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Sunday October 29, 2023 ~ The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself."

The Sadducees had just approached Jesus, telling Him that they did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. Jesus answered them saying "Have you not read what was said to you by God, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but the living." Yet, despite Jesus' answers that they could not argue with, the Sadducees and the Pharisees continued to constantly try to discredit Him in public.

This time, they wanted to discredit Jesus over which of the more than 600 religious laws, which they created, was the most important. They were trying to again place Jesus in a position where His answer would anger one faction over the other, as they tried in last week's Gospel about the validity of the Census Tax.

When asked which commandment is the greatest, Jesus tells them, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." In the time of Jesus, the heart was associated with the mind or will; the soul was associated with life. What is meant here is that the love of God must be comprised of a total response without distraction or competition.

Then Jesus immediately added the second great commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." We see that these two commandments are inseparable. How can we love God, whom we have never seen, if we cannot love our neighbors, who we often see?

God created each of us in His image and likeness. Therefore, each of us is meant to resemble God; just as each child in a family resembles their parents. Jesus is telling the Pharisees and Sadducees, and us, that we are more than neighbors to each other. Each of us is God's child; therefore, we truly are sisters and brothers to each other. We are called to love each other the way we are called to love God, selflessly and completely.

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 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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- Welcome =

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.

PARISH TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Please use your offertory envelopes, and 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 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 \$\frac{\$10.00 CASH}{20.00 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

\$ 15,343.00 October 22, 2023

Our average weekly parish expenses for September 2023 - \$16,422.64

Our Offertory last week was 93.4 % of Expenses

Faith Direct: September 2023 - \$23,089.92

<u>Last Week's Attendance Total:</u> Sunday Masses - 695

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> for the <u>NEXT</u> bulletin are due in the Church Office on Monday by 12:00 noon. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday morning.

<u>Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.</u>

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

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St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday October 29, 2023

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Masses

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

10:00 am Mass Live Streamed

Monday October 30, 2023

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday October 31, 2023
ALL HALLOW'S EVE

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Wednesday November 1, 2023 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Noon Mass - 12:00 pm

Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Thursday November 2, 2023

ALL SOULS' DAY

Daily Mass - 8:30 am Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

First Friday November 3, 2023

Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS
Benediction - 6:00 pm

First Saturday November 4, 2023 St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Mass 8:00 am

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

Remembrance Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday October 29

- 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

Monday October 30

- RCIA Class (Virtual)
 7:00 pm
 https://us02web.zoom.us/
 j/81533487037?
 pwd=YTRhbkg3Y1NCdlcvd2
 YwZERmcXhUUT09
- Harold Sanders Color Corps (CL1) 1:00 pm

Tuesday October 25

- African and Friends Choir Rehearsal (CL2) 7:00 pm
- KofC DD Mgt (CL1) 7:00 pm

Thursday November 2

- 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
- SJCAF-Charismatic Group (CL1) 7:00 pm
- KofC Officers Planning Meeting (RR) (RR) 7:00 pm
- **SVDP Meeting (**CLR 3) 7:00 pm

Friday November 3

• SJCAF - Dance Rehearsal for Thanksgiving Harvest Mass (CL1) 5:00 pm

Saturday November 4

- Religious Ed Classes -CANCELLED
- Deacons Conference/ Convocation (RR/CH) 9:00 am
- Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CL2) 3:30pm)

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of October 29, 2023

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

<u>Tuesday:</u> Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

<u>Friday:</u> Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

<u>Saturday:</u> Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

<u>Next Sunday:</u> Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

For Our Young Parishioners

Sharing the Gospel

When you have a choice to make, think about what God wants. Make sure your choices are good and that they help other people. When you follow God's example, you will be ready to love other people. With God's help you can be gentle, forgiving and kind.

Prayer

God, help me to love you and other people more and more every day.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself praying to God for someone who hurt your feelings.

Mission for the Week

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.

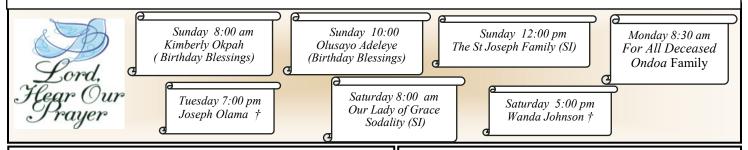
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Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

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, Alberta Christian, Angela Clark, Connie 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, William "Billy" Tolbert, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Nicholas Walter, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn Michael Younger,

And the Recently Deceased:

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

God became human to show us that only love can change the world. Let's not just believe in that love — let's be that love, each and every day.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

First Reading

We hear today some of the laws that Moses received from God on Mount Sinai. Namely, God's expectation that we show compassion for those most vulnerable in society.

How could you show care for those in need this week?

Second Reading

Paul praised the Thessalonians for being role models of the faith for the surrounding regions of Achaia and Macedonia.

How do you model your faith to family and friends?

Gospel Reading

For Jesus, love of God and love of neighbor and self are the most important commandments.

Which of these commandments do you do best?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question:

What's the official name for the Dominican Order?

Answer.

- (a) The Order of Preachers
- (b) The Order of Priests
- (c) The Order of Deacons
- (d) The Order of Bishops

SEE PAGE 5 FOR ANSWER

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Sacramental Seal

Question:

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

<u> Answer:</u>

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.

The Month of October is...



NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

When a person discloses domestic violence

Remember:

- · Never counsel a victim and abuser together.
- · Never go to the scene of an incident in progress.
- Assist the person to get medical, legal or social services.
- Listen. She/he needs the affirmation of listening.
- Allow the person to make their own decisions.
- Be cautious about giving advice.
- · Be patient: the first disclosure may be confused or partial.
- Look for and appreciate the inner strength of each person.

What you can say:

I believe you.

You are not alone

You have good reason to be afraid. What do you see as the next step? What can we do to help you right now?

Do not say:

This is God's will. We all have burdens. You must forgive and take your partner back.

If there is an immediate threat of violence call 9-1-1!

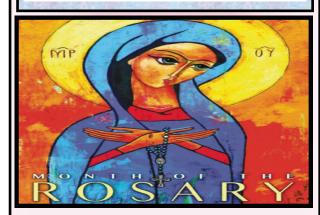
If the violence occurred in the past, ask the individual if the police have been called, if she/he would like to contact police or file for a protective order. If the person doesn't want to contact the police or obtain a protective order, respect that choice. Survivors know their situation best.

Assess safety

Many people suffer psychological, emotional, and economic abuse and need counseling and support. Individuals living with intimate partner abuse may not realize that some situations are very dangerous. Guns, threats of murder or suicide, a recent or planned separation indicate high risk for lethal violence. Connect her/him to:

The National Domestic Violence hotline: 1 (800) 799-SAFE (7233)





The Rosary will be prayed before all Sunday and weekday Masses through October 31st.



Prayer for Our Deceased

Dear Lord,
Comfort us in our grief as we mourn
those no longer with us on earth.
Free those in purgatory quickly,
and guide us in Your will,
so that one day we may all be united
with You, for eternity.
Amen.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (a) The Order of Preachers

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