



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday December 29, 2024 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

From the Bishop's Pen...

"His parents found Jesus sitting in the midst of the teachers."

Most of us grew up, or are growing up, in a family with both parents, and maybe a sister, or brother, or two, or more. How important is it to grow up in a family? We cannot place a value on the family into which we were born.

Our reading from the Book of Sirach, a wisdom book from the Old Testament, tells us of the graces and benefits that come to children in families, who honor their fathers and mothers. He calls on children to respect their parents, and by extension, everyone in their family. He tells us to take care of our parents and to show them only kindness in their old age.

The Book of Sirach is telling us that honoring and respecting our parents and our families is living Christ's Second Great Commandment of love, to love our neighbor as ourselves. It also tells us what we accomplish for ourselves, in God's eyes, by showing our love for Him when we do good works for others. These words, written 2,200 years ago, hold true today.

St. Paul echoes this message in his Letter to the Colossians, telling members of a family how they should treat each other. Husbands must love their wives as they do their own bodies, as Christ does for His Body, the Church. Joseph protected and provided for Jesus and Mary. He named Jesus, taught Him how to pray, how to work, how to be a man.

When their 12-year-old child stayed behind in the Temple we are told that Joseph, along with Mary, searched with great anxiety for three days for Him. They were looking for God, in Mary's Son, Jesus. Jesus had His priorities in order. He was being obedient to His Father in heaven, first. However, when Mary and Joseph found Him, to take Him home with them, Luke's Gospel tells us that Jesus was obedient to His earthly family.

Do we look for God, searching sometimes all our lives to find Him? Jesus told Mary and Joseph, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" God, the Father, wants each of us to be His house, the temple where Jesus can be found. When Jesus can be found in us, we bring Him to the home where our family lives.

Each of us wrestles with identity issues, while at the same time embracing responsibilities toward our family. Every parent wrestles with freedom issues for their child, while at the same time cooperating with God, trusting that their child is being protected. Let us pray for all families this weekend, that this balance may be found, so that as families, we will always grow spiritually and in our trust in God, finding Jesus in "His Father's house."

— Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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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

\$ N/A December 22, 2024

Our average weekly parish expenses for
November 2024 \$

Our offertory last week was N/A %
of expenses

Faith Direct: November 2024 - \$

Last Week's Attendance Total: N/A

OFFERTORY/ATTENDANCE NOT AVAILABLE
DUE TO EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION TO PRINTER



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 December 29, 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY

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

Monday December 30, 2024

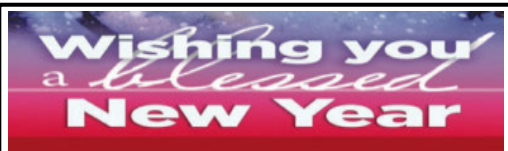
Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday December 31, 2024

ST. SYLVESTER I, POPE;

NEW YEAR'S Eve

Mass - 8:30 am
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm



Wednesday January 1, 2025

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD,
WORLD DAY OF PEACE**

Mass - 10:00 am

Thursday January 2, 2025

**STS. BASIL THE GREAT AND
GREGORY NAZIANZEN,
BISHOPS AND DOCTORS
OF THE CHURCH**

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

First Friday January 3, 2025

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

*Exposition/Adoration
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
MORNING MASS

*Benediction 6:00 pm

* ANY CHANGE WILL BE ANNOUNCED

First Saturday January 4, 2025

**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON,
RELIGIOUS**

Mass - 8:00 am
Confession / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday December 29

- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **KoC - Rosary** (CH) BEFORE 10:00 AM MASS

Monday December 30

- **OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** (Virtual) 7:00 pm
(NO CLASS - WINTER BREAK)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944235053?pwd=bFYHqh48x0moVo76CexBSsZg2T31A6.1>

Tuesday December 31

- **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 3:00 pm

Wednesday January 1, 2025

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday January 2

- **Dr. Clark** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- **Cantor Rehearsal with Denese Clay** (CH) 5:30 pm
- **SJCAF - Charismatic Prayer Group** (CLR1) 7:00 pm
- **KoC - (RR)** 7:00 pm

Saturday January 4

- **Men's Ministry Meeting** (CLR2) 7:30 am
- **Faith Formation /Religious Ed** (All Classrooms) 10:00 am
- **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 December 29, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1

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, Gennie Huntley-Lopez, 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, 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 ERMA TORNEY SI
10:00 AM KELECHI ECHEOZO
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)
12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

MONDAY

8:30 AM DORIS HITE SI

Tuesday

8:30 AM VANESSA RUIZ
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)
5:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Wednesday

10:00 AM NDUM FAMILY (SI)

THURSDAY

8:30 BRUCE JAMES MARTIN †

FRIDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

SATURDAY

5:00 PM ROBERTO HYLTON †

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

For three days, Mary and Joseph search and worry before finding Jesus in the temple. "Didn't you know where I was?" he says to them, in so many words. We, too, look for Jesus. We, too, know where to find him.

