



St Joseph Catholic Church

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2025 ~ THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Bishop's Pen...

"They left everything and followed Jesus."

Isaiah had a vision of God, not a good thing in his time, since it meant you either were going to die or your life would be changed radically. Frightened, he said, "Woe is me; I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" The angel of the Lord took embers and cleansed Isaiah of his wickedness. Then Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah said, "Here I am, send me!"

St. Paul tells the Corinthians, "Last of all, as to one born abnormally, He appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and His grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me."

Jesus tells Peter, "'Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.' Simon said in reply, 'Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.' When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, 'Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.'"

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter, each had a personal encounter with the Lord. Each felt that their lives were sinful in the eyes of God, confessing their unworthiness to be in the Lord's presence. Yet, each was called by God to do His will. Jesus calls you and me to do His will. Knowing that Jesus heals us of our sinfulness, we pray that we will have the faith to answer our Lord's call, like Isaiah, Paul, and Peter. We pray that when we hear our Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" we will say, "Here I am, send me!"

– 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

\$ 20,290.00 February 2, 2025

Our average weekly parish expenses for
January, 2025 \$ N/A

Our offertory last week was N/A %
of expenses

Faith Direct: January - \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance Total: 796

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday February 9, 2025

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**

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

Monday February 10, 2025

ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN
Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday February 11, 2025

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

Wednesday February 12, 2025

Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday February 13, 2025

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday February 14, 2025

**STS. CYRIL, MONK, AND
METHODIUS, BISHOP;
VALENTINE'S DAY**

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

Saturday February 15, 2025

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

Next Sunday

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prayer When Facing the Unknown

*Dear Jesus,
When you call me to places where I am
unfamiliar, be with me.*

*When you invite me to a mission I feel ill-
equipped to handle, give me your
strength.*

*Help me to leave everything and follow
you.*

Amen

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday February 9

- **KC Ladies Pancake Breakfast** (RR) After 8:00/10:00 Masses
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **SJCAF - African and Friends Choir Practice** (CLR2) 10:30 am
- **St Joseph Ladies Auxiliary No. 141 Knights of St John Intl** (CL R2) 11:30 am
- **OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** (CLR1) 12:00 pm
- **SJYM Meeting** (CLR1) 1:30 pm

Monday February 10

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

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

Tuesday February 11

- **Funeral - Rose Proctor** (CH) 10:00 am
- **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Wednesday February 12

- **Line Dancing** (RR) 10:00 am
- **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- **Social Justice & Concerns Meeting** (Virtual) 7:00 pm

Thursday February 13

- **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 15

- **Men's Ministry Meeting** (CL1) 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** - (CH) 2:00 pm
- **Altar Server Training** (CLR 3 and CH) 3:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of February 9, 2025

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/
Lk 6:17, 20-26

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, 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, Eric Walker, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn

And the Recently Deceased:

Alberta Christian, Sharon Graham

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY

8:30 AM ELVA GEWNISS RENE †

Tuesday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Wednesday

8:30 AM NAOMI OLADIPO
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

THURSDAY

8:30 AM TONY & AFUAH OWUSU-ANSAH

FRIDAY

8:30 AM MARY KAY MCGUIRE (SI)

SATURDAY

5:00 PM ELVA GEWNISS RENE †

Sunday

8:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

10:00 AM JOHN EDWARD QUEEN †

12:00 PM JULIANNA JOHNSON (SI)

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"I am a sinful man," says Simon Peter as he falls to his knees before Jesus. He had doubted the Lord, had hesitated to follow his instructions. How often can the same be said of us? Remember that God knows the outcome. He knows our nets will be filled. Do not be afraid.

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

St. Patrick's Breastplate

St. Patrick's Breastplate, Explained

St. Patrick's Breastplate (sometimes called The Lorica of St. Patrick) is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. The prayer first appears in the Liber Hymnorum, an 11th-century collection of Irish and Latin hymns, where it is said that Patrick sang these words when he was besieged by the anti-Christian chieftain Lóegaire.

*The prayer's most famous excerpt contains an invocation that Christ be
"with me, before me, behind me, beneath me,
above me, on my right, on my left,
when I lie down, when I sit down,
in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,
in the eye that sees me, in the ear that hears me."*

The prayer's complete version can be divided into eleven sections, each calling upon different elements of divine protection, binding those who recite it to the strength of the Trinity.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

First Reading Question:

In Jesus' call of the first disciples, we see Peter's obedience and humility. How might you put these virtues into practice this week?

Second Reading Question:

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the Gospel message he proclaimed to them about Jesus's death and resurrection appearances. What do you think makes preaching successful?

Gospel Question:

In Jesus' call of the first disciples, we see Peter's obedience and humility. How might you put these virtues into practice this week?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question: Where did three children witness six apparitions of Mary, Mother of God in 1917?

Answer: (a) Fátima, Portugal. b) Rome, Italy
(c) Mexico City, Mexico

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

LITTLE KNOWN BLACK HISTORY FACTS



Phillis Wheatley Peters (c. 1753 – December 5, 1784) was an American author who is considered the first African-American author of a published book of poetry. Born in West Africa, she was kidnapped and subsequently sold into slavery at the age of seven or eight and transported to North America, where she was bought by the Wheatley family of Boston. After she learned to read and write, they encouraged her poetry when they saw her talent.

On a 1773 trip to London with the Wheatleys' son, seeking publication of her work, Wheatley met prominent people who became her patrons. The publication in London of her *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral* on September 1, 1773, brought her fame both in England and the American colonies. Prominent figures, such as George Washington, praised her work. A few years later, African-American poet Jupiter Hammon praised her work in a poem of his own.

Wheatley was emancipated by the Wheatleys shortly after the publication of her book of poems. The Wheatleys died soon thereafter and Phillis Wheatley married John Peters, a poor grocer. They lost three children, who all died young. Wheatley-Peters died in poverty and obscurity at the age of 31.

THIS FACT SHARED BY JANICE CURTIS-GREENE
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE A LITTLE KNOWN BLACK HISTORY FACT TO SHARE.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

A Mass celebrating Black History Month
on Saturday, February 22, 2025

10:00 a.m.

at the Church of the Incarnation
Washington, DC.

Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr. Auxiliary Bishop
Principal Celebrant

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

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

FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"What do you get when you cross Sherlock
Holmes and a Marian apparition?"



"The mysteries of the Rosary!"



FUN FACT! During the month of February, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Many years ago, in a small town in France, Mary appeared to a young girl named Bernadette and declared herself to be the "Immaculate Conception."

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered
(a) Fátima, Portugal

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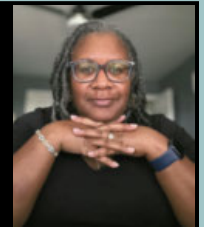
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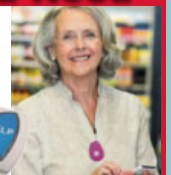
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