



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday April 28, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."

Picture a grapevine. The vine grows and has branches growing out from it. What do you suppose the vine grower would do when he checks this vine and finds that there are branches that appear dead, because they are not bearing fruit? These branches have ceased to receive nourishment from the vine, so they no longer live in the vine and can no longer bear fruit. He will cut them off since they have become useless to him.

Now the vine grower turns his attention to the branches that are bearing fruit. The branches that are bearing fruit willingly receive nourishment from the vine, using that nourishment to produce fruit. The fruit of these branches will be more branches attached to and living in the nourishment of the vine. He lovingly trims or "prunes" them so that they get more nourishment and can bear even more fruit.

God the Father is the vine grower, Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches. The Father will "prune" us to bear even more fruit, if we willingly receive nourishment from Jesus, the vine. The fruit that we must bear is bringing others to Christ. We bear that fruit by living as Jesus, our vine, lives. We are called to a life growing in holiness, because we willingly receive the nourishment of Jesus' love and grace. Our heavenly Father will "prune" us to increase our capacity to receive that love and grace. Then we will be able to bear more fruit as the Father commands, which is to lead more souls to Christ by the love and care we give them.

The Father's command is this: "Believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as He commanded us."

– 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 / 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!**

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 acknowledgment 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 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

\$ 18,203.21 April 21, 2024

Our average weekly parish expenses for
March 2024 - \$ N/A

Our Offertory last week was N/A%
of Expenses

Faith Direct: March 2024 - \$ N/A

Last Week's Attendance Total: 849

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

Sunday April 28, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Masses
8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm

10:00 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED

Monday April 29, 2024
**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN
AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday April 30, 2024
ST. PIUS V, POPE
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm
Benediction - 6:30 pm
Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday May 1, 2024
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday May 2, 2024
**ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**NATIONAL DAY OF
PRAYER**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

First Friday May 3, 2024
STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS
Benediction 6:00 pm

First Saturday May 4, 2024
First Saturday Mass - 8:00 am
Confession / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Sunday April 28
- **SJCC Gospel Choir** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
 - **SJCAF - African and Friends Choir Practice** (CLR2) 10:30 am
 - **African and Friends Monthly Meeting** (RR) 1:00 pm
 - **SJYM (CLR1)** 1:30 pm

- Monday April 29
- **RCIA Class (Virtual)** 7:00 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81533487037?pwd=YTRhbkkg3Y1NCdlcvd2YwZERmcXhUUT09>

- Tuesday April 30
- **Dr Clark - (CLR2)** 5:00
African Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

- Wednesday May 1
- **Line Dancing (RR)** 11:00 am
 - **Dr. Clark - Gospel Choir Rehearsal** (CLR2) 7:00 pm

- Thursday May 2
- **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#
 - **Dr. Clark- Cantor Rehearsal** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
 - **Denese Clay - Cantor Rehearsal** (CH) 5:00pm
 - **SJCAF-Charismatic Group** (CLR 1) 7:00 pm

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Daily Readings for the Week

Week of April 28, 2024

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Put a brand new light bulb in a lamp. Turn the lamp on. It shines brightly. Now, unplug the lamp. The lamp goes dark. It might be a nice lamp. It might have a new light bulb. Yet, without being plugged in to electricity, the lamp cannot shine. In today's Gospel, Jesus is the vine and you are a branch. As long as you are attached to Jesus, your faith can grow fruit like love, kindness and gentleness. If you break away from Jesus, your faith will die, and you will not grow any fruit. Stay plugged into Jesus, so you can shine. Stay connected to Jesus, so your faith can grow fruit.

PRAYER

God, help me to stay connected to Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Read Galatians 5:22-23 with your family. Write down the nine different kinds of fruit that will grow from your faith, when you stay connected to Jesus.