Let us never forget and never despair.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

FIRST READING:

In gratitude to the Lord, Hannah returned the gift of her son, Samuel. ***Is there a gift from the Lord for which you are particularly grateful?***

SECOND READING:

As children of God, John teaches us that believers should love one another and believe in the name of Jesus. ***In addition to faith and love, what else do you think unites us as children of God?***

GOSPEL:

Luke presents an anxious experience that Mary and Joseph had as parents raising the young boy, Jesus. ***Do you recall a time when your parents were worried or anxious about you?***

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question:

According to tradition, who were Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper?

Answer:

- (a) The inn keepers that turned Mary and Joseph way
- (b) Shepherds that Mary and Joseph met during their journey
- (c) The three kings who visited baby Jesus

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Jesus' Grandparents

Question:

July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

Answer:

Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation — God becoming human!

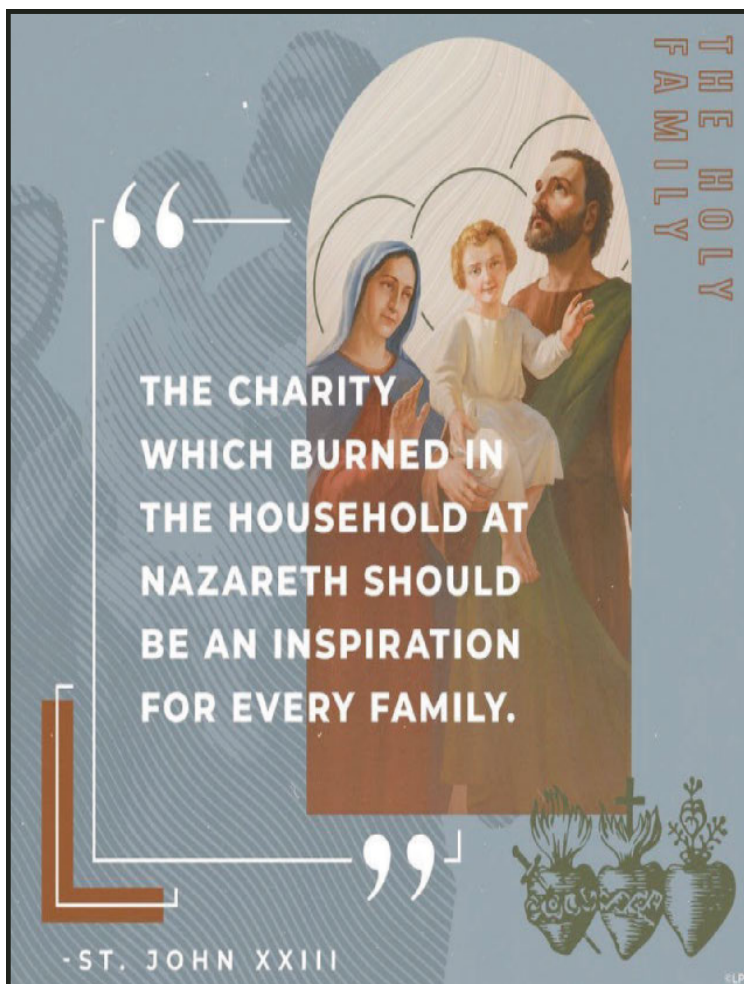
THE HOLY FAMILY

“—

THE CHARITY WHICH BURNED IN THE HOUSEHOLD AT NAZARETH SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION FOR EVERY FAMILY.

—”

