



St Joseph Catholic Church

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SUNDAY JANUARY 19, 2025 ~ THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee."

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. The Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit, revealed Itself to man at Jesus' baptism. Now Jesus is attending a wedding feast with His mother and the bridegroom has run out of wine for his guests.

Mary brings this to Jesus' attention, and He answers her rather strongly, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." Jesus is focused on doing His Father's will first but not objecting to fulfilling His mother's request. What Jesus will do next foretells what His Father's will is for Him, to bring us from the old law to His new Covenant of Love.

Jesus uses the 15 to 25 gallons of water in each of the six stone jars, meant for the old Jews ritual of purification and cleansing, and changes the water into what it was not, wine. Not only did He change water into wine, but into an abundance of the finest wine. This was an Old Testament prophetic sign of the Messiah that the Jews were waiting for.

God the Father spoke at Jesus' baptism, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." And now the Father has willed that Jesus begins to reveal Himself as the Messiah at this wedding feast in Cana.

Mary, with complete faith in her Son, turns to the servers and utters her last recorded words in the Bible, "Do whatever he tells you." Mary has the same message for us today, telling us how to follow her Son and have eternal life in Him, "Do whatever he tells you." When we obey Mary's command, we too, will be focused on doing our heavenly Father's will.

– 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!

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

Audiovisual Support:

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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

\$ 11,335.00 January 12, 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: 712

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday January 19, 2025

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

Monday January 20, 2025

ST. FABIAN, POPE AND MARTYR; ST. SEBASTIAN, MARTYR;

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Mass - 8:30 am

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday January 21, 2025

ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration 6:00 pm
Benediction 6:45 pm
Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday January 22, 2025

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday January 23, 2025

ST. VINCENT, DEACON AND MARTYR;

ST. MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday January 24, 2025

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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

Saturday January 25, 2025

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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

Next Sunday

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINI REFLECTION:

Sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday January 19

- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** (CLR3) 12:00 pm
- **Knights Sunday** (CH) 12:00 pm
- **SJYM** (RR-A) 1:30 pm

Monday January 20

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

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

Tuesday January 21

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

Wednesday January 22

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

Thursday January 23

- **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

Friday January 23

- **Parish Council Meeting** (RR) 7:00 pm

Saturday January 24

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

Daily Readings for the Week of January 19, 2025

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

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/ 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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, Clifton 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:

Juanita Thomas

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 ROBIN E. PARSELL
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

10:00 AM JEAN-MARIE TCHEFFO †

12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

MONDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Tuesday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

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 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

SATURDAY

5:00 PM MARY LUCILLE JOHNSON †

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are all the servants at Cana. Each of us, at various times, find ourselves confused and unsure, empty where we should be full, unprepared where we should be ready. When we falter, Mary's words give us direction: "Do whatever he tells you."

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

First Reading:

Isaiah spoke of God's delight in Jerusalem and desire to see Israel as His spouse. **What married couples do you know who genuinely take delight in each other?**

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Corinthians that the gifts of the Holy Spirit to individuals are meant to benefit and unify the community. **What gifts do you have that you think benefit others?**

Gospel:

After all the wine was consumed, Jesus turned water into wine for the bride and groom at the wedding. **When have you received an unexpected gift from someone?**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question: Who was the only apostle, excluding Judas, who was not martyred?

Answer:

(a) St. John b) St. Mark (c) St. Peter

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Holy Days

Question:

Why do some dioceses move holy days, or not even celebrate them at all. Doesn't everyone do the same thing?

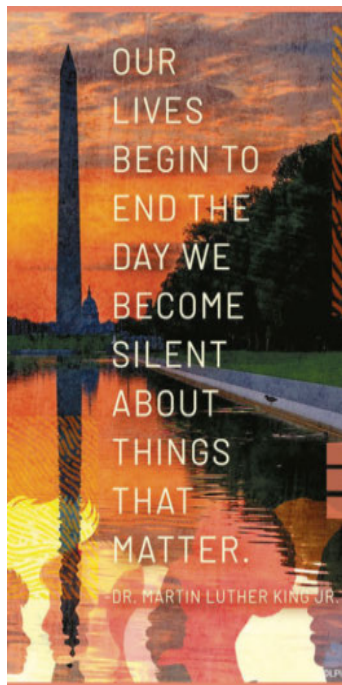
Answer:

The short answer is no, not everyone does the same thing. Although the church is universal, there are many local customs and saints that each country, sometimes just a region, will honor. For example, feast days and patronal days may not be major feast days on the church's universal calendar, but are celebrated as such in one place. Holy days of obligation are the same way. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has a certain amount of discretion in choosing days which best reflect the local church's experience and history.

Another reason certain feasts are moved is a practical one. With limited clergy, or a great difficulty for people to get to Mass, the feast day may be transferred to a Sunday. The rationale is that if a significant feast should be part of the church's celebration, then better to do so on a Sunday when people and clergy are available, rather than try to fit it on a day when one or both cannot be there.

Christmas and Immaculate Conception are always observed as days of obligation. In the USA we celebrate six holy days of obligation. There are also other special days and they are ranked, in order of importance as solemnity, feast, memorial and optional memorial.

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**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

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?
You are correct if you answered: (a) St. John

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

Sunday February 2, 2025
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Rosemont Room
STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION

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!
For tickets, contact any choir member.

MARDI GRAS

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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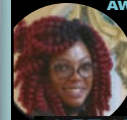
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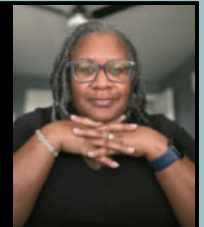
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