

St Joseph Catholic Church

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SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2025 ~ THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled."

Have you ever "wept with joy" at seeing or hearing something you considered very moving? Was this event an example of someone using their God-given gifts in word or action that caused your joy? In moments like that, we may also realize that we do not have these particular "gifts" to share and may wish that we did.

However, none of us need be jealous of anyone else's "gifts." Each of us has unique God-given gifts. St. Paul explains why we should rejoice in the gifts given to others, as well as in our own gifts, "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. If a foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,' it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended." We are called to share our gifts with each other, for the benefit of all.

In today's Gospel, Jesus, has just returned to His hometown from teaching in other Synagogues. I am sure Jesus felt comfortable coming back to where He grew up and going to the Synagogue to pray. He was now ready to start His public ministry – to do His Father's will. He was anxious to share His mission with His hometown, and to share the God-given gifts He wanted them to use to help Him accomplish His Father's will.

In our first reading, "Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God" ... "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep, — for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law." Today, we too should not weep, but be joyful, because we know what Jesus came to do for us, to proclaim His New Law of Love, giving liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and letting the oppressed go free. His New Law of Love calls us to do the same for each other in His name, to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord, by using our God-give gifts to help each other, in the One Body of Christ.

- 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

\$ 11,782.88 January 19, 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: 635

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 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 26, 2025

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Masses:

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

Monday January 27, 2025 ST. ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday January 28, 2025 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

Wednesday January 29, 2025 Mass - 8:30 am

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

Friday January 31, 2025 St. John Bosco, Priest

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

First Saturday February 1, 2025 First Saturday Mass - 8:00 am Confession / Reconciliation 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prayer of Mission

Spirit of the Living God,
Anoint me to bring your love, light,
and freedom to the places you call.
From the heights to the depths:
you are there, you are actively moving, and when you call,
you will also provide.
Amen.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday January 26

- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (CLR3) 12:00 pm
- SJCAF Monthly Meeting (RR) 1:30 pm
- SJYM Executive Board Meeting (Virtual) 4:00 pm

Monday January 27

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

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Tuesday January 28

• **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Wednesday January 29

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

Thursday January 30

- 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 (CLR- TBD) 7:00 pm

Saturday February 1

- Men's Ministry Meeting (CLR2) 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 26, 2025

<u>Sunday:</u> 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

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

<u>Saturday:</u> Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

<u>Next Sunday:</u> Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

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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:

Margaret Ross, Janice Stewart

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 LATRICE NDUM (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS) 12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS) **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 KIMBERLY COLE †

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scripture passage he reads in the synagogue, a missive of promise and hope from an ancient prophet. But he invites us to be part of his work, here and now, in our own lives, our own communities. Be part of the fulfillment.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

Ezra and Nehemiah (the religious and political leadership of the day) grounded their work in Scripture. How does Sacred Scripture guide your life?

Second Reading:

Paul uses the human body as an analogy for the many and varied parts of the Christian community. What role would you like to have in your parish?

Gospel:

We hear how Jesus began to reveal his true identity as Israel's long-awaited Messiah in his hometown of Nazareth.

Have you ever received news that you thought was unbelievable? What was it?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question: What do we call the successors of the apostles in communion with the pope?

(a) Cardinals b) Bishops (c) Archbishops

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

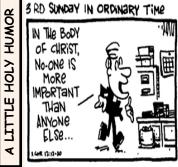
DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Examination of Conscience

Examination of Conscience, Explained

In Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, the apostle writes that it is imperative for a Christian to reflect on his conscience before he partakes of Holy Eucharist: "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28). The practice of examining one's conscience before seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation thus dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith and was encouraged as a regular practice by many saints and founders of religious orders as a means of growing in virtue.

An examination of conscience, when it relates to the sacrament, simply means reflecting on one's actions (and particularly the intentions behind those actions) since the penitent's last absolution, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed. A good basis for this reflection can be the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the seven deadly sins.





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Please mark your calendars and join us for a Mass celebrating Black History Month Saturday, February 22, 2025 10:00 a.m.

The Church of the Incarnation (Washington, DC.)
The celebration will begin with praise and worship,
followed by Mass with
Bishop Roy E. Campbell Jr., Auxiliary Bishop
as the Principal Celebrant

For more information, contact <u>Karen Fowler</u> in the OCDO at <u>fowlerk@adw.org</u> or 301-853-5347.

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 (b) Bishops

EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM THEME:

BLACK MOSES - PAVING THE ROAD TO FREE-DOM Sunday February 2, 2025

2:00 – 4:00 pm Rosemont Room

FEATURING ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH CHOIR

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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