



# St Joseph Catholic Church

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**Sunday October 6, 2024 ~ The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## From the Bishop's Pen...

*"Therefore, what God has joined together, let no human being separate."*

Last week Jesus warned His disciples against envy of others and giving scandal to others. The week before, He warned His disciples against having selfish ambition. In all of these, our Lord makes the point that what we have been given by God is to be used to help one another.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the Pharisees how sacred the conjugal bond of matrimony between a man and a woman is. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

In our reading from Genesis, Adam longs for someone to complement him, and God creates Eve, "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of man this one has been taken." Just as God gives different gifts and talents to everyone, so that we can complement and help one another; He gave different bodies to man and woman, so that each may complement the other; thereby two become one flesh.

This joining together for the good of each other, and the pro-creation of children, is so important that the bride and bridegroom exchange their vows and marry each other. The priest or deacon does not marry them but receives their vows for the Church.

Today in the United States of America, what God, in His infinite wisdom has created; man in his finite folly, is continually trying to redefine, that is, God's meaning of marriage. This is truly a temptation of "self-fulfillment," "what I want, not what God wants for me," and it harkens to the previous two Sundays' Gospels.

None of us had a choice in who we are, but all of us have a choice in what we do. Each of us was created male or female, and we cannot change that. The choice we make must be to follow God's commandments, His moral and natural laws. A man and woman make the choice to follow God's commandment of self-giving love in exchanging their vows in marriage; to give themselves completely in love and service to one another, to become "one flesh" for the remainder of their earthly lives.

Each one of us must always make the choice in following Christ, to be obedient to the Father's commandments of love and service, whether married, single, religious, or God's ordained ministers.

— 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**

\$ 10,754.11 September 29, 2024

Our average weekly parish expenses for  
September 2024 \$N/A

Our Offertory last week was N/A  
of Expenses

Faith Direct: September 2024 - \$ N/A

Last Week's Attendance Total: 788

**St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week**

**MASSSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES**



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

Monday October 7, 2024

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

Mass - 8:30 am

*O My Jesus,*  
HELP ME IMITATE YOU!

Tuesday October 8, 2024

Daily Mass - 8:30 am  
Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm  
Benediction - 6:30 pm  
Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday October 9, 2024

**ST. DENIS, BISHOP, AND  
COMPANIONS, MARTYRS;  
ST. JOHN LEONARDI, PRIEST**  
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday October 10, 2024

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday October 11, 2024

**ST. JOHN XXIII, POPE**  
Daily Mass - 8:30 am  
Exposition/Adoration  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
MORNING MASS  
Benediction 6:00 pm

Saturday October 12, 2024

Confession / Reconciliation  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday

**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

Sunday October 6

- **Sodality - Rosary** (RR) AFTER 8:00 AM MASS
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** (CLR1) 12:00 pm

Monday October 7

- **OCIA - Virtual Meeting** 7:00 pm  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944235053?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944235053?pwd=bFYHqh48x0moVo76CexBSsZg2T31A6.1)  
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Tuesday October 8

- **Senior Play Date** (RR)  
12:00 pm
- **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Wednesday October 9

- **Line Dancing** (RR) 10:00 am
- **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- **Social Justice & Concerns Meeting** (Virtual) 7:00 pm

Thursday October 10

- **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** (CLR1) 7:00 pm

Friday October 11

- **Funeral - Joseph Proctor** (CH) Wake 10:00 am Mass 11:00 am

Saturday October 12

- **Men's Ministry Meeting** (CLR2) 7:30 am
- **Faith Formation /Religious Ed** (All Classrooms) 10:00 am
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** (CH) 12:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR 2) 12:00 pm
- **Landings** (CLR 1) 1:30 pm
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

**Daily Readings for the Week of October 6, 2024**

**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

**Next Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



**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, 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, Ebony Marble, 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, Loraine Moses, 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:**

Gregory Eades, Wilton Gordon, Joseph Proctor

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 SOULS FROM ALL LEVELS  
OF PURGATORY †  
12:00 PM ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

**Monday**

8:30 AM AUTUMN AND AVA MILLER  
(5 YEARS OLD) BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

**Tuesday**

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

**Wednesday**

8:30 AM Javier Ruiz  
Birthday Blessings

**Thursday**

8:30 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

**Friday**

8:30 AM SOULS FROM ALL  
LEVELS OF PURGATORY †

**Saturday**

5:00 PM SOULS FROM ALL  
LEVELS OF PURGATORY †

**LIVE THE LITURGY:**

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

To follow Jesus, we must cast off all illusions of importance and wisdom. We must embrace our own smallness, rejoice in our own weakness. In doing that, we become like true children, and discover the saving strength of our God.

**Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection**

**FIRST READING:**

Today's reading from Genesis provides the foundation for our Christian understanding of marriage. **Who in your life has a happy and successful marriage?**

**SECOND READING:**

The author of Hebrews teaches us we are united with Jesus as one family in our suffering and death. **Are there any family members who need your support and comfort this week?**

**GOSPEL:**

The Pharisees learned that Jesus holds a higher standard on marriage than even Moses. **Does Jesus's position on marriage surprise you?**

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?**

Question: What was the first Native American language approved for translation for most parts of the Mass

Answer: (a) Navajo (b) Cree (c) Sioux

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

**PRACTICING CATHOLIC  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**The Hardness of Your Hearts**

As far as I know, no one has ever woken up in the morning, looked out the window, and thought, "This is a beautiful sunrise. I'll have to be very careful not to let it make me happy."

