

St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday February 2, 2025 ~ The Presentation of the Lord

From the Bishop's Pen...

"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Love allows us to have faith – to believe in what we have not seen. Love allows us to have hope – to look forward to receiving what we believe in faith. But what is love? St. Paul tells us some attributes of love. Love is patient, kind, believes all things, and hopes all things. Love never fails. He also tells us some things that love is not. It is not jealous, rude, quick-tempered, or holds a grudge.

"The gifts of love," are often used at weddings. The wedding couple uses this reading to express how they intend to show their love for each other. There is another gift of love, the gift of **giving**; we can give our love to others. The gift of Love allows us to do things that may sometimes seem extraordinary, even miraculous.

So, what is this love that **gives** us faith, which gives us hope, which also allows us to do extraordinary and miraculous things? What is this love that allows a man and wife to love each other so much that they love their children even before they are born? What is this love that allows them to raise their children in a loving family, while at the same time **giving** their love to care for other family and neighbors? **THIS LOVE IS GOD!**

Jesus told the people in His hometown of Nazareth that God's love is so great that He is bringing salvation not just to the Jews, but also to the Gentiles. He was telling them that God's love is for everyone, and Jesus' salvation is for everyone. The Jews could not accept that. They thought that God's love and salvation were only for them. If God loved everyone, then they would have to love everyone too. Jesus was telling them that God wants everyone to be His chosen people.

When we come to receive the Eucharist, think about how much God loves us, His chosen people. Like parents who could not bear to leave their children alone to "fend for themselves," God cannot bear to leave us alone. God has given Himself to live in us in the Eucharist, so that we can live in Him and be with Him for eternity. This is true love. **THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD!**

- 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

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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 January 26, 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: 700

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 February 2, 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Masses:

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

Monday February 3, 2025 ST Blaise, Bishop and Martyr ST Absgar, Bishop

Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday February 4, 2025 Mass - 8:30 am Exposition/Adoration 6:00 pm Benediction 6:45 pm Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday February 5, 2025 ST AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday February 6 2025
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

First Friday February 7, 2025

Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
MORNING MASS
Benediction 6:00 pm

Saturday February 8, 2025

ST JEROME EMILIANI, PRIEST AND RELIGIOUS FOUNDER ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN

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

Next Sunday 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prayer of Faith

Dear God,
Open my eyes to Your movement in
my life. And, even when I don't see it
or don't understand,
help me to rely on the promises of
Your love and mercy.

Amen.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday February 2

- **Sodality Sunday**—Rosary After 8:00 am Mass
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (CLR1) 12:00 pm
- **SJYM Meeting** (CLR1) 1:30 pm
- Black History Month Program (RR) 2:00 pm

Monday February 3

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

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

Tuesday February 4

• **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Wednesday February 5

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

Thursday February 6

- Beginners Line Dance Class (RR) 12:30 pm
- **Dr. Clark** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- Cantor Rehearsal with Denese Clay (CH) 5:30 pm
- **KOC—Council Meeting** (RR) 7:00 pm
- SJCAF Charismatic Prayer Group (CLR-TBD) 7:00 pm

Saturday February 8

- 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 February 2, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4 / Heb2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: Heb 11:32-40 / Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4 / Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7 / Mk 5:21-43-20

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19,21-24 / Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8 / Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17,20-21 /Mk 6:30-34

<u>Next Sunday:</u> Is6:1-2a, 3-8/ Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8,11 / Lk 5:1-11

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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, Eric Walker, 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 GLADYS W. MAUGE † 10:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY 12:00 PM BRUCE JAMES †

MONDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Tuesday

8:30 AM SHELLY NEAL (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 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY SATURDAY

5:00 PM JUANITA THOMAS †

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Anna and Simeon saw greatness and glory in the face of a tiny babe. Jesus was insignificant in the eyes of others who looked for the Messiah in the gilded halls of kings. But Anna and Simeon recognized God when they saw him. Do we?

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

First Reading Question:

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Second Reading Question:

Hebrews teaches that Jesus was tested and suffered so that he could be merciful and understanding with our struggles and challenges. What are you facing this week that Jesus could help you with?

Gospel Question:

Mary and Jospeh received incredible news from Simeon and Anna about the infant Jesus at his presentation in the Temple. Who helps you process startling or unsettling information?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question: What country do the majority of Coptic Catholics live in?

Answer: (a) Egypt b) Italy (c) France

Blessing of the Throat

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH

TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Mini Explanation: Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourthcentury Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat.

St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat, Explained Perhaps it's an example of divine providence that the feast of St. Blaise falls on Feb. 3 -right in the middle of cold and flu season! This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat.

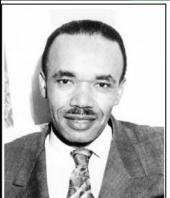
On his feast day, Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat. This blessing is administered by a priest, deacon or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a layperson. During the blessing, the minister takes two candles that were blessed on the feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness." A priest or deacon will then make the sign of the cross.



SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

LITTLE KNOWN BLACK HISTORY FACTS



Gardner L. Bishop was a barber and civil rights activist in Washington, D.C. His work for equal schools for black and white children in the 1940s and 1950s included organizing the student strike at Browne Junior High School and contributing to the historic *Bolling v. Sharpe* case that made school segregation unconstitutional in the District. Bishop, originally from North Carolina, was known for his

outspokenness and his drive to end elitism in the black community.

He was born on January 20, 1909, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He learned how to express his opinions early on, winning prizes as a high school debater in his home state. Although he attended a year of college at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, he did not graduate. In 1930 he moved to Washington, D.C. He lived east of the Anacostia River and, like his father, began working as a barber. After challenging the comments of racist customers on multiple occasions, he was fired. Not cowed, he opened B&D Barber Shop at 1515 U Street NW in 1940, which he owned and operated through his retirement in 1985. His black clientele could get both "a haircut and an earful" from the "barber of U Street." He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was married for 58 years to Ethel Crutchfield Bishop, who died in 1989. They had three children: Dr. Judine Bishop Johnson, Anita Harley, and Gardner L. Bishop Jr. He died of kidney failure on November 25, 1992, at age 82.

THIS FACT SHARED BY STEPHEN JOY.
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE A LITTLE KNOWN BLACK HISTORY FACT TO SHARE.

"If Moses were alive today, why would he be considered a remarkable man?"



"Because he would be several thousand years old!"



Moses was chosen by God to free the Israelites from slavery by the Egyptians, and bring them to the promised land. It was also through Moses that we received the Ten Commandments.

UPCOMING FVFNTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join the K.C. Ladies Auxiliary on February 9th after the 8:00am and 10:00 am Masses for their annual Pancake Breakfast

Adults \$14.00 Children 9 and under \$5.00

Serving:

Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Grits, Fried Apples Coffee, Tea, Milk and Juice

<u>SAINT JOSEPH GOSPEL CHOIR</u> <u>FASHION SHOW</u>

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

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (a) Egypt
Note: The Coptic Catholic Church is an Eastern Catholic particular Church in full communion with the Catholic
Church. Along with the Ethiopian Catholic
Church and Eritrean Catholic Church, it belongs to
the Alexandrian liturgical tradition.

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