediction - 10:00 am

Saturday September 16, 2023
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,
BISHOP, MARTYRS

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

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
Sunday September 17, 2023
THE TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday September 10

- SJCC Gospel Choir (CL2) 9:00 am
- SJCAF African and Friends Choir Practice (CL2) 10:00 am
- St Joseph Ladies Auxiliary No. 141 Knights of St John Intl (CL 2) 11:30 am
- RCIA Class (CLR 1) 12:00 pm
- St Joseph Ministry Fair (RR) After All Masses

Monday September 11

- **GSM Meeting** (RR) 6:00 pm
- RCIA Class (7Virtual)
 7:00 pm
 https://us02web.zoom.us/
 j/81533487037?
 pwd=YTRhbkg3Y1NCdlcvd
 2YwZERmcXhUUT09

Wednesday September 13

- Line Dancing (RR) 11:00 am
- Social Justice Social Concerns Meeting (CL1) 7:00

Thursday September 14

- 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#
- Cantor Rehearsal (CH) 5:30 pm
- SJCC Gospel Choir -November Concert Rehearsal (Cl2) 7:00 pm
- SJCAF-Charismatic Group (CL1) 7:00 pm

Saturday September 16

- Men's Ministry Meeting (CL2) 7:30 am
- Religious Ed Classes All Classrooms 10:00 am
- Sodality Meeting (CL1) 3:00 pm
- Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CL2) 3:30pm
- GSM Anniversary CH/RR 5:00 pm (TICKET REQUIRED)

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of September 10, 2023

<u>Sunday:</u> Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/ Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

<u>Monday:</u> Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

<u>Tuesday:</u> Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

<u>Wednesday:</u> Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

<u>Thursday:</u> Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

<u>Friday:</u> 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

<u>Saturday:</u> 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

<u>Next Sunday:</u> Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

For Our Young Parishioners

Sharing the Gospel

God created the whole universe, and God made you. When you mess up, God is there to save you. God doesn't want anyone to get hurt by sin. That's why he sent Jesus. He wants everyone to come to heaven, including you.

Prayer

God, thank you for saving me from my sins.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus helping you up, after you have fallen.

Mission for the Week

When you catch yourself doing something wrong, stop. Ask Jesus to help you.

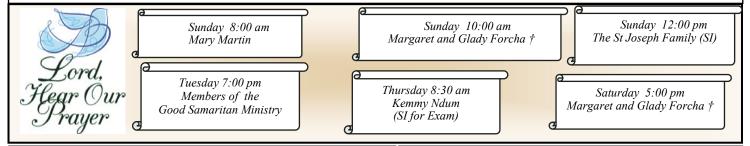
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Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

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 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:

Esther Buchanan, Andrew Dyer, Agnes Tolson
Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our personal relationship with Christ is important, yes — but thank God, that is not all there is to being a Christian. We depend upon the support, the encouragement, and even the correction of the rest of the Body of Christ.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

First Reading

The Lord teaches Ezekiel that he is personally responsible to be faithful to the prophetic words given to him. How could you show others that you take your faith seriously?

Second Reading

Paul taught that love (loving one's neighbor) is the fulfillment of the law God gave to Israel. What do you think is most challenging to this seemingly simple command to love one another?

Gospel Reading

Jesus taught his disciples to make every effort possible to be reconciled with someone who has wronged you. Is reconciliation a high priority for you?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

<u>Question:</u> How many books does the New Testament of the official Catholic Bible have?

Answer: (a) 32 (b) 29 (c) 27

SEE PAGE 5 FOR ANSWER

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Should a Catholic Pursue an Annulment?

Question:

After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

Answer:

Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. *Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.*

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 Today 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:

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Good and gracious God, you have given us the gift of children, who in turn give us the gift of grandchildren. Bless our children

and help them to be good parents to our grandchildren. Let the little children come to us with arms wide open. Help us to open our hearts

as wide as those little arms that wrap around our necks.

Protect them and their parents from worry and stress.

And give us as many days of life as possible
to hear those little voices cry, "Saba!"

We ask all this in Jesus' name who is your Son
and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

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