But I'm certain that every day, lots of people — including, on not-infrequent occasions, myself — have woken up and remembered something that happened the day before. Something that made us feel upset or frustrated or insulted. And we thought to ourselves, "That makes me so, so angry." And we've pictured the face of the person who made us feel that way, and we have scoffed with disgust.

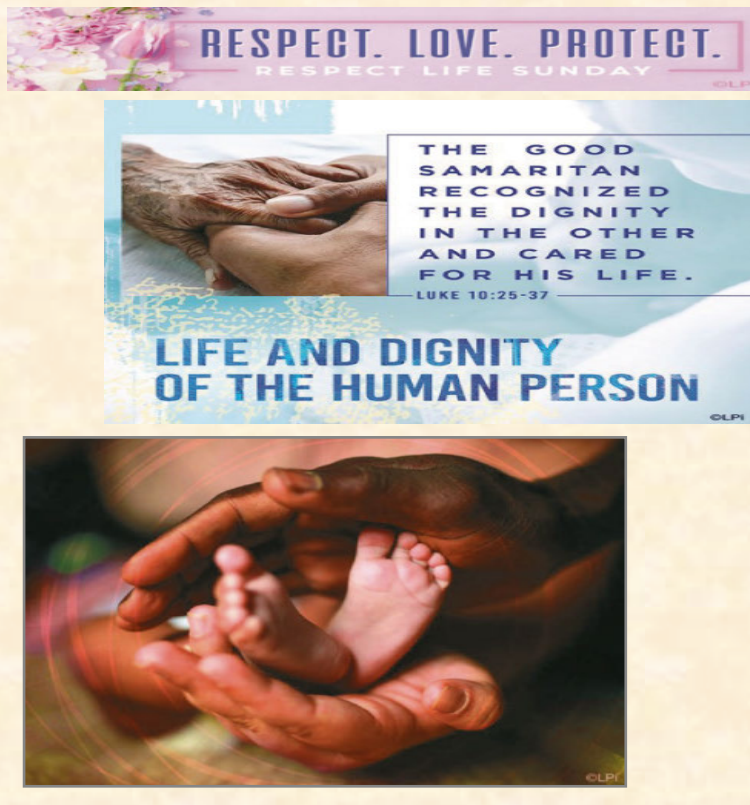
And we hold onto that anger because anger feels so much better than sadness. And deep within ourselves, in the place where we feel all the love and pain and confusion that is inherent in human existence, we harden.

Nobody ever intends to be hard-hearted. That's just the stuff of Bond villains and horror flicks. No, in real life a hardened heart isn't a conscious choice. It's a reflex. It's just us trying to protect ourselves, to be strong — or, at least, to embody the version of strength offered by a fallen world.

A heart of stone is not so easily scratched, you see. But it's also not so easily warmed or touched or moved. world.

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**OCTOBER IS... Respect for Life Month**



**OCTOBER IS ....**



**PRACTICING CATHOLIC  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

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A heart hardened by resentment and pain and anger is not just protected from injury. It is protected from the impact of the whole spectrum of tender feelings. It is not open to forgiveness, so it cannot feel the rush of life-giving mercy. It is closed off to new ideas, so it can never feel the awe of discovery.

There is a reason we are called to guard ourselves against hard-heartedness. God gave us hearts of flesh and blood. They are hearts that can be broken, yes — but also, they are hearts that can be made new.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?**

*You are correct if you answered (a) Navajo*

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**35TH ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL**

October 7, 8, and 9

7:00 pm

Mount Calvary Catholic Church  
6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD

**KC LADIES SENIOR PLAY DATE**

Rosemont Room

Tuesday October 8th

12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm

**VOTER EDUCATION**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church  
in Washington DC is hosting a  
Voter Educational Seminar on  
October 13th 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

call (301)758-3768 or click link

<https://files.ecatholic.com/24978/documents/2024/9/Donna%20Flyer%20update.png?t=1726328031000>

**CHECK OUT VOTER INFORMATION IN  
THE INFORMATION CENTER**

Registration Application, Mail in Ballot Application  
Early Voting Dates

Thursday October 24th - Thursday October 31st

**VOTE** - November 5th

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**SJCAF HARVEST MASS**

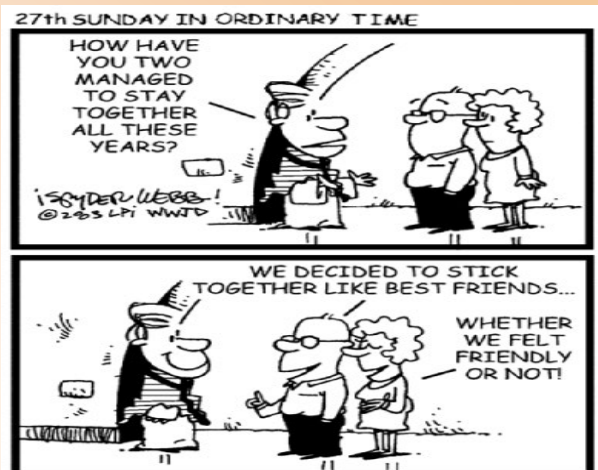
Sunday November 24th

12:00 Noon Mass

“TASTE & SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD”

All are welcomed to celebrate the Harvest!

JUST A THOUGHT



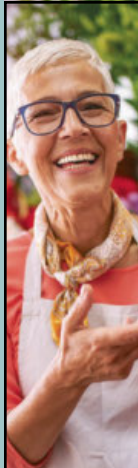


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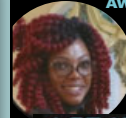
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