



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday October 15, 2023 ~ The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Tell those invited: 'Behold, I have prepared my banquet, come to the feast.'"

In today's Gospel parable, Jesus likens the kingdom of heaven to a king giving a wedding banquet for his son. The king is God. His home is the kingdom of heaven. He invited His chosen guests, the people of Israel, to enter and join in His feast. The feast celebrates the marriage and salvation of God and man through His Son's incarnation, suffering, death, and resurrection.

When the invited guests ignored the King's invitation, He invited anyone around to come to His feast. These are the people of the New Covenant, who would become the Church, the Body of Christ. However, even these "new" guests who accepted the King's invitation each had to be properly dressed to attend such a sumptuous banquet.

In the kingdom of heaven, the proper dress for any invited guest is a pure, sinless soul. A spotless soul is the only acceptable garment for an invited guest to wear in the presence of the King of heaven.

For us, the meaning is the same. Each of us has received our invitation to the kingdom of heaven through our Baptism. However, to stay in the kingdom, we must dress our souls properly. Our souls, cleansed through Baptism, must be dressed properly by living the new Commandment of Love — for God and for each other.

Our wedding garment is composed of repentance and the good deeds that our Lord commands us to live as members of His Kingdom, the Body of Christ. We cannot live by just the letter of the law, but by the spirit of the law. If we do not, we will not remain in the kingdom of heaven, just as the guest, without the proper wedding attire, was thrown out into the cold.

Our place in the kingdom of God is earned with good deeds that help others, not with simply good intentions that we never put into action.

– 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
Benediction 6:45 pm
Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Weekly on Friday
Exposition / Adoration after 8:30 am Mass
Benediction 9:30 am

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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!

Welcome and May God Bless you and your family.

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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.

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ N/A October 8, 2023

Our average weekly parish expenses for
August 2023 - \$16,541.00

Our Offertory last week was N/A %
of Expenses

Faith Direct: August 2023 - \$22,839.92

Last Week's Attendance Total:
Sunday Masses - 799

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office on Monday by 12:00 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 parish office (301-773-4838) to schedule a visit. Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday October 15, 2023
TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:00 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED

Monday October 16, 2023

**ST. HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS;
ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday October 17, 2023

**ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH,
BISHOP AND MARTYR**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Wednesday October 18, 2023

ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday October 19, 2023

**STS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND
ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND
COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday October 20, 2023

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS
Benediction - 9:30 am

Saturday October 21, 2023

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

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday October 15

- **Sodality** - Rosary before all Masses (CH)
- **SJCC Gospel Choir** (CL2) 9:00 am
- **SJCAF - Choir Practice** (CL2) 10:30 am
- **RCIA Class** (CLR 1) 12:00 pm
- **Knights Sunday** (CH) 12:00 Mass

Monday October 16

- **RCIA Class** (Virtual) 7:00 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81533487037?pwd=YTRhbkg3Y1NCdldv2YwZERmcXhUUT09>

Tuesday October 17

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

Thursday October 19

- **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
- **KC - Council Meeting** (RR) 7:00 pm
- **SVDP Meeting** (CLR 3) 7:00 pm

Friday October 20

- **Funeral Mass - Ms. Carolyn Richardson** 11:00 am

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH
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Daily Readings for the Week

Week of October 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/ Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/I Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

For Our Young Parishioners

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine your father invited 200 children and adults to your birthday party. He sent a limousine to pick them up, but they would not come. They tore up the car and beat up the driver. So your father sent a bus to the nearest children's home and homeless shelter. The bus took everyone to the party. Each person had a great time. How we act on earth gets us ready to go to God's party in heaven.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, help me to be ready for the big party in heaven.

Something to Draw

Draw everyone having a fun eating and playing at your birthday party.

Mission for the Week

Every day I will say, "Here I am, Lord. How may I help you?"

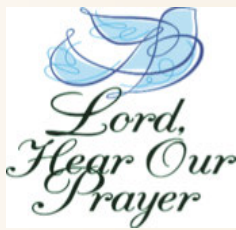
Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

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, Alberta Christian, Angela Clark, Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, Gregory Eades, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Mary E. Fletcher, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Gina Geron, James Gant, Regina Gary, Maureen Gramby, Agnes Grayson, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Mable Helm, 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, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Virginette Scott, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Madeline Stillwell, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Lamont Wade, William "Billy" Tolbert, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Nicholas Walter, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn Michael Younger,

And the Recently Deceased:

Carolyn Richardson

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



Sunday 8:00 am
Mr. Jean-Marie Tcheffo †

Sunday 10:00
The St Joseph Family (SI)

Sunday 12:00 pm
Esong Family (SI)

Monday 8:30 am
Victor D. Ruiz †

Wednesday 8:30 am
Adaora Nduim
(Birthday Blessings)

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The goodness and mercy of God are gifts He wants to share with each one of us, but we have to be ready to receive them. Let's be prepared for whatever the Lord will ask of us this week.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. ***What gives you hope for the future?***

Second Reading

Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. ***How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?***

Gospel Reading

Jesus's parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God's invitation to answer His call. ***How do you stay open to God's presence in your life?***

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question:

Which clergymen are called by the ecclesiastical title "His Holiness"?

