

St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday November 12, 2023 ~ The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Behold, the bridegroom! Com out to meet him."

The Boy Scouts live by the motto, "be prepared," since their founding in 1907. Jesus tells His disciples, and us, the same thing in our Gospel parable.

Ten virgins went to meet the bridegroom but did not know exactly when to expect his return home. The virgins had lamps to accompany the bridegroom into his home. Five of them brought extra oil for their lamps, to "be prepared" for whenever the bridegroom returns; five of the virgins had only the oil that was in their lamps.

The bridegroom arrived unexpectedly and the five prepared virgins, with the extra oil, could light their lamps and accompany the bridegroom inside. The five foolish virgins who had no oil left to light their lamps asked the other virgins for some of theirs. The prepared virgins had only enough for themselves. When the foolish virgins returned from getting more oil, the doors to the bridegroom's home were closed and they were locked out.

The prepared virgins are likened to those who prepare for the "Parousia," the second coming of Jesus, by doing good works. The foolish virgins are likened to those who do nothing to prepare for the "Parousia." When Jesus returns, it will be too late for those who do nothing to "make up" for their lack of good deeds.

We are called to listen to this parable and learn from it. We should adopt the motto of the Boy Scouts and always "be prepared." We prepare for whenever Jesus calls us to accompany Him to His heavenly home by the good deeds we do in helping others, whenever we can. We cannot afford to wait to do good, since we do not know when Jesus will call us to eternal life; however, we can always pray for others, even those whom we do not know. That is a good deed we can always do.

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 \$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

\$ 22,850.05 November 05, 2023

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

Our Offertory last week was 139.1 % of Expenses

Faith Direct: September 2023 - \$23,089.92

<u>Last Week's Attendance Total:</u> All Saints Day - 166 All Souls Day - 63 Sunday Masses - 781

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 November 12, 2023
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses

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

10:00 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED

Monday November 13, 2023
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday November 14, 2023

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Wednesday November 15, 2023
St. Albert the Great,
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday November 16, 2023
St. Margaret of Scotland;
St. Gertrude, Virgin

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday November 17, 2023
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS
Benediction - 10:00 am

Saturday November 18, 2023
THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS
OF STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES;
ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, VIRGIN

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

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday November 12

- SJCC Gospel Choir (CLR2) 9:00 am
- St Joseph Ladies Auxiliary No. 141 Knights of St John Intl (CLR 2) 11:15 am
- RCIA Class (CLR 1) 12:00 pm

Monday November 13

• RCIA Class (Virtual)
7:00 pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/81533487037?
pwd=YTRhbkg3Y1NCdlevd2
YwZERmcXhUUT09

Tuesday November 14

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

Wednesday November 15

• Line Dancing (RR) 11:30 am

Thursday November 16

- SVDP Thanksgiving Pack Bags (RR) 10:00 am
- 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 (CLR1) 7:00 pm
- KofC Council Meeting (RR) 7:00 pm

Friday November 17

• SJCAF - Dance Rehearsal for Thanksgiving Harvest Mass (CLR1) 5:00 pm

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Prayer

Lord, You alone are the Center in which I find rest. Give me Your arm to support me, Your shoulders to carry me, Your breast to lean upon, Your Cross to uphold me, Your Body to nourish me. In You, Lord, I sleep and rest in peace.

Amen.

-Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of November 12, 2023

<u>Sunday:</u> Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

<u>Monday:</u> Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9 -10/Lk 17:1-6

<u>Tuesday:</u> Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, <u>18-19/Lk 17:7-10</u>

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

<u>Thursday:</u> Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

<u>Friday:</u> Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

<u>Saturday:</u> Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

<u>Next Sunday:</u> Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

For Our Young Parishioners

Sharing the Gospel

Make sure your heart is ready for Jesus. One day Jesus will come back. If your heart is empty and dark - without love - you will be left out. But if your heart is filled with God's love for other people, Jesus will bring you into heaven with him forever.

Prayer

God, fill my heart with your love. I want to be ready for Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself helping your parents set the table because you love Jesus.

