



# St Joseph Catholic Church

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**SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025 ~ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**From the Bishop's Pen...**

*"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

Have you watched the quiz show Jeopardy? Have you noticed the expressions of the contestants when they get the answer to what seems like an obvious question wrong? You can almost feel them wanting another chance to give the correct answer. Growing up, I used to hear my Godmother say, "Don't be a Doubting Thomas." I had no idea what that meant, or where the expression came from. Well, in today's Gospel, Thomas doubts that the Lord is truly risen. Not only is his Lord truly risen, but He will give Thomas another chance to believe.

Earlier in John's Gospel, as Jesus prepared to return to Judea, to raise His friend Lazarus from the dead, His disciples warned Him of the Jews' intention to kill Him. Thomas did not doubt what Jesus could do, and was full of confidence when he said, "Let us also go to die with him." Yet today Thomas is away when our Lord first appears to the other Apostles.

Thomas' confidence seems rooted in what he knows, what he has seen. Thomas is full of false confidence, and lacking faith, because he doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead when his fellow Apostles told him that Jesus had appeared to them. Thomas doubted his faith, because he had not seen Jesus, himself. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

When Jesus appeared to the Apostles again, He brought His lost sheep, Thomas, back to His flock when He said, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas again believed saying, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus gave Thomas another chance to have faith in Him, to profess that faith and to live that faith for the rest of his life.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and Jesus calls us not to be like "Doubting Thomas." If we believe in the miracles He did in the Scriptures, then we should believe in the mercy of His miracles (big & small) that He performs in our lives every day. When we have doubt, Jesus says to us, do not be unbelieving, but believe in my Divine Mercy. We take advantage of His Divine Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we leave that Sacrament, we believe that we have received God's mercy.

Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that God not only wants us to receive His mercy, but to also show mercy to others. In fact, we must forgive others for us to be forgiven! Jesus taught us that in The Lord's Prayer, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Let us always be willing to forgive, as God is always willing to forgive us.

– 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:

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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

Tuesday Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Adoration

Tuesday

Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm

Benediction 6:45 pm

Every Friday

Exposition / Adoration after morning Mass

Benediction 10:00 am

First Friday Benediction 6:00 pm

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**Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering**

\$ N/A April 20, 2025

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

Our offertory last week was N/A %  
of expenses

Faith Direct: March - \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance: N/A

N/A DUE TO BULLETIN EARLY SUBMISSION



**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 acknowledgment 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 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

**MASSSES / OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday April 27, 2025**

**DIVINE MERCY**  
*Sunday*

**Masses:**  
**6:30 am, 8:00 am, 10:00 am**  
**& 12:00 pm**

Monday April 28, 2025

**ST. PETER CHANEL,**  
**PRIEST AND MARTYR;**  
**ST. LOUIS GRIGNON DE MONTFORT,**  
**PRIEST**

Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Tuesday April 29, 2025

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN**  
**AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

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

Wednesday April 30, 2025

**ST. PIUS V, POPE**  
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday May 1, 2025

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER; NATIONAL**  
**DAY OF PRAYER**

Daily Mass: 8:30 am

First Friday May 2, 2025

**ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOC-**  
**TOR OF THE CHURCH**

Daily Mass: 8:30 am  
Exposition / Adoration  
after morning Mass  
Benediction 6:00 pm

First Saturday May 3, 2025

**STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**  
**CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION**

First Saturday Mass: 8:00 am  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Sunday April 27

- **Sodality Bake Sale - After All Masses (RR-A)**
- **Dr. Clarke (CLR 2) 9:00 am**
- **SJCAF Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 10:00 am**
- **OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (CLR1) 10:00 am**
- **African and Friends Monthly Meeting (RR-B) 1:30 pm**
- **SJYM - Meeting (CLR1) 1:30 pm**

Monday April 28

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

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Tuesday April 29

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

Wednesday April 30

- **Line Dancing (RR) 11:00 AM**
- **Dr Clarke (CLR2) 5:00 pm**

Saturday May 3

- **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**
- **Denese Clay - Grow Your Own Musicians - (CLR1) 2:00 pm**
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR 2) 3:30 pm**

Thursday May 1

- **Beginning Line Dance 12:30 pm (RR)**
- **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 (CLR1) 7:00 pm**
- **KC - Council Meeting (RR) 7:00 pm**

