



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday November 24, 2024 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

From the Bishop's Pen...

"You say I am a king."

Jesus tells Pilate that He is a king, but He also says that His kingdom does not "belong to this world." This was important, because Pontius Pilate was worried that Jesus was trying to organize a political rebellion against the Roman Empire.

On the Solemnity of Christ the King in 2006, Pope Benedict XVI explained that "Jesus did not come to rule over peoples and territories, but to set people free from the slavery of sin, and to reconcile them with God." Jesus came to save us, by bringing the light of truth back into our darkened, confused world. And that truth is that God is love. So, we know that God loves us.

By accepting God's love in our lives, we are reinstated as citizens of the Kingdom of God, where Christ is the everlasting King. Every king sits upon a throne. No other king in human history has chosen a throne like Jesus'. Instead of being a throne that Jesus sits on, in a position of power, our King's throne is one that He lies down on, in a position of weakness. Flat on His back, Jesus' hands and feet are nailed to the wood of His throne, the Cross.

Jesus is not asserting Himself; He is surrendering Himself. Jesus does not lord the power of His kingdom over His subjects. Jesus gives Himself to His subjects. Our Lord's kingdom is not about the passing power of politics; it is about the everlasting, redeeming power of divine love.

Our king longs to be close to every person, even the humblest, most miserable person, so He purposely enthroned Himself to reign on a throne of suffering. By sharing in our suffering, Jesus allows us to share in His kingship, to join Him on His throne, if only we unite our sufferings to His, if only we place our crosses on the altar with His. So, from the Cross, instead of distancing Himself from His people, our king draws ever closer to us, and He draws us ever closer to Him.

– 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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Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ 15,109.25 November 17, 2024

Our average weekly parish expenses for
October 2024 \$22,086.29

Our offertory last week was
of expenses 68.4%

Faith Direct: October 2024 - \$25, 513.91

Last Week's Attendance Total: 826



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!**

PARISH TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Please use your offertory envelopes, and fill them out completely. Enclose your check or cash in your offertory envelope and write the amount on the envelope. As a reminder money/checks do not stay together with the envelopes so if there is no information or amount on the envelope you may not receive proper acknowledgment for your offering. If you choose to send in your Church envelopes by mail or drop them off at the Church, please do so. Your tax deductible offerings are based on the information on your envelopes. We have also set-up **Online Giving** through **Faith Direct**, which is an easy, simple, and secure way to continue supporting the ministry and mission of our parish. We had to make a number of decisions regarding our current Church staff because we are unable to collect our regular offertory. Please go to the link: <https://www.stjoseph-largo.org/online-giving> to sign-up for **Faith Direct**, make a contribution, and to view a video about enrollment and have your questions answered about online giving.

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

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday November 24, 2024

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
(34TH AND LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

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

Monday November 25, 2024

**ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA,
VIRGIN AND MARTYR**
Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday November 26, 2024

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

Wednesday November 27, 2024

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday

November 28, 2024



Thanksgiving Day
Mass - 10:00 am

Friday November 29, 2024

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday November 30, 2024

ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday November 24

- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** (CLR1) 12:00 pm
- **SJCAF Harvest Mass** (CH) 12:00 pm

Monday November 25

OCIA - Virtual Meeting 7:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944235053?pwd=bFYHqh48x0moVo76CexBSsZg2T31A6.1>
Meeting ID: 899 4423 5053 Passcode: 092357

Tuesday November 26

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

Wednesday November 27

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

Saturday November 23

- **No Faith Formation /Religious Ed** (Thanksgiving Break)
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** (CLR2) 12:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR2) 12:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of November 24, 2024

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

PRAYER FOR CHRIST THE KING

King Jesus,
Thy Kingdom Come!
May thy Kingdom where mercy and compassion reign,
come in haste.
Come, Lord Jesus, Be our Lord and King.
Amen.

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

Cathrine Abrams, 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, James Doe, James Dudley, Martin Ekeh, 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, Nolan McWilliams, 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 AM RUSSELL JACKSON †
10:00 AM ANGELISA OLEA (HEALING)
12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH FAMILY

MONDAY

8:30 AM MARGARET AND PIUS
NWANKPA

Tuesday

8:30 EBERE ACHU †
7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH FAMILY

Wednesday

8:30 MARVIN L. GRAVES †

THURSDAY

10:00 AM SATURNIN MAUGE †

FRIDAY

8:30 AM MARIA FORD
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

SATURDAY

5:00 PM KEMMY NDUM
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

There is only one king whose subjects can choose whether or not they will serve him. We choose Christ when we choose the truth. When we serve the truth, we serve Christ the King.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Sacramental Seal

Question:

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

Answer:

