



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday August 25, 2024 ~ The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

I would take one of my nephews to McDonald's when he was a little boy. I bought him a "happy meal." He believed that the whole meal was good and that there would be a reward, a toy, for him. He also believed that I knew what he should eat. When he saw something else that he thought he might want, he would ask me, "Do I like that?" What he was really saying at his young age, was that although he had a choice, his choice was to accept my choice for him. Yet as a teenager, he thought that he now knew what was best for himself.

Don't we, as adults, sometimes believe that we know what the best choices are for ourselves? By our choices, do we sometimes think that we even know better than God, what we should do and who we should follow? When we choose to follow our Lord, we cannot pick and choose what we want to believe as Catholics. In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples must make a choice, and the choice is all or nothing at all. It is the same choice that each of us must make. That choice is hard!

Some of His disciples chose to leave Jesus, to live life as they saw it, not as He taught it. Jesus was teaching them that He alone is the Bread of Life and to have eternal life came only through Him. To gain that life, they had to eat His flesh and drink His blood. Those who walked away did not have faith. They did not understand Jesus' words, because of their lack of faith to believe in Him.

Do we believe that Jesus has the words of eternal life? Do we believe that we must eat His flesh and drink His blood to have eternal life? Do we believe that the Eucharist is really the Body and Blood of Christ? Our choice is simple, to choose God, like Peter, and to trust Him totally; or to trust only in ourselves. This choice is as old as man. We only need to look at the choice made by Adam and Eve.

– 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

Audiovisual Support:

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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

\$ 12,004.11 August 11, 2024

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

Our Offertory last week was 54.4%
of Expenses

Faith Direct: June 2024 - \$25,325.57

Last Week's Attendance Total:

Assumption of Mary - 312
Sunday Masses - 777

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday August 25, 2024
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday August 26, 2024
Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday August 27, 2024
ST. MONICA
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm
Benediction - 6:30 pm
Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday August 28, 2024
ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP
AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday August 29, 2024
THE PASSION OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

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

Saturday August 31, 2024
Confession / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER OF DECLARATION

LORD,
IN THE SEASON WHEN FAITH IS HARD, HELP
ME TO BE AS BOLD AS PETER WHO PICKED
YOU ABOVE ALL OTHERS SAYING,
"TO WHOM SHALL I GO? YOU HAVE THE
WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE."
YOU'RE MY GOD. I'M YOURS.
THERE IS NOWHERE ELSE
I WOULD RATHER BE.

AMEN.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday August 25

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

Monday August 26

- **GSM - School Supplies**
Sorting (RR) 6:00 pm

Tuesday August 27

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

Wednesday August 28

- **Line Dancing** (RR) 10:00 am

Saturday August 31

- **Men's Ministry Meeting** (CL2) 7:30 am
- **Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR 2) 12:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

Thursday August 29

- **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. Clarke Cantor Rehearsal**
(CLR2) 5:00 pm
- **Denese Clay Cantor**
Rehearsal (CH) 5:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of August 25, 2024

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23
(9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

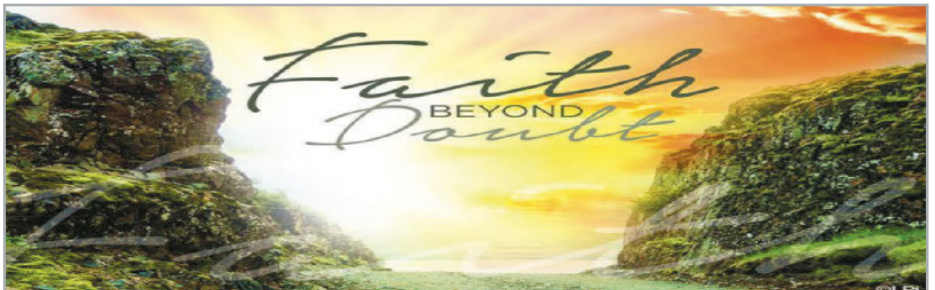
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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, 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, Johnnie Scott, 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 ERASMUS FRANKLIN NDUKA †
10:00 AM KAYLA SIMON (SI)
12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