**Daily Readings for the Week of April 27, 2025**

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/  
Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/  
Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



**Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...**

*Cathrine Abrams, Theresa Agorel, Gerry Anderson, Carla Amorim, Anthony Akpan, 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, Clifton 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:**

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 THERESA ADAKU IBE †  
10:00 AM JIDEFO AGBIM  
12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

**Monday**

8:30 AM ELIZABETH & LUCAS NKEADE  
(CONTINUED BLESSINGS)

**Tuesday**

8:30 AM NELSON OKPAH  
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)  
7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

**Wednesday**

8:30 AM PRISCA ETAPE †

**Thursday**

8:30 AM TERRANCE EWANG †

**Friday**

8:30 AM PEACE IN THE WORLD  
(SACRED HEART PRAYER GROUP)

**Saturday**

5:00 PM THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
THE SACRED HEART PRAYER GROUP †

**LIVE THE LITURGY:**

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Thomas needed proof to believe the amazing things that had happened. God, in His mercy, gave him that proof — but it was up to Thomas to accept it. Do we accept the proof we see of God's love every day?

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**

**CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Discernment**

**Question:**

How do I discern if a call to do something big is really from God?

**Answer:**

Each day we face plenty of decisions about following God: whether or not to pray, how to treat people, and how to prioritize our time. Sometimes there can be something much more significant we discern: a vocational call, a promotion at work that requires a move, or a new ministry position at church. In addition to a pro-con list or a cost-benefit analysis, here are a few things to prayerfully consider and to talk over with trusted individuals.

Does it conform to God's will revealed in the Church? God doesn't call us to do something that contradicts the moral law. Will it encourage spiritual growth? Sometimes we need to choose between multiple good options. Consider the personal impact on you and others you are responsible for, like family. Other times we might be invited to do good for others, but when we assess our other life commitments, we see that saying yes to this would actually impede our prior responsibilities in the long run. Does the call seem consistent? This isn't to say that God won't do something new. Even so, consider if the call is consistent with your gifts and abilities. Can you see a "through-line" so to speak, with how your experiences have led you to this point? Do others confirm it? Share your reflections with trusted, insightful confidantes. Have they seen the same things you have, or are they bringing up new points to consider? Humbly add their relevant points to your considerations. Don't forget your gut. After you've carefully considered everything in your mind, don't neglect your instincts. Does your heart say yes or no?

**Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection**

**1st Reading Question:**

In the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection, the Apostles performed "many signs and wonders," healing the sick and exorcising unclean spirits. ***Is there something in your life that needs healing?***

**2nd Reading Question:**

John is initially frightened at the strange vision of Jesus, but Jesus reassures him, ***"Do not be afraid."*** ***How does Jesus calm your fears?***

**Gospel Question:**

The resurrected Jesus' first words to his disciples are "Peace be with you." ***How could you be a peacemaker this week with a family member or neighbor?***

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA...**

Question: The archangel Michael is traditionally depicted holding what item?

Answer: Sword

*Jubilee Year of Hope*

AS WE MOURN THE LOSS OF OUR  
HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS,  
WE ALSO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CHURCH.



MAY THE SOULS *of*  
*the* FAITHFUL DEPARTED,  
THROUGH *the* MERCY  
*of* GOD, REST IN PEACE.



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*"I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Pope Francis. He truly served the Church as the Vicar of Christ, reaching out to all peoples in all circumstances with love, compassion and mercy. Let us all pray for the repose of Pope Francis's soul and for the Church that he so dearly loved and served so well."*

*Most Reverend Roy E. Campbell, Jr.*

*Holy Father,*

*May the angels lead you into paradise;  
May the martyrs receive you at your arrival,  
And lead you to the holy city Jerusalem.  
May the choirs of angels receive you,  
And with Lazarus, once poor,  
May you have eternal rest.*



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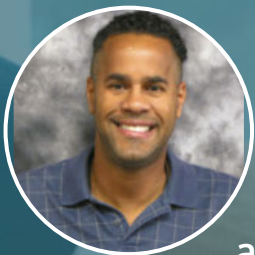
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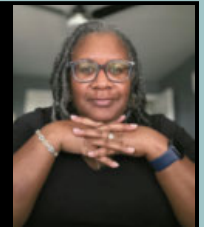
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