

St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday January 14, 2024 ~ The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"They saw where he was staying and they stayed with him."

Do you remember the TV sitcom, "Happy Days"? When the "Fonz" came into a room, everyone took notice. Everyone wanted to hear what he might say. Everyone watched his every move. Everyone wanted to follow him if he told them that it was O.K. Who was the "Fonz" biggest fan? Who could single him out and tell the others how they should approach him and speak to him? Richie Cunningham. Well, if we use this analogy, John the Baptist is to Jesus as Richie Cunningham is to the "Fonz."

What then, was it about Jesus that made Andrew and the other disciple leave John the Baptist and go follow Jesus? It was what John the Baptist said to them, "Behold, the Lamb of God." With that statement, his disciples realized that Jesus was the same one who John had baptized, and the Holy Spirit descended upon, and God spoke of as His Beloved Son – "listen to Him." John's disciples knew that to be able to listen to Jesus, they had to be with Him, to follow Him, and that is just what they did.

Those disciples followed the One who spoke with the authority of God. They wanted to know Him personally and they wanted to tell others whom they knew, who they had found. So personal and intimate would Jesus' new Apostles' relationship be with Him that He not only called them by name, but renamed Simon to Peter, to better tell the role he would be given in Jesus' ministry.

This is the same relationship that we entered into with Jesus at our baptisms. Not only are we baptized into Christ, but each of us is given our name, the name that Jesus calls us by, and the name that He uses to give us our roles, as His disciples, in His ministry.

That is what we can learn from today's readings. Each reading tells us about being called by God. We are never called for our own sake, but for the sake of others. Israel was called by God for the benefit of the godless around it. God calls all Christians for the sake of the world in which we live. To be called does not require perfection on our part, only faith and sincere listening, and being open to hearing God's call.

– 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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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 and Facebook God has given you aifts 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 Oragnizations 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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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 is 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.

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

\$14,798.78 January 7,2024

Our average weekly parish expenses for November 2023 - \$15,504.99

> Our Offertory last week was % 95.4 of Expenses

Faith Direct: November 2023 - \$23,614.44

Last Week's Attendance Total: Sunday Masses - 612

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.

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 January 14, 2024 THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:00 am Mass Live Streamed

Monday January 15, 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Mass - 8:30 am

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday January 16, 2024 Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday January 17, 2024 St. Anthony, Abbot Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday January 18, 2024
Daily Mass - 8:30 AM

Friday January 19, 2024 Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Saturday January 20, 2024
St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
St. Sebastian, Martyr

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

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
Third Sunday in Ordinary time

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday January 14

- SJCC Gospel Choir (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- SJCAF African and Friends Choir Practice (CLR 2) 10:30 am
- St Joseph Ladies
 Auxiliary No. 141
 Knights of St John Intl
 (CL 2) 11:30 am
- RCIA Class (CLR 1) 12:00 pm
- Youth Ministry Meeting (RR-A) 1:30 pm

Monday January 15

RCIA Class
(Virtual) 7:00 pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/
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Wednesday January 17

• Line Dancing (RR) 11:30 am

Thursday January 18

- 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 (CLR 1) 7:00 pm
- KC Council Meeting (RR) 7:00 pm

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH CONTINUED ON PAGE 5

Daily Readings for the Week Week of January 14, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/ Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2 -3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

<u>Saturday:</u> 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

<u>Next Sunday:</u> Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter. Peter means rock. He knew that Peter would be strong enough to hold his church together. Pretend that God is changing your name today. God might choose a name that says what he wants you to become: Patience, Courage, or Honesty. God could choose Bible names: Moses, Noah, Mary, or Joseph. Choose a name for yourself. God will call you by your new name. He will be proud of you.

PRAYER

Lord, call me by name. I am listening.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw Jesus at home giving Simon the new name, "Peter."

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will tell others about how God has been good to me.

Just a Thought...

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







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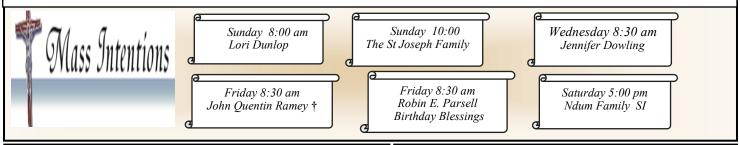
Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Gerry Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Melody Atkinson, Randy Belt, Veronica Blakeney, Rachel Brewer, Eleanor Brooks, Roger Brooks, Maxine Brown, 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, Rita Gant, Regina Gary, Maureen Gramby, Agnes Grayson, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Eva Henson, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, Doris Hite, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Fr. Mike King, Mark Sr/ Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Edwina Love, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, 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, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Nicholas Walter, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn, Michael Younger

And the Recently Deceased:

Francis Chesley, Sr.

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

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

FIRST READING

In the Lord's call to Samuel, Eli teaches Samuel the importance of "listening" to God's voice. *Can you name something you have heard from the Lord?*

SECOND READING

Paul saw our physical bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit, destined to be raised after death just as Jesus was raised from the dead. What are some ways to treat your body with reverence and respect?

GOSPEL READING

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, we hear the first words Jesus speaks in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" *How can you convince family or friends that Jesus is what we all should be looking for?*

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question: What are the four cardinal virtues?

Answer: (a) Faith, Hope, Justice and Prudence

- (b) Hope, Fortitude, Temperance and Justice
- (c) Fortitude, Temperance, Justice, and Prudence

Answer on Page 5

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Changes to Mass

Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

<u>Answer:</u>

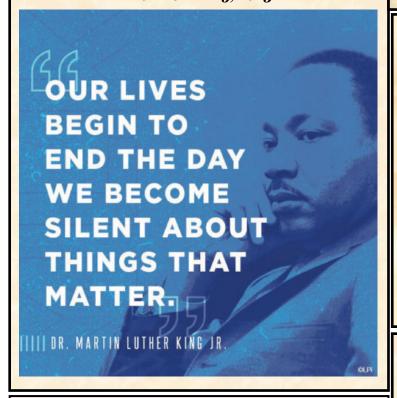
The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

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CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. JANUARY 15, 2023



Annual Church Contribution Statements

The statements for your contributions via church envelope will be mailed to your address of record. Please inform the parish office ASAP if your address has changed.

If you have questions regarding your Faith Direct annual contribution statement, please contact Faith Direct 1-866-507-8757 or membership.faithdirect.net

This Week at the Parish Continued from page 3 Saturday January 20

- Men's Ministry Meeting (CL2) 7:30 am
- Religious Ed Classes (CH, RR, All Classrooms) 10:00 am
- SVDP Food Distribution 11:00 am (APPOINTMENT REQUIRED)
- Cantors Workshop with Ron Harbour (CH)
- Altar Server Training (CLR 3 and CH) 3:00 PM
- Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR2) 3:30 pm

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered

(a) Fortitude Temperance Justice as

(c) Fortitude, Temperance, Justice, and Prudence



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 10, 2024 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS TO CELEBRATE THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE

This year Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Couples must register by calling the parish office by January 27, 2024 to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

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