MONDAY

8:30 AM ELEANOR ANN DAVIS
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Tuesday

8:30 AM SUSAN GRAHAM (SURGERY)

Wednesday

8:30 AM ANTHONY & VERA NDUM
42ND ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY

8:30 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

FRIDAY

8:30 AM GLADYS W. MAUGE' †

SATURDAY

5:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Many followers of Jesus could not accept his teachings. To those that remained, he posed a simple question: "Do you also want to leave?" He asks us the same, every moment of every day. Let us answer with confidence, in all that we do: "Only you have the words of eternal life."

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

FAITH IN MARRIAGE

Question:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is an engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

FIRST READING:

Upon entering the Promised Land and remembering the Exodus from Egypt, both Joshua and all twelve tribes of Israel pledged their faithfulness to God alone. **What has God done in your life that you can acknowledge and celebrate?**

SECOND READING:

Toward the end of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual respect and love. **What do you add as key parts for a successful marriage?**

GOSPEL:

John tells us that many of Jesus's disciples stopped following him because they found some of his teachings too hard to accept. **What keeps you following Jesus?**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question: According to tradition, what event likely took place in the home of John Mark's mother?

Answer: (a) The Last Supper (b) A baptism (c) A healing

**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

Parish Office Hours
Monday to Friday
10AM-7PM
P: 301-773-4838
F: 301-773-6832

Registration FEE:
1 Child: \$45
2 Children: \$85
3 Children: \$120
4 Children: \$155
5 Children: \$190

For additional information, please visit the
Parish Website at:
<https://stjoseph-largo.org>

Scan to Register



SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT

Triumph of the Cross
Saturday, September 14, 2024
Holy Family Catholic Church
Mitchellville, MD

Theme: Women at the Cross:

Redeemed and Renewed

Speaker: Dr. Valerie D. Mosley
for more information see flyer in the foyer

**2024 FR. CHESTER P. SMITH NATIONAL
BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards
October 10th-13th

Theme: THE LEAST OF THESE

For group registration please email
Dr. Cameron Beatty at cbeatty@fsu.edu

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Saturday September 21, 2024
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
In the Church

For questions or more
information contact:

Deacon Kyle Simon
ksimon@stjosephlargo.org

NEW ALTAR SERVERS
ARE WELCOME!



FYI

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptisms: Parents requesting baptism must be registered active members of the parish. A Catholic godparent must be a registered and practicing Catholic, confirmed in writing by his or her proper pastor. Baptisms are on the last Sunday of each month, after 12:00 pm Mass. Parents may pick up a Baptism Registration Packet from the church office during business hours. Participation in Pre-Baptismal Program is required.

Marriage: Couples seeking to be married in the church must make arrangements with the clergy six months to a year in advance of their intended wedding date to allow time for the couple to complete marriage preparation. At least one of the engaged must be a registered active member of this Church.

Christian Burial: The family of the registered deceased should notify the parish office as soon as possible or contact Mrs. Hawkins, Bereavement Committee Coordinator at etoile1706@aol.com to schedule the funeral planning meeting.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the sick is celebrated upon request prior to surgery or at the time of illness. Please notify the parish office of the illness or hospitalization of the parishioner.

To receive the Eucharist: Sick, hospitalized and shut-ins should contact the parish office or Bernard Broadus at bbroadus53@gmail.com to schedule a visit.

"What kind of flowers did St. Joseph plant for Jesus?"



"Sunflowers!"



FUN FACT!
Jesus's earthly father was a good man named Joseph. Joseph was a tradesman who loved Jesus very much and took care of Him and raised Him as his own.

DID YOU KNOW...

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

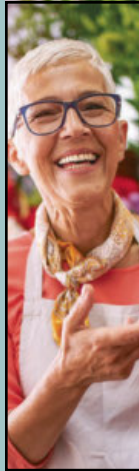
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