



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday September 15, 2024 ~ The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"You are the Christ . . . the Son of Man must suffer greatly."

Jesus had two reasons for asking the question, "But who do you say that I am?" One was to have His disciples give some serious thought to just who they thought He was. The second reason was to teach them about what was going to happen to Him. He wanted them to understand what kind of a Messiah He was going to be for them, one who sacrifices Himself for them. And, what He had to endure to fulfill this mission His Father in heaven had given Him, to suffer and die, so that He would be raised to everlasting life for them.

St. James writes in his Epistle, "You have faith and I have works. Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." Jesus demonstrates His faith in His heavenly Father, by accepting the work of His suffering and death, for our salvation.

Yet, after Peter tells Jesus, "You are the Messiah," he shows a lack of faith in Jesus by rebuking Him for telling them of the suffering and death that He must endure. Jesus called His disciples to follow Him and that meant to willingly follow in His footsteps of suffering.

Jesus explicitly tells all His followers that they must "take up their cross," and accept suffering in this life. Jesus goes so far as to say that those who refuse to accept the sacrifices and sufferings that God allows will "lose their lives."

For us, pain in this life is not an option if we wish to share in the joy of heaven. The joy of following Jesus necessarily involves the pain of self-denial and self-sacrifice; this is the paradox of the Gospel. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it."

– **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

\$ 16,988.00 September 8, 2024

Our average weekly parish expenses for
August 2024 \$

Our Offertory last week was N/A
of Expenses

Faith Direct: August 2024 - \$

Last Week's Attendance Total: 890

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday September 15, 2024

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Masses:

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

Monday September 16, 2024

**STS. CORNELIUS, POPE,
AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS**

Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday September 17, 2024

**ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE,
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH;
ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN,
VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm

Benediction - 6:30 pm

Wednesday September 18, 2024

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday September 19, 2024

**ST. JANUARIUS,
BISHOP AND MARTYR**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday September 20, 2024

**STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST,
PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG
COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Exposition/Adoration

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

MORNING MASS

Saturday September 21, 2024

**ST. MATTHEW,
APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

Mass 8:30 am

Confession / Reconciliation

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Next Sunday

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prayer for Catechism Students

Dear God,
You never stop drawing us closer to You.
Pour Your grace upon these young
disciples as they learn about You.
Attract them. Challenge them. Love them.
Guide them. Bless them.
Amen

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday September 15

- **Community Sunday** (RR) AFTER ALL MASSES
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** (CLR1) 12:00 pm
- **Knights Sunday** (CH) 12:00 pm

Monday September 16

- **OCIA - Virtual Meeting** 7:00 pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81533487037?pwd=YTRhbkg3Y1NCdlcvd2YwZERmcXhUUTo9>

Tuesday September 17

- **Funeral - Diane Dalton** (CH) 10:00 am
- **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Wednesday September 1

- **Line Dancing** (RR) 10:00 am
- **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Thursday September 19

- **Beginners Line Dancing Class** (RR) 12:30 pm
- **Dr. Clark** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- **Cantor Rehearsal with Denese Clay** (CH) 5:30 pm
- **SJCAF - Charismatic Prayer Group** (CL1) 7:00 pm
- **KC - Officers Planning Meeting** (RR) 7:00 pm

Saturday September 21

- **Faith Formation (Religious Ed)** All Classrooms 10:00 am
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal / Meeting** (CL2) 12:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR 2) 12:00 pm
- **Landings Session 2** (CL1) 1:00 pm
- **Altar Server Training** (CLR 3 and CH) 3:00 pm
- **Sodality Meeting** (RR) 3:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of September 15, 2024

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-3

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 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
10:00 AM ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
12:00 PM ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Monday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

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Saturday

5:00 PM KENDRA OLADIPO
BIRTHDAY BLESSING

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Take up your cross and follow me,” Jesus tells us. We are called to have a faith that is defined by the willingness to go where Christ has gone, and to do what Christ has done, to see Christ in others and to love them as he loves us.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

HOLY WATER

Question:

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

Answer:

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

FIRST READING:

Isaiah stands firm in his faith as he suffered in following God's call. **Can you think of a time when you supported someone in their faith?**

SECOND READING:

James believed that good works are the fruit of faith. **Where is there a need for good works from you this week among family or friends?**

GOSPEL:

Jesus reveals to his disciples that as the Messiah, he is destined to suffer greatly and die, but on the third day, rise from the dead. This was difficult for Peter to accept.

How do you stay open to ideas you resist?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question: Name the prayer typically recited as the final prayer of the rosary.

Answer: (a) Blessed Virgin Mary (b) Hail Holy Queen
© Hail Mary

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5



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!



ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council will be conducting their annual baby bottle campaign to raise money for the Forestville Pregnancy Center located at 3611 Branch Avenue. The Knights will pass out Baby bottles before and after each Mass. The campaign runs from Saturday September 14th - Sunday, October 27th. Please take as many bottles as you would like and return them to the welcome room.

The object of the campaign is to fill up the bottle with cash, change or checks. Due to the limited number of bottles to distribute please return it to the Church ASAP.

Checks should be made payable to:
the Forestville Pregnancy Center or
the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422.
Please see a Knight if you have any questions

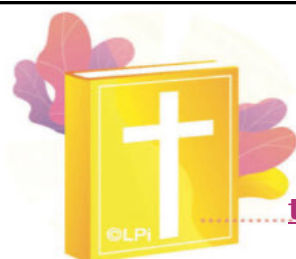
BLESSED SACRAMENT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3630 Quesada Street, NW Washington, DC, 20015-2538, will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, sibling or significant other. The next series will begin Tuesday October 29th 2024 and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through December 17, 2024, from 7:30-9:00 PM. The meetings are virtual. For more information contact

Jim Hoffman at hoffmanlpc@gmail.com
or cell: (202) 577 - 2213.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered: (b) Hail Holy Queen



**Invite
a Friend
to Daily or Sunday Mass**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ...

For the 35th Annual East of the River Revival,

October 7, 8, and 9, 2024

at 7:00 pm

Mount Calvary Catholic Church

6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD

The theme

*"Anchored in God: Hold on to Your Purpose
– Unapologetically"*

*with Revivalist, Rev. Ajani Gibson,
Pastor of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church,
New Orleans, La.*

*The Youth Rally is scheduled for Saturday October 5th
from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at The Catholic Church of
the Incarnation for ages 5 through 17. Release forms
are required for youth participation. All forms are to
be submitted online by Sunday, September 22, 2024,
See the flyer in the information center or
contact Deacon Simon for more information.*

DID YOU KNOW...

**"Did you hear about the angel who started
a match business?"**



"He called it: a match made in heaven."



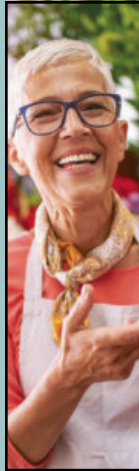
FUN FACT!
Angels are a special part of God's creation. In the creed we state that God created all things "visible and invisible." We can't always see angels, but they are a part of our lives.

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