Answer:

(a) Popes (b) Bishops (c) Archbishops (d) Cardinals

SEE PAGE 5 FOR ANSWER

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Is it Right to Sue?

Question:

Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer:

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

The Month of October is...

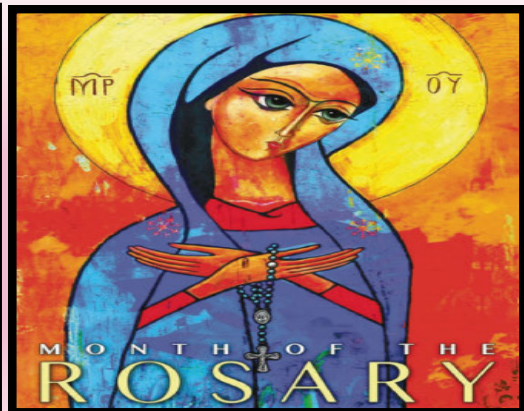


NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

It Shouldn't Hurt at Home. The Catholic community cares about families experiencing violence and unhealthy relationships. Visit www.CatholicsforFamilyPeace.org to learn more about this issue, how to help, who to call, and the rich Catholic teaching that supports survivors.

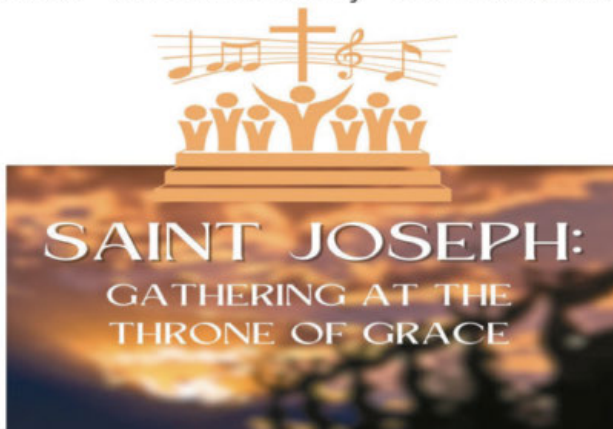
Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233

To learn more about domestic violence visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace



The Rosary will be prayed before all Sunday and weekday Masses during the month of October

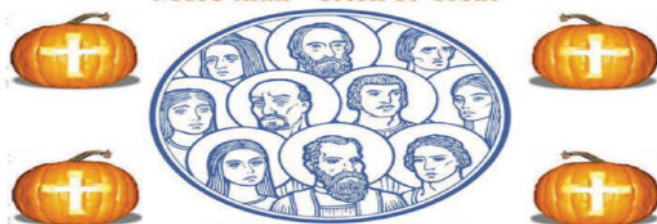
The Saint Joseph Gospel Choir's 53rd Anniversary Celebration



November 5, 2023 | 5:00 pm

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Saturday, 28th October

Mass: 5 pm, Party: 6:30 - 8:30

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James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 - Knights of Columbus

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Saturday October 21

- Religious Ed Classes (CH, RR, All Classrooms) 10:00 am
- SVDP - Food Distribution (WW) **RESERVATION REQUIRED**
- Altar Server Training (CLR 3 and CH) 3:00 pm
- Sodality Meeting (CL1) 3:00 pm
- Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CL2) 3:30pm

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (a) Popes only

SAINT JOSEPH COMMUNITY OF AFRICANS & FRIENDS (SJCAF)

PRESENTS **2023 Harvest**

8th THANKSGIVING MASS & 8th YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
THEME: "How can I repay the Lord for His goodness to me?"
PSALM 116: 12

Sun. November 26th 12.00pm Mass

KEYNOTE SPEECH

COME JOIN US, BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES!
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CELEBRATION & RECEPTION AFTER MASS IN THE ROSEMONT ROOM

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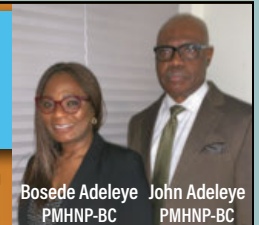
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