



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday May 5, 2024 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

From the Bishop's Pen...

"No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Today's Gospel begins with, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love." Love brings out "feelings," "emotions," and "affection." From these we realize that love is expressed in the way we show another the importance of our relationship with them. Love centers on our feelings toward others, because of our relationships with them.

In the Greek language there are three words, expressing the different intensities of love: **Philia**, meaning "friendship," a "dispassionate" or "virtuous love," **Eros**, meaning "passionate love, with sensual desire and longing," and **Agape**, meaning "self-giving love."

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you." When His disciples had asked Jesus to show them the Father, He said, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." From that statement, we know that Jesus' and the Father's relationship is so close, that They share the essence of Agape; They completely give Themselves to each other, therefore, God's love is always "self-giving." We see that God is Love! God's love allowed the Son to lay down His life in His human nature for us, so that we can have eternal life in Him.

Jesus called His disciples friends, but He wants them, and us, to have the **joy** of His "self-giving" love, not just the Philia love of friends, because He has chosen us for His "self-giving" love. And He wants the joy of our love in Him to be complete. The joy of our love in Him will be complete when we keep His commandments. And His commandment is this: "love one another as I love you."

In our own Confirmation, Jesus has chosen each of us to go, with the guidance and gifts of the Holy Spirit, "and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you." Our heavenly Father will always give us what we ask for when we remain in His love, by obeying Jesus' commandment to "love one another."

– 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!**

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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**

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ 12,390.50 April 28, 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: 830

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. **Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.**

COMMUNION CALLS / HOME VISITS

The Eucharistic Ministry is available for communion calls and home visits. If you or someone you know is home-bound 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 May 5, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

10:00 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED

Monday May 6, 2024
Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday May 7, 2024
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration - *5:00 pm
Benediction - 5:30 pm
Rite of Confirmation Mass - 7:00 pm

***NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR ADORATION**

Wednesday May 8, 2024
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday May 7, 2024
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday May 10, 2024
ST. JOHN OF AVILA,
PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH;
ST. DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS
Benediction 10:00 am

Saturday May 11, 2024
Confession / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

PRAYER OF LOVE

God the Father, You created me in love.
Jesus, your love for me compelled you to
come to earth to die for me.

Holy Spirit, love between God and
Jesus, now you surround me with the
love of the Father and the Son.

Help me to live out this reality,
today and always.
Amen

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Sunday May 5
- **Sodality Sunday (CH)**
8:00 am
(ROSARY AFTER MASS)
 - **SJCC Gospel Choir**
(CLR 2) 9:00 am
 - **St Joseph Ladies**
Auxiliary No. 141
Knights of St John Intl
(CL 2) 11:30 am

- Monday May 6
- **RCIA Class (Virtual)**
7:00 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81533487037?pwd=YTRhbkg3Y1NCdlcvd2YwZERmcXhUUT09>
 - **Good Samaritans Meeting (RR)** 7:00 pm
 - **Women's Ministry Meeting (Virtual)** 7:00 pm

- Tuesday May 7
- **Dr Clark - (CLR2)**
5:00 pm

- Wednesday May 8
- **Line Dancing (RR)**
11:00 am
 - **Dr. Clark - Gospel Choir Rehearsal (CLR2)** 7:00 pm

- Thursday May 9
- **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
 - **Social Justice & Concerns Meeting (Virtual)** 7:00 pm

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of May 5, 2024

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

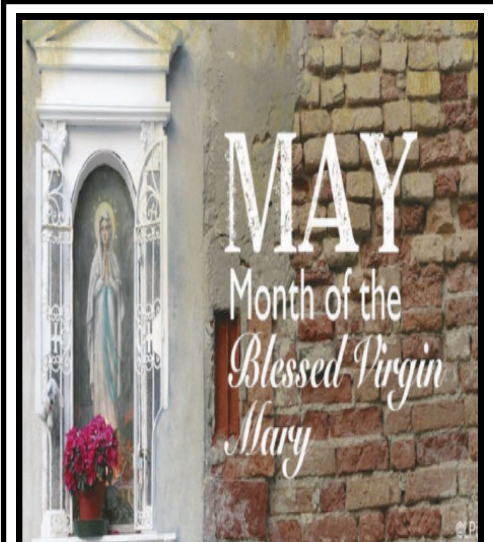
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
*Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
or
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

*NOTE: THURSDAY - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION IN SOME U.S. DIOCESES)



