

# St Joseph Catholic Church

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## Sunday November 26, 2023 ~ The Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"The Son of Man, sitting on His throne, will separate them one from another."

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus tells us what it will be like when it is ALL OVER for every man, woman, and child – at the end of time – at the LAST JUDGMENT. The Jews, at Yom Kippur, the "Day of Atonement," would send a goat out, letting it "escape" into the dessert, symbolically caring all the people's sins with it. We refer to that animal today, as a "scape goat," since it escaped, taking all their sins with it.

At the Last Judgment, Jesus Christ, the King of kings, who has destroyed even death, itself, will raise our mortal bodies into immortality. He will separate the sheep, those who lived as Jesus commanded, from the goats, those who have carried grave, or deadly, sin into eternal life, because they ignored Jesus' commandments of love and charity.

The sheep cared for the hungry, thirsty, naked, lonely, imprisoned, and sick, by attending to their needs. Jesus tells them that whatever they did for anyone in distress, they did it for Him. The sheep are surprised because they only did what they believed they were supposed to do. Jesus will take His sheep to Himself, to share in His eternal joy.

The goats are those who have tried to "escape" with their sins, which are now separated from the sheep. They did not care for the needs of those in distress; therefore, they did not care for our Lord. They will be condemned to everlasting torment.

Jesus commands everyone to treat and care for each other with dignity and compassion, especially those "least of His brethren" that are in any kind of distress. Are we getting Jesus' message about how we are to live our lives? Jesus calls us to live our lives in the Love of God by our Love of our neighbor!

That call to love our neighbor needs to be echoed throughout today's world. When we answer Jesus' call to love Him by loving each other, we will be the sheep awaiting the LAST JUDGMENT, the coming of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.

#### - 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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## Quelcome =

#### 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 November 19, 2023

Our average weekly parish expenses for October 2023 - \$15,234.93

Our Offertory last week was N/A% of Expenses

Faith Direct: October 2023 - \$24,729.75

<u>Last Week's Attendance Total:</u> Sunday Masses - 752

#### **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.

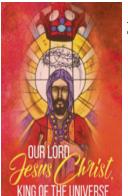
<u>Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.</u>

#### 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

## St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

#### Masses / Observances and Church Activities



<u>Sunday</u> November 26, 2023

THIRTY- FOURTH AND LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:00 am Mass Live Streamed

Monday November 27, 2023 Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday November 28, 2023 Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Wednesday November 29, 2023 Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday November 30, 2023 ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

First Friday December 1, 2023 Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Exposition / Adoration IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS Benediction - 6:00 pm

First Saturday December 2, 2023 Saturday Mass - 8:30 am

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

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday November 26

- SJCC Gospel Choir (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- SJCAF African and **Friends Choir Practice** (CLR 2) 10:30 am
- RCIA Class (CLR 1) 12:00 pm

Monday November 27

**RCIA Class** (Virtual) 7:00 pm https://uso2web.zoom.us/ j/81533487037? pwd=YTRhbkg3Y1NCdlcvd

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Tuesday November 28

**African and Friends** Choir Rehearsal (CLR 2) 7:00 pm

Wednesday November 29

Line Dancing (RR) 11:30

Thursday November 30

- 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 (CLR 1) 7:00 pm

Saturday December 1

- **Religious Ed Classes** (CH. RR. All Classrooms) 10:00 am
- **Arts and Environment** (CH) 12:30 pm
- **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

#### Daily Readings for the Week

Week of November 19, 2023

**Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23 -28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

<u>Saturday:</u>Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

# For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

A man heard that God was coming to see him the next day. He was eager to see God face to face. First he gave milk to a woman traveler and her baby. Then he plowed his sick neighbor's fields and planted his corn. That night, a note was on his pillow. It said, "You gave me milk, plowed my fields, and planted my seeds. What you did for these people, vou did for me.'

God, I want to see your face in others.

#### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a man giving a jug of milk to a woman and her baby.

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will look for God in every man, woman, and child I meet.

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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, Roger Brooks, Maxine Brown, Virginia Brust, , Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, 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 is always closer to us than we suspect. He is in every need we encounter and every person we meet. *Never stop seeking His face.* 

#### **OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION**

#### FIRST READING

Ezekiel offers a beautiful vision to the Israelites held captive in Babylon of God as a shepherd tending carefully to the sheep in his flock who are lost, injured, or sick. Who do you know needs to hear this message of hope?

