



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday April 7, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Remember Lilly Tomlin from "Laugh In," playing the "telephone operator," Ernestine? She would dial a phone number, then listen to the phone ring, saying "one ringy dingy, two ringy dingys." When someone answered, Ernestine would ask, "Is this the party to whom I am speaking?" Ernestine is full of confidence about whose phone number she has dialed, and she believes that she has reached her party. However, she has doubts as to whether she really knows to whom she is speaking.

In our Gospel, Thomas reminds me of Ernestine. He too, is confident, yet full of doubt. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Jesus planned to return to Judea, to raise Lazarus from the dead, His disciples warned Him of the Jews' intention to stone Him. Full of confidence, Thomas said, "Let us also go to die with him." Yet today, Thomas is away when our Risen Lord first appears to the other Apostles.

Thomas' confidence seems rooted in what he knows and what he has seen. Thomas lacked faith in what he had not yet seen. That lack of faith would not allow Thomas to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead, when his fellow Apostles told him that Jesus had appeared to them. Thomas doubted his faith, because he had not seen Jesus, himself. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

When Jesus appeared to the Apostles again, He brought Thomas, His doubting sheep, back to His flock when He said, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas, who had doubted his faith in Jesus, now had his faith restored. He once again believed saying, "My Lord and my God!"

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and Jesus calls us not to be like "Doubting Thomas." If we believe in the miracles He did in the Scriptures, then we should believe in the mercy of His miracles, big & small, that He performs in our lives every day. When we have doubt, Jesus says to us, do not be unbelieving, but believe in Me, believe in my Divine Mercy. When we sin, even if we doubt our faith, we take advantage of His Divine Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we leave that Sacrament, we believe that we have been forgiven of our sins and doubts and have received God's unlimited love and mercy!

– 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 / ADORATION SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Daily Mass 8:30 am

Every Tuesday
Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm
Benediction 6:45 pm
Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Every Friday
Exposition / Adoration
after 8:30 am Mass
Benediction 10:00 am

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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 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. 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!

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

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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 March 31, 2024

Our average weekly parish expenses for
February 2024 - \$15,638.03

Our Offertory last week was N/A%
of Expenses

Faith Direct: February 2024 - \$21,304.57

Last Week's Attendance Total:

Easter Vigil Mass 550
Easter Sunday Masses -1,276

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

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES



Monday April 8, 2024
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday April 9, 2024
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm
Benediction - 6:30 pm
Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday April 10, 2024
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday April 11, 2024
ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday April 12, 2024
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS
Benediction 10:00 am

Saturday April 13, 2024
ST. MARTIN I, POPE AND MARTYR
Confession / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Sunday April 7
- **Sodality Sunday**
(CH) 9:00 am
(ROSARY AFTER MASS)
 - **SJCC Gospel Choir**
(CLR 2) 9:00 am
 - **SJCAF - African and Friends Choir Practice**
(CLR2) 10:30 am
 - **RCIA - Breakout**
(CLR 1) 12:00 pm

Monday April 8
RCIA Class (Virtual) 7:00 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/815334870372>
pwd=YTRhbkkg3Y1NCdlcvd2YwZERmcXhUUTog

- Wednesday April 10
- **Line Dancing (RR)**
11:00 am
 - **Gospel Choir Rehearsal (CLR2)**
7:00 pm
 - **Social Justice & Concerns Meeting (Virtual)**

- Thursday April 11
- **Beginners 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

- Saturday April 13
- **Men's Ministry Meeting (CLR2)** 7:30 am
 - **Religious Ed Classes (CH, RR, All Classrooms)** 10:00 am
 - **Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR2)** 3:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of April 7, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

After Jesus died, his disciples were afraid the Jewish leaders would kill them, too. They hid together in one room. They locked the doors and windows. Then Jesus appeared in front of them. They were not afraid any more. When you are afraid, Jesus will help you too. Tell him why you are afraid. Believe in Jesus. He will give you everything you need. He wants you to live with him forever in heaven.