Mission for the Week

As a family, go through your closets and drawers. Take out all the clothes you don't wear anymore. Then donate them to charity.

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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, Lawrence Hill, 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, Gwen Sutton, 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 knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through. If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

First Reading

Wisdom is presented as a virtue seeking to be found. How might you search for wisdom this week?

Second Reading

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be comforted in the belief that believers will be raised from the dead and live eternally with the Lord Jesus

What family members, friends, or co-workers need to hear these words of comfort?

Gospel Reading

In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus is teaching about the importance of being prepared for his Second Coming.

In what ways is this directive from Jesus a challenge for you?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

- DID YOU KNOW?

Question:

What is an official member of a church community or parish called?

Answer.

- (a) A member (b) A parishioner (c) The churchgoer
- (d) The flock

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Church Collections

Question:

Where does the money go that is collected each week at Church?

Answer:

This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there are schools to support, programs to run, charities to be funded, and operational expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music books, vestments, and so on. In some cases, cemeteries and other buildings need attention. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.

Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management, and good stewardship is the basis for successful programs.

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BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH OUR BLACK CATHOLIC SAINTS Steps to Sainthood Series

Making of a Saint

Compiled by Msgr. Robert J. Sarno, Congregation for the Causes of

SERVANT OF GOD:

The official process of canonization, called a Cause, does not begin until five years after the death of the candidate. This period of time permits the Church to verify whether the candidate enjoys a true and widespread reputation of holiness and of intercessory prayer. When a Cause is officially begun the candidate receives the title "Servant of God".

The first stage of the process begins with the official opening of the Cause by the Bishop of the Diocese where the Servant of God died, and the appointment of a Postulator, to assist in its promotion. The Bishop then nominates various Officials for a Tribunal, to gather all the evidence for and against the Canonization. Two theologians examine the Servant of God's writings to make sure that there is nothing in them contrary to the Faith and Moral teaching of the Church. Afterwards they proceed to taking the testimony of witnesses who knew well the candidate.

VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD:

The second step toward canonization starts when all the evidence is studied by the Congregation for Causes of Saints in Rome. If the evidence reveals true holiness exercised by the Servant of God, the Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation informs the Pope that the Servant of God either was a true Martyr or has lived a life of extraordinary and heroic virtue. The Pope then orders the Congregation to issue the Decree either of Martyrdom or of Heroic Virtue, and the Servant of God is given the title "Venerable". This means that the Servant of God either died as a true Martyr for Christ or led a life of heroic virtue and, is worthy of imitation by the Faithful.

Next week - The Steps: Blessed and Saint

<u>COMMEMORATION</u> OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

A table has been set up in the Welcome area to remember and pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and friends. Please bring a small photo (no larger than 4x6) of your loved one to display on the table. Your photo will be returned at the end of November. Note your name and telephone number on the back of the photo. Contact the office if you have any questions.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3 Saturday November 18

- Religious Ed Classes (CH, RR, All Classrooms) 10:00 am
- Altar Server Training (CLR 3 and CH) 3:00 PM
- Sodality Meeting (RR) 3:00 pm
- Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR2) 3:30 pm

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (b) A parishioner

Project Warmth 2023

Greetings St. Joseph Family,

The Good Samaritians Ministry is asking for your help in bringing warmth to needy children in local elementary schools. Items may be brought in from Nov 11-Dec 10. We accept NEW:



- + Coats
- + Hats
- + Gloves
- + Scarfs
- + Socks

Please place donated items in the large box in the foyer.

Monetary donations can be placed in the small collection
box with checks made out to "Good SamaritansMinistry"
with a notation for Project Warmth Drive."

BETHLEHEM WOOD CARVING - Our friend Louie from the Holy Land is visiting our parish this weekend, on behalf of the Catholic Christian family of the Holy Land. For centuries, the Catholic Christian of Bethlehem district have earned a living by carving olive wood religious art. Please stop by the Rosemont Room after Mass to see and purchase carvings.



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