



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday August 4, 2024 ~ The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Whoever comes to me will never hunger, whoever believes in me will never thirst."

We eat but we are soon hungry again. That constant hunger was no different for the Israelites wandering in the desert than it is for us. God led them out of the slavery of Egypt and had continuously given the Israelites signs of His power. Through Moses, God told the Israelites, "Don't worry; I will take care of you. I will provide for all of your needs." Yet, as soon as they were hungry again, they forgot what God had done for them through Moses and wanted another sign.

The crowd of 5,000 kept following Jesus, because their physical hunger was fed, not because of the sign of HOW they were miraculously fed. They could not comprehend the "bigger picture." Jesus miraculously fed them as much as they wanted, showing them the sign of what He was really going to feed them with, Himself in the Eucharist. Jesus was telling the crowd what God told the Israelites through Moses, "Don't worry; I will take care of you. I will provide for all of your needs."

Earlier in John's Gospel, Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well, of the life-giving water He offered. Unlike this crowd, the Samaritan woman believed in the sign Jesus told her about and became His disciple, bringing her village to also believe in Jesus. We are called to be like the Samaritan woman, seeking Jesus for the eternal life that He gives us in the food of the Eucharist. We are called to believe in Jesus and to follow Him, knowing that through our faith in Jesus, we now live in His eternal life, nourished by His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

St Paul tells us that to be fed with the eternal life of the Eucharist means, "I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given Himself up for me." Our faith lets us hear Jesus say, "Don't worry, I will take care of you. I will make sure you have enough to eat." Our faith allows us to follow Jesus, as His disciples; carrying Him to everyone we meet, by sharing the love He gives us with 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 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

\$ 15,746.30 July 28, 2024

*Our average weekly parish expenses for
June 2024 \$22,031.67*

*Our Offertory last week was 71.4%
of Expenses*

Faith Direct: June 2024 - \$25,325.57

Last Week's Attendance Total: 807

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday August 4, 2024

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses:

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

Monday August 5, 2024

THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA

OF ST. MARY MAJOR

Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday August 6, 2024

THE TRANSFIGURATION

OF THE LORD

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm

Benediction - 6:30 pm

Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday August 7, 2024

**ST. SIXTUS II, POPE,
AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS;**

ST. CAJETAN, PRIEST

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday August 8, 2024

ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday August 9, 2024

**ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE
CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Exposition/Adoration

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

MORNING MASS

Benediction 10:00 am

Saturday August 10, 2024

**ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON
AND MARTYR**

Confession / Reconciliation

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday August 4

- **Dr. Clarke / Community Choir** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **African and Friends Monthly Meeting** (RR) 1:30 pm
- **SJYM** (CLR1) 1:30 pm

Tuesday August 6

- **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Wednesday August 7

- **Bernell Marshall Funeral**
(CH) 10:00 am
Dr. Clarke (CLR 2) 7:00 pm

Thursday August 8

- **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) 5:30 pm
- **SJCAF-Charismatic Group** (CLR 1) 7:00 pm

Saturday August 9

- **Men's Ministry Meeting** (CLR 1) 7:30 am
- **Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR 2) 12:00 pm
- **Landings 2** (CLR1) 1:00 pm
- **Sodality** (RR) 3:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of August 4, 2024

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/
Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30-5:2/
Jn 6:41-51

PRAYER OF HUNGER

Dear Jesus,

You are the one who fed the hungry. But your work doesn't only exist on the pages of an old book. You're working now. Work in us, to bring food to those in need. Work in us, to satisfy the places we most need you. Amen.

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, 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, Clifton Rush, 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:

Helen E. Ford-Henry

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 ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
10:00 AM ERASMUS FRANKLIN NDUKA
(SI FOR HEALING)
12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Monday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Tuesday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Wednesday

8:30 AM DARCUS AND ALEXIS MILLER
ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THURSDAY

8:30 ERASMUS FRANKLIN NDUKA
(SI FOR HEALING)

FRIDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

SATURDAY

5:00 PM BYRON AND DONNA KIRKLAND
20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

LIVE THE LITURGY!

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus reminds his followers: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." We are so often distracted by the world before us, by the here and now. Let us not forget what is eternal. We were made for what is eternal

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

CONFESSION

Question:

If God knows everything we do, why do we need to go to Confession?