PRAYER

Jesus, I believe in you. Lead me to your heavenly home.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw your family standing in a circle. Draw Jesus in the middle.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will ask Jesus to help me and my family when we are afraid.

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

Gerry Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Randy Belt, Veronica Blakeney, 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, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, Doris Hite, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Wendell John, Donald Johnson, Latashia Johnson, 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, Fr. Ray Moore, Madga Nelson, Paul Newman, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn,

And the Recently Deceased:

Mary Martin

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

Sunday

8:00 AM BRUCE JAMES MARTIN †
10:00 AM - THE ST JOSEPH FAMILY
12:00 VINCENT JOHNSON
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)



Mass Intentions

Tuesday

8:30 AM JOYCE JOHNSON
(BACK SURGERY)

Saturday

5:00 PM WANDA JOHNSON †

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We find unfathomable mercy and everlasting love in the wounds of Christ — even when we are skeptical, even when we carry doubt. God meets us there in the confusion. He reaches for our hand and places them at his side.

We just have to call his name.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

FIRST READING

We hear how the early Christians lived in unity and holiness, bearing witness to Jesus, and living in community as **friends**. ***Which of these traits do you see at work in your faith community?***

SECOND READING

John teaches his community that our faith in Jesus helps us “conquer the world.” ***What struggles are you facing that you need to confront and defeat?***

GOSPEL READING

The risen Jesus meets Thomas in the midst of his doubt and encourages him to believe. ***Who could you encourage this week to have faith in the resurrection of Jesus?***

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Should a Catholic Pursue an Annulment?

Question:

After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

Answer:

Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question: What does OCIA stand for?

Answer: (a) The Other Christian Initiation of Adults
(b) The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
(c) The Order of Christian Initiation for Adolescents

ANSWER ON PAGE 5

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



CENTENNIAL PLAZA

Congratulations to our KC Ladies on the completion of the "Brick Project". The plaza in front of the church was transformed into the beautiful Centennial Plaza with hundreds of crafted multicolored bricks, bearing the names of parishioners and friends. The "Centennial Plaza was formerly dedicated and blessed by Fr. Vincent Vu on Sunday, March 24, 2024.

LANDINGS

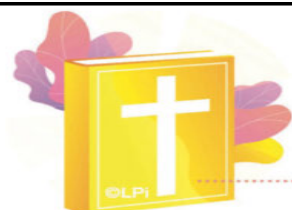
**FOR RETURNING CATHOLICS
THAT WISH TO REFRESH THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH**

The new session for Landings Part 1 (8 classes) will start Saturday April 13th at 1:00 pm in Classroom 1. All returning and inactive Catholics who wish to explore the teachings of the church and refresh their faith are invited. Our facilitators will listen compassionately as we share our faith journeys and discuss our Catholic beliefs. Part 2 will consist of 6 classes. What greater act of love during this Easter season than to reactivate your own faith or invite someone back to Church to reactivate and refresh their faith.

For more information, contact
Landings Ministry Coordinator
Freddie Mae Poole 301-335-0048 or
email: freddiemaep7@gmail.com

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (b) The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA). This is the name of the process taken to enter into the Catholic Church.



**Invite
a Friend
to Sunday Mass**

**St. Joseph Youth Ministry
2024 Fundraiser Bus Outing**



Where:
Sight and Sound Theater - Lancaster, PA

When:
Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Cost: \$165.00 per person
(includes buffet luncheon, theater ticket,
and transportation)

\$75.00 per person
(children 3-12 years of age)

For more information and to register, please contact :
Ms. Beverly Dandridge

301-452-8765

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See flyer in foyer for more information



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2024 Mother's Day and Father's Day Raffle

Mother's Day Raffle
Tickets available

Saturday, April 6, 2024 – May 5, 2024
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the Sunday before Mother's Day)

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