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, Tommy Musgrove, Madga Nelson, Paul Newman, Frank Nduka, 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, Dorothy Seth, 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:

Humphery Ndum, Tiernan Stephenson

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



Mass Intentions

Sunday

8:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
10:00 AM NDUM FAMILY (SI)
12:00 PM HUMPHREY NDUM †

MONDAY

8:30 AM NELSON OKPAH
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

Tuesday

8:30 AM CHARLES SUH
(61ST BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

Wednesday

8:30 AM JAMES RAVIS III †

Saturday

5:00 PM VICTOR & VICTORIA OLADIPO
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

FIRST READING

The disciples were unwilling to trust that Saul (Paul) was a true believer until Barnabas offered support for Saul.

How easily do you trust people you don't know well?

SECOND READING

John speaks of the importance of knowing in your heart that you believe in Jesus and truly love others.

How does anyone know what is in their heart?

GOSPEL READING

Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus speaks of the importance of staying connected to him and the Father.

When do you feel close to Jesus?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Canonized Saints

Question:

How does a person become a canonized saint?

Answer:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question: What is the name of the small container used to transport the Eucharist to those sick and homebound?

Answer: (a) Ciborium (b) Chalice (c) Pyx (d) Flagon

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EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL

"Unlocking the Power of the Eucharist in Our Lives:

The Eucharist is more powerful than anyone can comprehend. Receiving holy communion in a worthy manner produces wonderful effects in the soul.

Knowing the effects of communion and learning to ask for them in prayer opens the soul to receive them more fully and to grow in the spiritual life.

Fr. James Brent, OP, one of the 50 designated "Eucharistic preachers" of the Revival, will preach on this subject during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Monday, May 13th

St. Jeromes'

5205 43rd Avenue,

Hyattsville Maryland, 20781

He will also preach during the 7:00 pm Mass which follows the Holy Hour.

Reception to follow in the Gold Room."

ST JOSEPH MUSIC MINISTRY

St Joseph Music Ministry is recruiting participants.

We are looking for adult singers for our Gospel Choir and our African and Friends Choir.

We are also recruiting potential cantors.

In addition, we are recruiting young adults and children, to participate in our young adult choir and our children's choir.

Finally, we are also looking for instrumentalists to support our Masses.

We will be recruiting through June.

Volunteers will be available after all the Masses, so you can sign up to participate.

If you are under sixteen, parental permission will be required.

An email address and telephone number are required for all participants and their parents where appropriate.

*Michael A Clarke
Director of Music*

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Saturday May 4

- **Religious Ed Classes** (CH, RR, All Classrooms) 10:00 am
- **Dr. Clark Grown Your Own Musicians** (CL2) 12:00 pm
- **Landings One** (CLR1) 1:00 pm
- **Dr. Clark - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR2) 3:30 pm

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (c) Pyx



OUR LADY OF GRACE SODALITY

The 2024 Mother's Day and Father's Day Raffle

April 6, 2024 – June 6, 2024.

Tickets available after Mass

\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Drawings:

Mothers Day - after 12:00 noon Mass on May 5th

Fathers Day - after 12:00 noon Mass on June 9th

GOOD SAMARITANS 2024 VIRTUAL DIAPER DRIVE

The Virtual Drive will run from May 5-26, 2024

You can make your monetary donation at

<https://tinyurl.com/5yxncbbr> or the lock box in the foyer. Please make all checks payable to the D.C. Diaper Bank, cash donations are also accepted, or donate items via Amazon please find an Amazon Wish List at

<https://a.co/dCFyoFB>

FLETCHERS COUNCIL - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

2024 Flea Market

Saturday June 1st, 15th and 29th

8:00 am - 1:00 pm (set up starts at 6:15 am)

Cost - \$25.00 per vendor space

SJYM FUNDRAISER BUS OUTING

Sight and Sound Theater Lancaster PA.

Wednesday June 19th

Cost \$165.00 per person Children 3-12 \$75.00

(ticket includes buffet luncheon, theater ticket and transportation)

*For additional information for each event
see flyers in the foyer*

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