- ST. JOHN XXIII

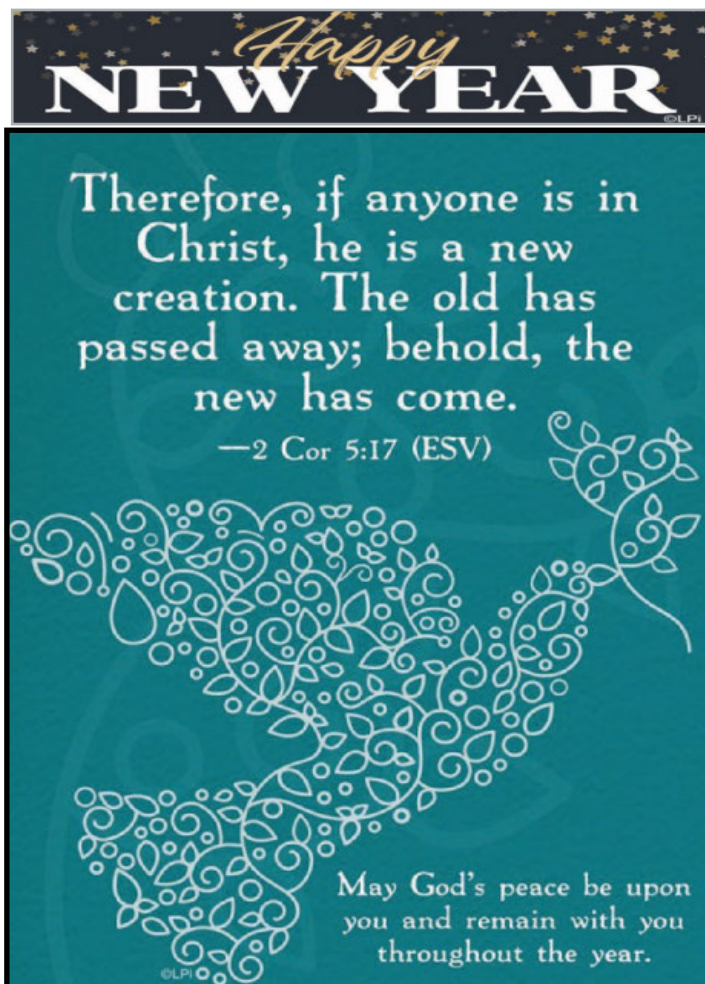


Happy NEW YEAR

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

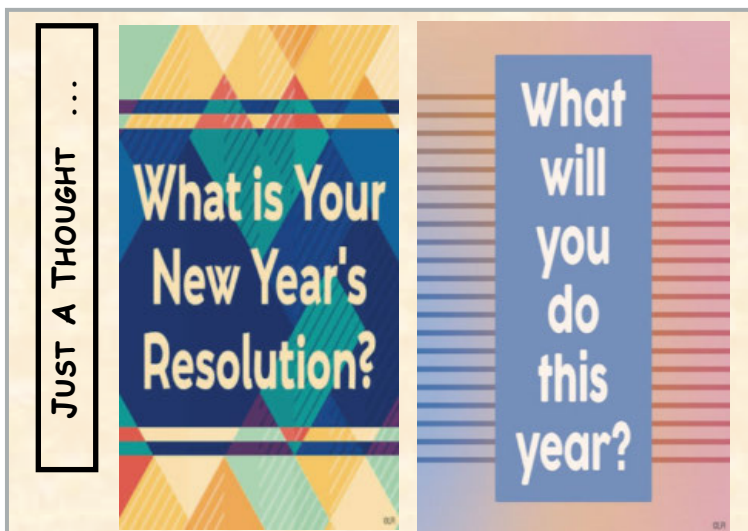
May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.



JUST A THOUGHT ...

What is Your New Year's Resolution?

What will you do this year?

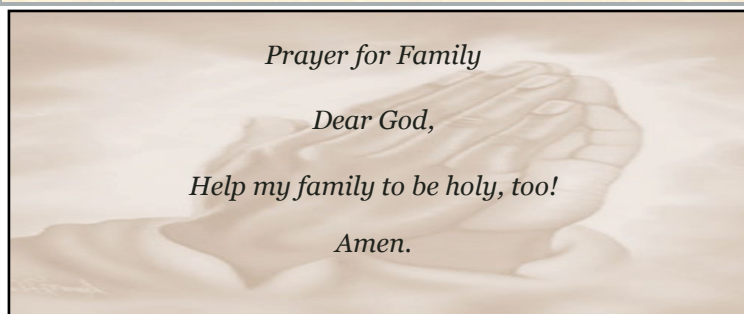


Prayer for Family

Dear God,

Help my family to be holy, too!

Amen.



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday December 31st
New Years Eve
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Wednesday January 1st, 2025
New Years Day
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
Mass - 10:00 am

Sunday January 5th
The Epiphany of the Lord
Masses - 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

Sunday January 12th
Baptism of the Lord
Masses - 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?
You are correct if you answered:

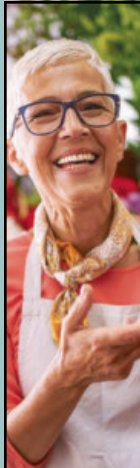
(c) **The three kings who visited baby Jesus**

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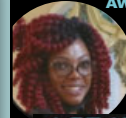
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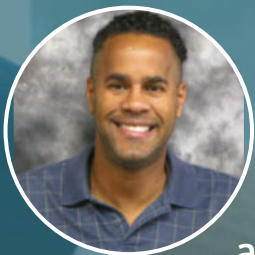
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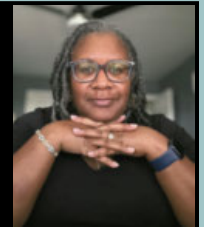
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