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SUNDAY JANUARY 12, 2025 ~ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

From the Bishop's Pen...

"When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened."

Baptism is "the Christian rite of pouring water over a person's head or immersing them in it, purifying us and admitting us into the Christian Church." This is a definition of our baptism into the Body of Christ, the Church. But why would Jesus Christ undergo baptism? At His Baptism, Jesus made the waters of baptism holy, so that for us, the waters of baptism can make us holy. As flowing water cleanses our bodies, the flowing water of baptism cleanses our souls. Something else also happened when Jesus was baptized.

The Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit, revealed Itself to mankind at Jesus' baptism, "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Christ, already full of the Spirit, "received the Spirit" in so far as He was man and in so far as man could receive the Spirit.

In the Holy Spirit, Jesus raised the baptism of John the Baptist from one of only repentance, to the first Sacrament of life in Christ – the Church. He raised baptism to entry into life in the divine nature of God. In baptism, God our Father sees us in His Christ. Evil corrupts that vision. Sin disfigures how God wants to see us and it disfigures how we see ourselves. It is through God's goodness that we are baptized into Christ.

With that vision of God our Father seeing us in His Christ, we can face tomorrow, and the days after tomorrow, with hope, with courage, and with the love within us that can bring life and hope to others, especially those imprisoned in ways of seeing themselves apart from God and His love for us. Baptism frees us and empowers us. Baptism fills us with the power of God's love. We should always be conscious of God's love within us and ask Him to renew within us the power and glory that He gave us at our baptisms.

- 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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(Please make appointments for private meetings)

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 January 5, 2025

Our average weekly parish expenses for December 2024 \$

Our offertory last week was N/A % of expenses

Faith Direct: December 2024 - \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance Total: 738

Note: Offertory and Expenses unavailable due to office closed for inclement weather



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. Prau, 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 acknowledgement 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 Intentions are made in the Parish Office Mass Special Intentions 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

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St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday January 12, 2025
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Masses:

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

Monday January 13, 2025 St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday January 14, 2025 Mass - 8:30 am Exposition/Adoration 6:00 pm Benediction 6:45 pm Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday January 15, 2025 Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday January 16, 2025
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday January 17, 2025
St. Anthony, Abbot

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

Saturday January 18, 2025

JANUARY 18-25 IS THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

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

Next Sunday
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER FOR BAPTISM

Oh God, You desire each of us to be a part of Your sacred family, called and invited into relationship with You. May the grace of our Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved and chosen by You.

Amen.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday January 12

- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- St Joseph Ladies Auxiliary No. 141 Knights of St John Intl (CL 2) 11:30 am
- OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (CLR1) 12:00 pm

Monday January 13

• OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (Virtual) 7:00 pm

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

Tuesday January 14

• **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Wednesday January 15

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

Thursday January 16

- Beginners Line Dance 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
- KC Officers Meeting and Exemplification (RR/CH) 7:00pm

Saturday January 17

- Men's Ministry Meeting (CLR1) 7:30 am
- Faith Formation / Religious Ed (All Classrooms) 10:00 am
- SVDP Food Distribution (WW) 11:00 am (APPT REQUIRED)
- Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians (CLR2) 11:30 am
- Youth Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 12:00 pm
- Denese Clay Grow Your Own Musicians (CLR1) 2:00 pm
- Dr. Clarke Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR 2) 3:30 pm
- Altar Server Training (CLR 3 and CH) 3:00 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of January 12, 2025

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

<u>Next Sunday:</u> Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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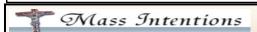
Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Cathrine Abrams, Gerry Anderson, Carla Amorim, Theresa Agorel, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Shelia Bailey, 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, Cliffton Rush, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Johnnie Scott, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dorothy Seth, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Eunice Sparkman, 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.



Sunday

8:00 AM FOR ALL BARREN AND
PREGNANT WOMEN
10:00 AM VERA NDUM AND FAMILY (SI)
12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

MONDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY **Tuesday**

8:30 AM JON PAUL METHODIUS (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS) 7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Wednesday
8:30 Am The St Joseph Community

THURSDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY FRIDAY

8:30 AM SHELLY & ANDREA NEAL (SI)
SATURDAY

5:00 PM JOHNNIE AND TRACY SCOTT (SI)

LIVE THE LITURGY:

Inspiration for the Week

"The people were filled with expectation," writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah brought words of comfort and hope from God to the Israelites exiled in Babylon. *Is there someone in your life who needs hope for the future?*

Second Reading:

Paul challenged Titus to reject godless ways and worldly desires. **Do you have any family or friends you consider a role model in living an exceptional life?**

<u>Gospel</u>:

The Holy Spirit affirms Jesus as the Christ, the beloved Son of God. *When do you sense the presence* of the Holy Spirit in your life?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Ouestion: What is the incense burner used at Mass called?

Answer:

(a) Thurible b) Censer (c) Incense Burner

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Baptismal Bib

Question:

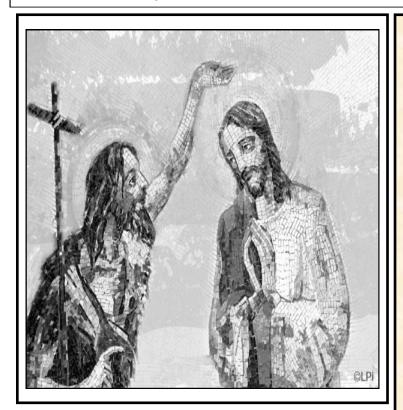
At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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HURRY! YOUR OPPORTUNITY AWAITS YOU

Did you resolve this new year to spend your time doing worthy deeds to benefit someone else, and you haven't yet decided what you'll do? Well, look no further! Come volunteer at your **St. Joseph Food Pantry.** Spend just a few hours every 2-3 months packing grocery bags, replenishing shelves, or loading bags into cars. And at the same time, make a new friend with a fellow volunteer parishioner. Or, if you're a student and you need to earn a few credit hours for school, volunteer with us. It'll be worth your while! Your good deed will undoubtedly benefit those we serve who are food insecure. For more information, contact Pam White at pamwhite2013@gmail.com. Hurry! Don't Wait!

ANNUAL CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The statements for your contributions via church envelope will be mailed to your address of record. Please inform the parish office ASAP if your address has changed.

If you have questions regarding your Faith Direct annual contribution statement, please contact Faith Direct 1-866-507-8757 or membership.faithdirect.net

EVENTS

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 8, 2025 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples are invited to

register with the parish office by Friday, January 24, 2025

to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary. Please contact the office to register

SAINT JOSEPH GOSPEL CHOIR FASHION SHOW

The Saint Joseph Gospel Choir presents a
Fashion Show & Dinner
to raise funds for the scholarship program.
Theme: Beautiful People of Color
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Date: Sunday, February 23, 2025
Time: 3:00 pm
Tickets: \$75.00
Come join us for an afternoon of elegance, culture, and community celebration!

MARDI GRAS

For tickets, contact any choir member.

The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council, Knights of Columbus Annual Mardi Gras Dinner Ball on Saturday, March 1, 2025
7:00 pm. - to mid-night
St. Joseph Church in the Rosemont Room.
It is a traditional New Orleans Gala, superb music, and Entertainment. The dinner menu offers your favorite creole delicacies.
It is a semiformal affair and masks are optional.
Tickets are \$70.00 per person
Please contact Vernon Hawkins at 301-367-1881,
Cal Thompson at 301-928-2157 or any of the

council members to purchase tickets



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(a) Thurible and b) Censer

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