#### SECOND READING

Paul teaches the Corinthians how believers are destined to share in resurrected life with our Lord Jesus Christ. What do you imagine resurrected life with Christ will look like?

#### GOSPEL READING

The final Gospel reading of the Liturgical Year focuses on Judgement Day. All will be measured by how we treated those on the margins of society. *What could you do this week to help the poor or the stranger or those in prison?* 

#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

**Question:** What is the name used for a Mass where two priests celebrate together?

#### Answer:

(a) A concelebrated Mass (b) A vigil Mass (c) A high Mass (d) A pontifical Mass

Answer on Page 5

#### WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

PATRON SAINTS

#### Question:

Why are some saints honored as "patron saints"?

#### Answer:

Each person is unique and each of us has different gifts, interests, talents, and, yes, even struggles and areas where we need to grow. This is no less true of those holy women, men, and children who have been canonized or beatified.

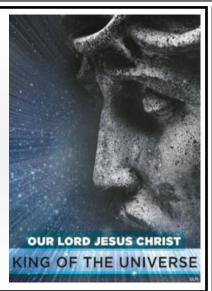
Because we believe that the saints and blessed are both models of faith and intercessors, Christians have looked to certain holy people as role models and heavenly protectors for occupations, spiritual charisms, and even places. Although the Church sometimes names a person as a patron saint (e.g. Saint Philip Neri as the patron of Rome, Saint Clare of Assisi as the patroness of television, or Saint Aloysius Gonzaga as the patron of youth and young adults), more often it is popular devotion that inspires lay Christians to turn to a particular saint or blessed for heavenly help and support. This is how, for example, Saint Cecilia came to be honored as the patroness of musicians, Saint Toribio Romo as patron of migrants coming into the United States, and Saint Gertrude of Nivelles as patroness of cat lovers. Although there are official and unofficial lists of patron saints, we should always feel free to ask any and all the saints to give us their patronage and protection in whatever it is that we need.

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#### PRAYER FOR CHRIST THE KING

Dear Lord, may your name be praised and blessed forever, you who are our shield and comfort! May your kingdom come!

Amen.



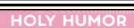
#### ST JOSEPH GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT REFUNDS

Representatives from the St. Joseph Gospel Choir will be available at the church to accept <u>refund request</u> on the following days:

Monday November 27th thru Wednesday November 29th 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Classroom 1

All supporters who would like a refund, must return their concert ticket (s), and complete a refund request form. Your patrons and ad donations will also be refunded. *Refund checks will be mailed directly from the church.* The copy of the refund request form will be your receipt as well as the refund check.

Thank you for your support President of the SJGC Thelma Lucas



"What kind of bird is most likely to be in church?"



"A cardinal"



In nature, a cardinal is a bird with red feathers and a pointed cap, but the term actually was inspired by Catholic cardinals and their red clothes (inspired by the blood of Jesus).

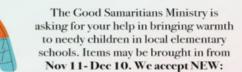
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#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (a) A concelebrated Mass

## Project Warmth 2023

Greetings St. Joseph Family,





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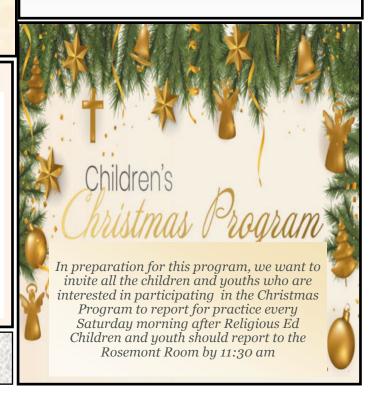
Please place donated items in the large box in the foyer. Monetary donations can be placed in the small collection box with checks made out to "Good SamaritansMinistry" with a notation for "Project Warmth Drive."



"The Saint Joseph's Youth Ministry will sponsor a "POP-UP" fundraiser offering Krispy Kreme donuts over the next 2 weekends December 2-3 and December 9-10. You can buy 1,2 or more...

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