



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday July 7, 2024 ~ The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place."

I wonder if Jesus thought His "hometown" people would accept one of their own, who had performed great miracles of healing in other towns? Unfortunately, the people of Nazareth could not accept what He said and did, for two reasons. First, they thought that they knew who Jesus was, the carpenter, Mary's Son.

Second, they did not have faith. They would not believe that the miraculous deeds and the words He spoke were from God. If they believed that what Jesus did and said was from God, it meant that they would have follow Jesus' teachings and to change the way they lived, and they did not want to change. Instead, they took offense at Him.

Because of their lack of faith, Jesus could not perform the mighty deeds that He wanted to, for them. The people of Nazareth had to make a choice to listen to and follow Jesus. God does not force His loving care on anyone but gives it to those who accept it. If we do not listen to Jesus, in His Gospel and in His Church, if we do not hear and believe in how the Gospel and Church instruct us to live in the love of God, then Jesus cannot work mighty deeds in our lives, anymore that He could in Nazareth.

God gives us all that we need, but He does not force us to accept what He gives. He gives us free will and we must choose to accept all that He wishes to give us. We do not want to imitate the people of Nazareth, who rejected what they saw Jesus do and could not hear, nor understand what Jesus said. We want to imitate the Saints who gave their lives to Jesus. We want Jesus to live in us, so that we can live in Him, a life that will last forever.

– 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 Parish 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.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office NLT 12:00 noon on Monday. 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 homebound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, contact the parish office on 301-773-4838 to schedule a visit. The office is open Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ 14,711.00 June 30, 2024

*Our average weekly parish expenses for
May 2024 - \$22,369.34*

*Our Offertory last week was 68.0%
of Expenses*

Faith Direct: May 2024 - \$22,386.40

Last Week's Attendance Total: 768

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday July 7, 2024
**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

Monday July 8, 2024
Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday July 9, 2024
**ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG,
PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS,
MARTYRS**
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Thursday July 11, 2024
ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Saturday July 13, 2024
ST. HENRY
First Saturday Mass - 8:00 am
Confession / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prayer for Truth

Dear Lord,

Your prophets were those who spoke
Your Truth. Help me to be a speaker of
truth as well, one who reminds of
Your love, encourages the lowly,
and points ever more deeply to You.

Amen.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday July 7, 2024

- **Dr. Clarke / Community Choir** (CLR 2) 9:00 am

Tuesday July 9

- **Senior Blue Lights in Basement** (RR) 12:00 pm
Dr Clarke - (CLR2)
5:00 pm / **African & Friends Choir Rehearsal**
(CLR 2) 7:00 pm

Wednesday July 10

- **Funeral - Mary E. Fletcher** (CH) 10:00 am
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 7:00 pm

Thursday July 11

- **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 July 13

- **Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR 2) 12:00 pm
- **Landings 2** (CLR2) 1:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of June 30, 2024

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-1

FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"What did the grape say when it was stepped on?"



"Nothing, it just let out a little wine."



We hear a lot of parables about wine in the Bible — wine skins, vineyards, vines. Even Jesus' first miracle was turning water into wine!

CELEB

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

Gerry Anderson, Carla Amorim, Theresa Agorel, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Randy Belt, Agnes Bell, 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, Doe, Gregory Eades, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Adrienne Fraser-Darling, Rita Gant, Kim Grimes, Regina Gary, Gina Geron, 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, Solomon T. Miles, Jr. Thomasine M. Miles, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy & William Mooney, Fr. Ray Moore, Madga Nelson, Kameron Neal, Paul Newman, Frank Nduka, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, Earline Parks, James & Stephen Parks, 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:

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 OBINNA ANTHONY NDUKUM III
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS
12:00 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Monday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Tuesday

8:30 AM EZEMOBI FAMILY SI

Wednesday

8:30 AM TROY C. SAUNDERS
BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Thursday

8:30 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Friday

8:30 AM KAREN MARSHALL
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Saturday

5:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

LIVE THE LITURGY!

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus taught in the synagogue of his native place, he didn't fit the image of the Messiah the people expected. They dismissed him. Let's learn from their example and remember that God often comes to us in forms that are surprising — even challenging.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

FIRST READING:

The Lord encourages Ezekiel to be courageous in his role as a prophet, regardless of the response of the Israelites. **Can you think of a time when you had to be courageous in facing uncertainty?**

SECOND READING:

Paul learned a "thorn in his flesh" that was given to him to teach him that God's grace alone should be sufficient for his ministry. **What are some obstacles in your life you have had to overcome?**

GOSPEL:

We hear how the villagers of Nazareth were "offended" by Jesus and lacked faith in him. **How do you support family or friends who have been hurt by others?**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question: Who was the very first Pope to visit the Holy Land?

Answer: (a) Pope John Paul II (b) Pope Francis
(c) Pope Paul VI

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Prophet and His Native Place

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place." It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere.

I speak from experience — I didn't go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn't like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can't reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you'll always be exactly what you are — no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus, who was probably the only person worthy of admiration at his high school reunion. When he returned to his native place, he was what he had always been — God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something he became; it was always within him.

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For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

People in his hometown did not believe that Jesus could be smart enough to teach in their temples. They did not believe he could heal. So he went to other towns to teach and heal. If someone says that you are not smart enough or skilled enough, Jesus understands. He will help you. Tell them, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

PRAYER

Lord, help me say to myself and others, "You can do it. God will help."

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw Jesus welcomed by smiling faces as he teaches and heals in your town.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

If someone is left out of a game, say, "I will play with you."

PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

CONT: FROM PAGE 4

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. Why?

Well, probably for the same reason that I wanted to reinvent myself when I was 16. We don't often see anything worth venerating in the "right now" of our lives. We think happiness is a promotion or a pay bump away. We think we'll finally be holy when we find the time to take that silent retreat. We think we will be beautiful when we lose ten pounds.

The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn't realize it. So, when he came in all his greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected him. They didn't want that God — the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one. A shinier one. One that didn't look like the "right now" of their lives.

But that's where God is, folks. He's in the right now, and nowhere else. He's waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."
— Mark 6:4

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered

(c) It was Pope Paul VI in 1964.

GOSPEL CHOIR

Have ever considered singing with the choir but were unsure if you wanted to commit, here is your opportunity.

During the months of July and August, our Community Choir will sing at the 10:00 am Mass.

Beginning Sunday, July 6th, the Choir will meet every Sunday at 9:00 AM in Room 2 to review the music for the Mass. Everyone is welcome to join the Community Choir. If you have any questions, see a member of the Gospel Choir or Dr. Clarke for more information.



JOIN THE KC LADIES

for a Seniors Play Date!

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Tuesday July 9, 2024 Noon to 3 :00 pm

We will supply chips, sodas and water or you can

Bring your own lunch!

Some of the Games

Bid Whist, Checkers, Bingo, Pokeno, Jenga, Karaoke

Contacts: Alicia Sanders (301)467-2822 &

Sharon Thompson (301) 928-3690

THE SAINT JOSEPH YOUTH MINISTRY

Join the SJYM for a fun fundraising night at the Ball Park on Friday July 19th. Tickets are \$12.00 each.

Additional details and points of contact are on the church website and the flier in the Information center in the foyer.

OUR LADY OF GRACE SODALITY RETREAT

August 23, 2024 - August 25, 2024

St Joseph Catholic Church

Mary Mother of the Eucharist

With: Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM - Fathers of Mercy

For more information contact:

Althea Holland (301) 390-0813

or see flyer in the foyer

SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT

Triumph of the Cross

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Holy Family Catholic Church

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