



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday September 17, 2023 ~ The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"I say to you, forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

As a parent, if your little child comes to you after spilling his or her drink and says, "I'm sorry," would you forgive your child? How many times could your little child come to you and say, "I'm sorry" before you say, "I do not forgive you."?

How many times would you forgive that child once the child is a teenager? How many times would you forgive that child once the child is an adult? What if this was your neighbor's child? When have we forgiven someone enough times?

Peter asks Jesus that very question, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus tells Peter, and us, how God gives His mercy of forgiveness, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Jesus does not mean that we do not have to forgive on the seventy-eighth time, but that we must always be ready to forgive when we are asked for forgiveness. Jesus never turns us away in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, regardless of the number of times we ask for forgiveness.

Forgiveness is showing the love Jesus calls us to have for each other. Jesus tells us how important our love for one another is in God's eyes: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

If we ever feel that another deserves "judgment" rather than forgiveness, we must remember that "judgment" is left to God. God will judge us as we judge another; however, God will also forgive us in the same measure that we forgive one another. The choice is ours to make.

– Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday
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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!

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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

\$ 13,929.00 September 10, 2023

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

*Our Offertory last week was 89.5 %
of Expenses*

Faith Direct: July 2023 - \$29,903.07

Last Week's Attendance Total:
Sunday Masses - 720

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

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

10:00 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED

Monday September 18, 2023

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday September 19, 2023
ST. JANUARIUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday September 20, 2023
**STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST,
AND PAUL CHÔNG HA-SANG AND
COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday September 21, 2023
ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday September 22, 2023

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Exposition / Adoration
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS

Benediction - 10:00 am

Saturday September 23, 2023
ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

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

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
Sunday September 24, 2023
**THE TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday September 17

- **SJCC Gospel Choir** (CL2) 9:00 am
- **SJCAF - African and Friends Choir Practice** (CL2) 10:00 am
- **RCIA Class** (CLR 1) 12:00 pm

Monday September 18

- **RCIA Class** (Virtual) 7:00 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81533487037?pwd=YTRhbkg3Y1NCdlcvd2YwZERmcXhUUT09>

Tuesday September 19

- **African and Friends Choir Rehearsal** (CL2) 7:00 pm

Wednesday September 20

- **Line Dancing** (RR) 11:00 am
- **Dr. Clark** - CL2 5:00 pm
- **Choir Rehearsal** (CH) 7:00 pm

Thursday September 21

- **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
- **KC Ladies** (CL3) 6:30 pm
- **SJCC Gospel Choir** - November Concert Rehearsal (CL2) 7:00 pm
- **SJCAF-Charismatic Group** (CL1) 7:00 pm
- **KC - Council Meeting** (RR) 7:00 pm
- **St Joseph Youth Ministry** (Virtual) 7:00 pm

Saturday September 23

- **Religious Ed Classes** - All Classrooms 10:00 am
- **Altar Server Training** (CLR 3 and CH) 3:00 pm
- **Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CL2) 3:30pm

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of September 17, 2023

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

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

For Our Young Parishioners

Sharing the Gospel

You sin, just like everybody else does. God forgives you even if your sin is very bad. God washes all of your sins away and treats you with kindness. The next time someone hurts your feelings, remember how God forgives you. Follow God's example.

Prayer

God, teach me to forgive other people the way you forgive me.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus dying on the cross for your sins

Mission for the Week

Name one person you are angry with. Pray to God. Ask God to help you let go of your anger and really forgive.

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:

Dorothy Shorter

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
Peter Methodius-Ngwodo
(Birthday Blessings)

Sunday 12:00 pm
Mrs. Jean-Marie Tcheffo †

Wednesday 8:30 am
James and Cecelia Hill †

Thursday 8:30 am
Aidan Miller
Happy 7th Birthday

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

First Reading

Sirach teaches that the Lord desires us to be forgiving and merciful to each other. In doing so, the Lord will show us mercy and forgiveness in return. To whom could you show mercy and forgiveness this week?

Second Reading

Paul instructed the Romans that Jesus was the Lord of all — both the living and the dead. How should this reality impact our daily living?

Gospel Reading

Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant to teach the disciples the importance of compassion and forgiveness, especially toward those who sin against you. How do you deal with friends or co-workers who have wronged you?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question: What is the name of the very first Catholic university in the United States?

Answer: (a) University of Notre Dame (b) Catholic University
(c) Georgetown University (d) Boston College

SEE PAGE 5 FOR ANSWER

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Psychics and Mediums

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.



Prayer for Catechists

*Dear Lord,
Anoint those who serve as catechists,
those who tell your story of determined love for your people.
Be with our catechists in their classrooms,
inspire the hearts of those in their care,
ignite a new generation disciples for you!
Amen.*

**NATIONAL MASS IN OBSERVANCE OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Many Catholic families have experienced
violence and abuse at home.

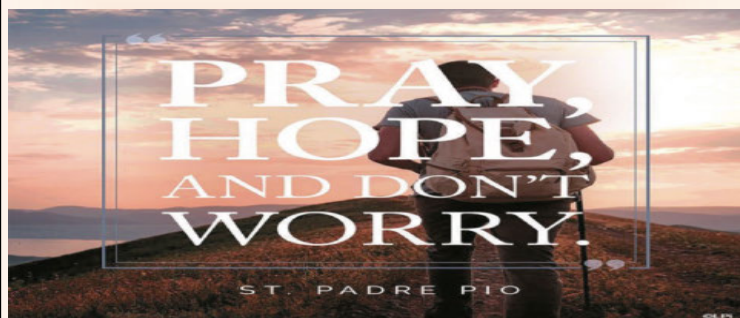
You are invited to participate in the
7th National Observance of "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"
at the Vigil Mass on October 7th at 4:30PM
at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

The Most Reverend Roy E. Campbell, Jr
Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.,
will be the presider and homilist.

EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL

Holy Family- Hillcrest Heights
2210 Callaway Street Hillcrest Heights, Maryland 20748
will host the 34th East of the River Revival
October 2nd - 4th
The Revivalist is Father Anthony Bozeman, SSJ
The theme is
"Hold on, Help Is on the Way".

Just a Thought...



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Question:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer:

The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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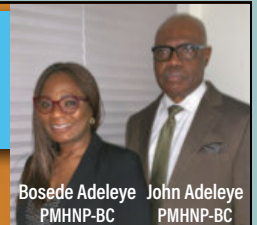
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