

St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday January 21, 2024 ~ The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Repent and believe in the Gospel."

King Edward VIII was the reigning monarch in England in 1936. Everyone looked to him for leadership. His younger brother, George, was heir to the British throne, but he could become king only if his older brother died, or abdicated the throne (relinquished the throne), without having a child. Edward abdicated, and George became king.

The people now looked to their new king to lead them. What happened in England was a change of leadership and the new King was calling his people to follow him, telling them the same message as the former king: to have assurance in the royal leadership.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Jesus had proclaimed the same message as John the Baptist, "repent and believe in the gospel."

However, there was one huge difference between John's message and that of Jesus! John told his followers that One was coming after him, who is greater than him. Jesus tells His followers that the "kingdom of God is at hand." John says to wait for the One who is to come. Jesus says, I am the One who is to come! Jesus gives all who hear Him the assurance that the "kingdom of God is at hand." In that assurance, Jesus calls all who hear Him, to have faith in Him and to follow Him.

Jesus then calls His apostles to leave their ordinary lives as fishermen, to become "fishers of men." He calls them to go from catching fish to feed men's stomachs, to catching men for God, by feeding their souls. They left their nets and followed Jesus.

In our first reading, Jonah calls the people of Nineveh to repent. The people of Nineveh listened to him and repented. Because they repented of their wrongdoing, God spared their city from destruction. Jesus called Saul to repent, after knocking him down and blinding him while he was on the road to Damascus. Saul, now renamed Paul, listened, repented of his ways, answered Jesus' call to conversion and proclaimed the Gospel to the Gentiles.

Each of us is called by Jesus, by name, and each of us must choose to answer His call. Each of us is called, not only to repent, but to go out and proclaim the Gospel to everyone we meet. Today and every day, we should go out proclaiming the Gospel by the way we live our lives, as followers of Christ, called to be Christians, loving God by loving each other.

- 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 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 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!

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 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

\$N/A January 14,2024

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

Our Offertory last week was N/A % of Expenses

Faith Direct: November 2023 - \$23,614.44

Last Week's Attendance Total: Sunday Masses - 597

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 21, 2024
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Masses

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

10:00 am Mass Live Streamed

Monday January 22, 2024
DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL
PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN
Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday January 23, 2024
St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St.
Marianne Cope, Virgin

Daily Mass - 8:30 am Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm Benediction - 6:30 pm Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday January 24, 2024
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP
AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday January 25, 2024
THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL
THE APOSTLE
Daily Mass - 8:30 AM

<u>Friday January 26, 2024</u> **Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

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

Saturday January 27, 2024 St. Angela Merici, Virgin Confession / Reconciliation 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday January 21

- 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
- Knights Sunday (CH) 12:00 Mass

Monday January 22

RCIA Class
(Virtual) 7:00 pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/
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Tuesday January 23

- Funeral Mass Francis Chesley Sr. (CH) 10:00 am
- African and Friends Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 7:00 pm

Wednesday January 24

• Line Dancing (RR) 11:30 am

Thursday January 25

• St Joseph Sodality
Pray the Rosary
(Virtual) 5:00 pm Call in
number (848) 220-3100
Conference ID:
06241954#

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday January 26

- Religious Ed Classes (CH, RR, All Classrooms) 10:00 am
- Gospel Choir (RR) 1:00 pm

Daily Readings for the Week Week of January 21, 2024

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

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

There's a colorful envelope addressed to you on the kitchen table. You see it's from your friend. You open it and find a party invitation inside. You parents say you can go! When Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James and John to come along with him, they were just as excited to go. Jesus was the Savior and a good friend. They couldn't wait!

PRAYER

Jesus, I thank you for inviting me to spend time with you.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus smiling and waving to you.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus wants you to come to his home in heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.

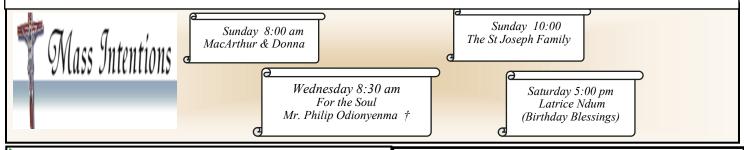
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Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

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:

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

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

FIRST READING

The people of Nineveh (the capital city of the Assyrian Empire and historic enemy of Israel) repented of their sins when they heard Jonah's warning of God's impending destruction of their city. *What motivates you to repent?*

SECOND READING

Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to live with a sense of urgency and in a radically different way than before coming to faith in Jesus. In what way are you living counter-culturally as a person of faith?

GOSPEL READING

This Sunday we hear the first words of Jesus in Mark's account of the call of the first disciples: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Jesus taught that the time had come for God to come and reclaim His world. *What excites you about this message?*

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question: Who was the first Catholic president of the United States?

Answer: (a) Joseph R. Biden (b) John F. Kennedy (c) Barack H. Obama (d) George W. Bush

Answer on Page 5

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I didn't have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..." But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed. Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not. "Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment." — Mark 1:14

CALENDAR



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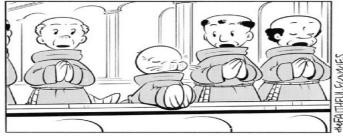
When: Sunday February 4, 2024 1:30 - 3:30 pm Where: St. Mary's Catholic Church 520 Veirs Mill Road Rockville, MD 20852

To Sign up simply go to: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/20F084FA5A929AA8-47043350-valentines

Hope to meet you there!

FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"What marine mammal would make a good priest?"



"A monk seal"



A monk is a member of a religious order who lives, works, and prays in a community of faith.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (b) John F. Kennedy



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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Tuesday February 20, 2024 and continue for eight
consecutive Tuesdays through April 9, 2024
from 7:00-8:30 pm

The meetings are virtual.
For more information
contact Jim Hoffman at hoffmanlpc@gmail.com
or call cell: (202) 577 - 2213.

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