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, Rita Gant, Regina Gary, Gina Geron, Jordan Gill, 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:

Mary Brezinski, Barton Conner

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



Sunday

8:00 AM THE HOMEBOUND LIFETIME
SODALISTS (SI)

10:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
12:00 PM MICHAEL JOHNSON
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

MONDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Tuesday

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Wednesday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

THURSDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

FRIDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

SATURDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ's love for us is radical — it changed the whole world. It will not be easy to love as Christ loved, but this is the mission for which we have been chosen by God. So let us love one another. Let us change the world.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

FIRST READING

The Jewish believers who accompanied Peter to the house of Cornelius were "astonished" that Gentiles who had faith in Jesus also received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever been surprised by what God has done in your life?

SECOND READING

John teaches us that the essence of God is love and we are called to love one another.

Who might you work on loving this week?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus taught his disciples that loving him and loving each other brings "complete joy."

What brings you joy in your life?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Catholic Faith

Question:

My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

Answer:

Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!

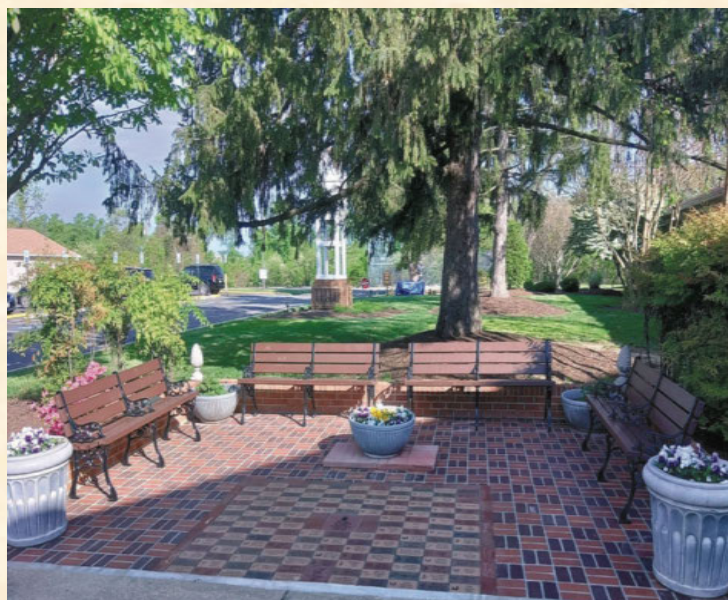
CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question: Praying for the interests of others is referred to by what name?

Answer: (a) Intercession. (b) Prayer for the faithful
(c) Pleadings

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**THE CENTENNIAL PATIO
IS COMPLETE**



... ENJOY

For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

I would be really happy, if only I was ? rich ? popular ? better looking ? the boss. Those selfish wishes sound great, but they cannot give you true happiness inside. In today's Gospel, Jesus shares the three secrets to his complete happiness: (1) Jesus obeyed God; (2) Jesus knew God loved him; (3) Jesus loved other people enough to die for them. WOW! Jesus was completely happy, but he was not selfish at all. In fact, Jesus told his friends if they followed his loving example, they could be completely happy too. Follow Jesus to be filled with happiness from the inside out.

PRAYER

God, on my own I am selfish. Thank you for loving me. Help me to obey you. Help me to love other people as much as Jesus does.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself happily holding Jesus' hand.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Read John 15:9-17 with your family. God loves you, and he wants you to be completely happy, but you need to let go of your selfishness. You can obey God and love others by sharing your time with them. You can show your love for God by sharing your money with others, too.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered : (a) Intercession

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

OUR LADY OF GRACE SODALITY

The 2024 Mother's Day and Father's Day Raffle
Through – June 6, 2024.

Tickets available after Mass

\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Drawings:

**Mothers Day Drawing - 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/5yxncbcr> 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>

EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL

"Unlocking the Power of the Eucharist in Our Lives:

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.

Monday May 13 6:00 - 7:00 pm

St. Jeromes' 5205 43rd Avenue,

Hyattsville Maryland, 20781

Fr. James Brent, OP will also preach
during the 7:00 pm Mass following the Holy Hour.
Reception to follow in the Gold Room.

**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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Saturday May 11

- **Men's Ministry Meeting (CL2) 7:30 am**
- **Religious Ed Classes (CH, RR, All Classrooms) 10:00 am**
- **Dr. Clark Grow Your Own Musicians (CL2) 12:00 pm**
- **Dr. Clark - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR2) 3:30 pm**



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