# St Joseph Catholic Church

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### SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025 ~ THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## From the Bishop's Pen...

"I am the resurrection and the life."

We have a number of Catechumen, now the Elect, entering the Church and a number of Candidates receiving full communion in the Church at the Easter Vigil, so my reflections are from the Fifth Sunday in Lent, Cycle A.

Jesus remained for two more days in the place where He was after learning that his friend, Lazarus, was dying. Jesus waited so that there would be no mistake that raising Lazarus from the dead would be a miracle that only He could do. Jewish people believed that the deceased soul remained near its body until it could no longer recognize its body due to decay, about four days, then the soul left the area of its body.

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, Martha told Him that her brother died and had been in the dark tomb for four days and there would surely be a stench. Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Martha said, "Yes."

We place our sins inside our own dark tombs, where we hope that nobody will see them and where they will not be discovered. There, they will only cause us more decay and emit a stench of hopelessness and depression. We may think that our sins are so dark and ugly that even Jesus would not want to approach their stench. We may even think that they are hidden from Him.

The story of Lazarus teaches us that nothing can be hidden from God, not even our sins, no matter how grave the sins are that we have buried in our own dark tombs. Jesus desires to approach our sins and to bring life where there is death. Jesus is not afraid of the stench of our sins. We must have faith that the light of Christ always overcomes the darkness in our lives, that His resurrection conquered death, that His love and forgiveness always overshadow the power of sin. Like Martha, we too should believe in Jesus.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of God's forgiveness, gives us a fresh start, a new beginning, and a new lease on life. If we have any sins entombed in us, we must roll away the stone from the tomb of our hearts during these last weeks of Lent. We must ask Jesus to approach our sins, no matter their stench, and overwhelm them with the sweet fragrance of His forgiveness. We must believe in Jesus, for only in Him can we experience the Resurrection and the Life.

- Bishop Roy Campbell

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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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

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#### Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$14,612.61 March 30, 2025

*Our average weekly parish expenses for* February, 2025 \$ N/A Our offertory last week was N/A % of expenses

Faith Direct: February - \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance: 875

#### 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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### MASSES / OBSERVANCES



#### Monday April 7, 2025 St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Tuesday April 8, 2025
Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm
Benediction: 6:45 pm
Evening Mass: 7:00 pm

Wednesday April 9, 2025 Mass: 8:30 am

Confession / Reconciliation: 6:30 pm "The Light is on for You"

Thursday April 10, 2025 Daily Mass: 8:30 am



#### Friday April 11, 2025 ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Stations of the Cross (AFTER MORNING MASS)

Exposition/Adoration: (AFTER STATIONS) Benediction: 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Lenten Reflections 7:45 pm

Saturday April 12, 2025 Saturday Mass - 8:00 am

Confession / Reconciliation 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD

#### CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### Sunday April 6

- Sodality Sunday Rosary after 8:30 am Mass
- Dr. Clarke (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- Youth Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 10:00 am
- OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (CLR1) 12:00 pm
- **SJYM** (RR) 1:30 pm

#### Monday April 7

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944235053? pwd=bFYHqh48x0moVo76CexBSsZg2T31A6. 1 Meeting ID: 899 4423 5053 Passcode: 092357

#### Tuesday April 8

• **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

#### Wednesday April 9

- Line Dancing 10:30 am (RR)
- Dr Clarke (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- Social Justice & Concerns Meeting (Virtual) 7:00 pm

#### Thursday April 10

- Beginning Line Dance 12:30 pm (RR)
- SvDP Packing (WW) 10:30 am
- St. Joseph-Largo Sodality Rosary - Virtual 5:00 pm Call in number: 848.220.3100 Access code: 06241954#
- **Dr. Clark** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- Denese Clay Cantor Rehearsal (CH) 5:30 pm
- SJCAF Charismatic Prayer Group (Virtual)

### <u>Saturday April 12</u>

- Men's Ministry Meeting (CL1) 7:30 am
- Faith Formation / Religious Ed Classes - (All Classrooms) 10:30 am
- Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians (CLR2) 11:30 am
- Youth Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 12:00 pm
- SJCAF Living Stations Rehearsal (CLR1) 12:30 pm
- Denese Clay Grow Your Own Musicians - (CLR1) 2:00 pm
- Dr. Clarke Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

#### Daily Readings for the Week of April 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

**Scrutiny:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/

Jn 8:12-20

<u>Tuesday:</u> Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)