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

FIRST READING:

Daniel had visions of Jesus ("Son of man") receiving everlasting dominion, glory, and kingship from God ("the Ancient One"). **Why do you think some people receive visions?**

SECOND READING:

Revelation teaches that Jesus loves us and has made us into a kingdom of priests for God. **What do you think Jesus expects from us in return?**

GOSPEL:

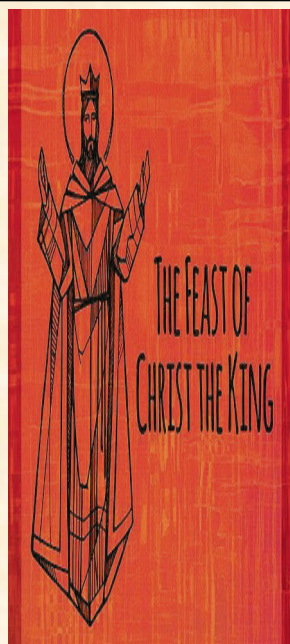
In his trial Jesus tells Pilate he was born to testify to the truth. **Can you think of a time in your life when you had to tell a difficult truth to someone?**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question: Grapes and wheat are a symbol of what Sacrament?

Answer: (a) Holy Eucharist (b) First Holy Communion
(c) Holy Orders of Matrimony (d) Baptism

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5



Prayer for Thanksgiving

Dear Lord,

We raise our thanks to You,
the giver of every good gift.

Thank You for the ways
You have blessed, guarded,
and guided us this past year and always.
Keep us in Your hands, and close to Your heart.
Amen



PROJECT WARMTH 2024

November 2, - December 1, 2024

The Good Samaritan Ministry is asking for your assistance again this year to bring warmth to needy children at local elementary schools.

Please donate NEW coats, hats, gloves, and navy-blue socks. Placed all donations in the Project Warmth collection box located in the church foyer.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to: Good Samaritan Ministry"

(Note "Project Warmth 2024" on the memo line)

Deposit checks in the small box located on the table.

ST JOSEPH 2025 MISSAL

The 2024 St Joseph Missal will be available after each Mass starting through December 1st, for \$6.00. This year The St Joseph Missal, complete addition for \$35.00 will be available for pre-order. The complete addition has the three liturgical cycles.

Please have exact change if paying by cash.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN, ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

Invites you on

Saturday December 7th -1:30 - 4:30 pm
to battle the winter gloom by serving women in our community and bringing a smile to their faces by making Christmas gifts and cards.

We will be furnishing the material to make the Christmas cards

Please help us with the gift bags, by bringing one or more sets of 5 travel-sized toiletries in a quart size Ziplock bag. Each set of toiletries should include a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, and deodorant.

See the flyer in the information center for more information or sign up via the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084FA5A929AA8-52674731-ccwadw>

*Thank
You!*

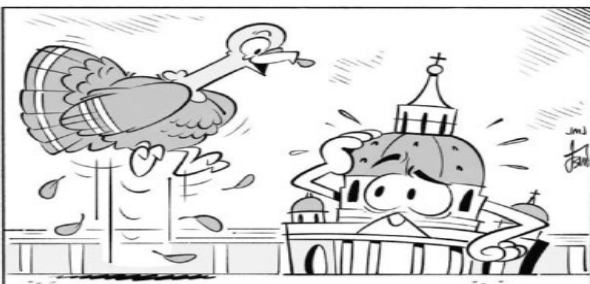
**The James C. Fletcher, Jr
Council, Knights of Columbus**
would like to thank all those who
participated in the
2024 Box of Joy Campaign.

Through your generosity of gifts for children and monetary donations, the council was able to ship 84 Boxes of Joy to the needy and deserving children in Central and South America. This sum of boxes and donations is the most the council has ever attained in the 5 years of the campaign. The charitable act of giving from the St. Joseph Family will brighten the Christmas Season for many underserved children. May God bless you for your selfless act of charitable giving.

**"WHAT YOU DID FOR THE LEAST OF THE KINGDOM,
YOU DID FOR ME."**

A LITTLE HOLY HUMOR

"Can a Turkey jump higher than St. Peter's Basilica?"



"Yes, St. Peter's Basilica can't jump!"

FUN FACT!
St. Peter's Basilica is located in Vatican City and it's where the pope resides. It's also the tallest dome in the world at 448 feet tall!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

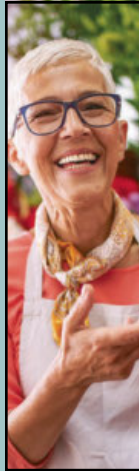
You are correct if you answered (a) Holy Eucharist
Note: CC -Article 3 The Sacrament of the Eucharist

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