Answer:

Another term for the Sacrament of Confession is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We go to this sacrament not only to confess our sins, but to be reconciled with God. Of course, this begs the question, "If I can pray to God on my own, why can't I be reconciled to God on my own?" In the seven sacraments, we recognize the importance of community. Sacraments like baptism or matrimony happen in the context of the wider church to remind us of the communal impact of our lives. We are not alone in our walk of faith!

We don't need to confess our sins in front of the whole community – thank God! But going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others as well. Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God Himself. We receive an outpouring of grace and strength to sin no more and our relationship with Christ and his Body, the Church, are restored.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

FIRST READING:

God heard the plea of the Israelites who feared they would die of starvation in the desert and in response, God sent them quail and bread to eat. **What will you pray for this week?**

SECOND READING:

Paul taught the Gentiles of the Ephesian church to give up their former way of life and live with renewed minds in the truth of Jesus. **What have you gained by being a believer in Jesus?**

GOSPEL:

Jesus teaches the crowds in Capernaum that he is "the bread of life" who feeds all who believe in him. **Is there someone you know hungry for Jesus?**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question: In the New Testament, what is the first book to follow the four Gospels?

Answer: (a) Romans (b) Acts (c) 1Peter (d) James

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

EVERY SATURDAY CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

<https://thelightison.org> Home - The Light is ON

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM 2024-2025

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON
JOHN 3:16

Registration **ENDS** on
Sunday, September 8th, 2024

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Monday to Friday
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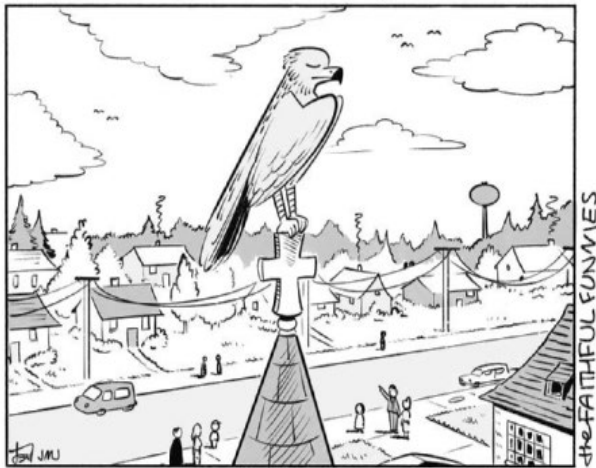
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5 Children: \$190



For additional information, please visit the
Parish Website at:
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"Did you hear about the hawk sitting
on the church steeple?"



"He was real bird of pray."



FUN FACT!
Church steeples are made to inspire us to
look to heaven. In the olden days, they
were the highest points in a city, and the
first things spotted from far away.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered: (b) Acts

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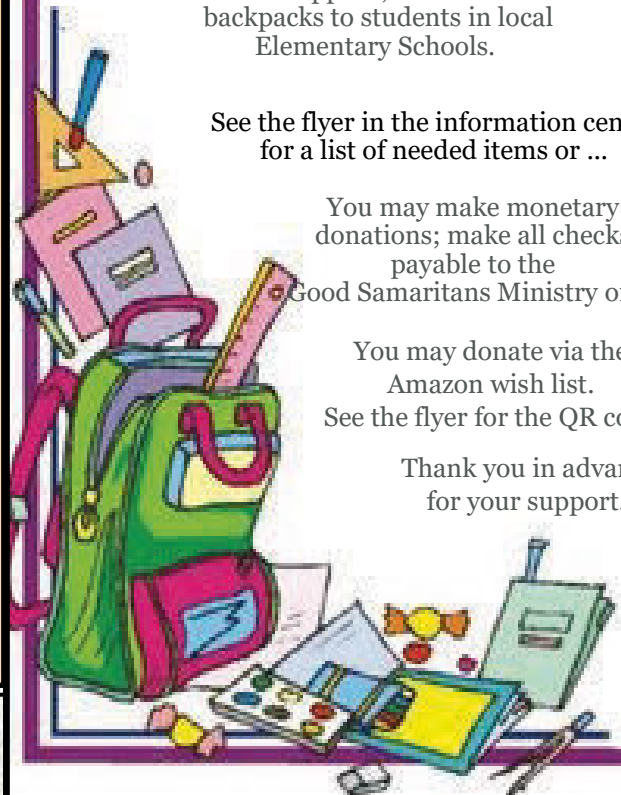
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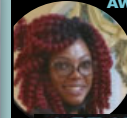
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