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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, , 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, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, 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, Marie 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, Michael Younger

#### And the Recently Deceased: Doris Hite

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



#### Sunday

8:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY 10:00 AM JOHN ADELEYE BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

12:00 PM VINCENT MOBOLAJI JOHNSON

#### **MONDAY**

8:30 AM MONSIGNOR CHRISTOPHER EJZU † Tuesday

8:30 am Erasmus Franklin Nuduka †

7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Wednesday
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8:30 AM OBIECHINA AGBIM

#### **THURSDAY**

8:30 AM ROSEMARY SIMON †

FRIDAY

8:30 AM MILDRED REAVIS †

SATURDAY

5:00 PM NDUKA FAMILY (SI)

## LIVE THE LITURGY:

#### Inspiration for the Week

"Go, and sin no more," Jesus tells the woman caught in adultery. Her life, like ours, has been saved. She, like us, has a chance for a new beginning. So he begs her, and he begs us: be changed by it. Let the mercy transform you. Go, and sin no more.

## Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

#### **1st Reading Question:**

The prophet Isaiah teaches us that the Lord forgets our sins and offers us a new beginning so that we might praise him. What could you do today to honor and praise the Lord?

#### **2nd Reading Question:**

Paul tells the believers in Phillipi of his deep desire and hope to know Jesus and the power of his resurrection. In what ways have you drawn closer to Jesus during this season of Lent?

#### **Gospel Question:**

Jesus showed mercy toward the sinful woman when others were quick to judge her. *Is there someone in your life who you could show mercy over judgment this week?* 

#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question: How many items does the Vatican Secret Library supposedly hold?

Answer: (a) 150,000 (b) 300,00 (c) 550,00

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

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

#### Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God's mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions of Christ imploring her to spread the message of his Divine Mercy, specifically through the recitation of this chaplet.

Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the chaplet opens with a recitation of the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed. The beads usually used for the Our Father are used to recite this prayer:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world," followed by ten Hail Marys and the words "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

#### TAKE A MINUTE ...

### The Allure of Being Right

Mini Reflection: Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right. We have a terrible tendency to see only our decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them. But when God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

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## Jubilee Year of Hope





# **Lenten Reflections For Our Young Parishioners**

#### **SHARING THE GOSPEL**

When we do something wrong, God does not want to punish us. God just wants us to stop, learn from our mistake, and make better choices next time. Try to remember that the next time you catch a friend sinning. Instead of tattling, talk to your friend, and gently help your friend do what is right.

#### <u>Prayer</u>

Dear God, help me to be kind to my friends when they make mistakes. Help me remember that sometimes I make bad choices, too.

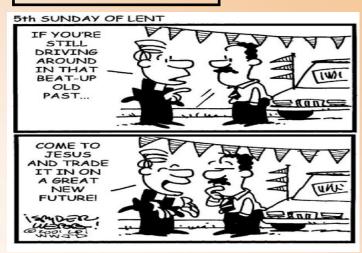
#### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus right next to you, helping you after you have done something wrong.

#### **Mission for the Week**

Name one thing you have done wrong. Jesus can forgive you for your mistakes. Try to forgive other people, too.

#### A LITTLE HOLY HUMOR ...



#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA -

You are correct if you answered - (a) 150,000

Note: The Vatican Apostolic Archive (Latin: Archivum Apostolicum Vaticanum; Italian: Archivio Apostolico Vaticano), formerly known as the Vatican Secret Archive/Library is the central repository in the Vatican City of all acts promulgated by the Holy See.

# EVENTS

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS / SAVE THE DATE!

#### **LENTEN REFLECTIONS**

Every Friday March 7th - April 12th 7:30 pm Rosemont Room

## THE JAMES C FLETCHER JR COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday, April 11th
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
or while supplies last.
Whiting Filet Dinners
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Whiting Filets and cornbread only are \$14.00
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#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

ON THE DAY OF THE FISH FRY

#### Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Blessing of the Palms and Procession

#### Masses

Saturday April 12th Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday April 13th 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

#### Monday April 14th

Chrism Mass - Time TBA Cathedral of St Matthew the Apostle Chrism Mass - Archdiocese of Washington (adw.org)

#### Tuesday April 15th

Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Adoration - 6:00 pm
Benediction - 6:45 pm
Evening Mass - 7:00 pm
(EVENING MASS IN THE CHAPEL)

#### Wednesday April 16th

Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Penance Service - 7:00 pm
(Confession/ Reconciliation after Penance Service)

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