



St Joseph Catholic Church

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SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025 ~ THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Feed My sheep."

After Jesus' second appearance to the Apostles, they still do not know what they are to do, so Peter decides to do what he did for a living before following Jesus, be a fisherman. Peter decides to go fishing and the others, still acknowledging him as the leader among Jesus' disciples, follow him. They went fishing in the dark and caught nothing. As dawn broke, the "Light of the world," the risen Jesus, was beckoning them from the shore. He told them where to fish and the Apostles followed Jesus' direction and caught more fish than they could haul into their boat, yet their net did not tear.

The Apostles realized it was Jesus calling them and Peter jumped into the water to come to Jesus as quickly as possible. Jesus had the breakfast meal waiting, bread (symbolizing His body in the Eucharist), and fish (symbolizing the Body of Christ of those baptized into His life, as one). The 153 large fish the Apostles caught represents all the then known nations and peoples of the world. Jesus is calling Peter and His other Apostles to become "fishers of men," to gather all into the Body of Christ (symbolized by the unbroken net holding all the fish).

In His divine mercy, Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" Peter answered each time, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you?" Jesus is forgiving Peter with each question for each of Peter's three denials of Him during His passion. Jesus commissions Peter to "Feed My sheep." Jesus establishes Peter as the visible head of His Church on earth, as the Vicar of Christ, as the first Pope. Jesus tells Peter that to follow Him means he will have to suffer, as Jesus suffered, and that Peter will give his life for the sheep of the Church, as Jesus did.

Do we love Jesus? Then, we are called to do the same, to fish for souls thirsting for Christ. To follow Christ and "feed His sheep" is not easy. It takes real Christians, like Peter, to follow Christ and "feed His sheep." It means we must Love others like Christ loves us, we must have Compassion and Mercy for others like Christ has for us, and we must be willing to Suffer, like Christ suffered for us. Then, like Peter, our reward will be great in heaven.

– 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

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

\$ 12,941.00 April 27, 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: 855



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



Monday May 5, 2025
Cinco de Mayo
 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

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

Wednesday May 7, 2025
 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday May 8, 2025
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER; NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday May 9, 2025
 Daily Mass: 8:30 am
 Exposition / Adoration after morning Mass
 Benediction 10:00 am

Saturday May 10, 2025
**ST. JOHN OF AVILA, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH;
 ST. DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST**
 Confessions / Reconciliation
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday May 4

- **Sodality Sunday - May Procession** (before 8:00 am Mass)
Rosary after Mass (Mary's Garden)
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** (CLR2) 10:00 am
- **OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** (CLR1) 10:00 am
- **SJYM - Meeting** (CLR1) 1:30 pm

Monday May 5

- **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

- **Good Samaritans Meeting** (RR) 7:00 pm

Thursday May 8

- **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

Tuesday May 6

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

Wednesday May 7

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

Saturday May 10

- **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** (CH) 12:00 pm
- **Denese Clay - Grow Your Own Musicians** - (CLR1) 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 May 4, 2025

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-6

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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.



Sunday

8:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
10:00 AM VICTORIA & VICTOR OLADIPO
(BIRTHDAY BLESSING)
12:00 PM GRACE ANURUGWO †

MONDAY

8:30 BRUCE JAMES MARTIN †

Tuesday

8:30 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Wednesday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

THURSDAY

8:30 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

FRIDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

SATURDAY

5:00 PM ROSEMARY SIMON †



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus bids the disciples to bring their bounty of fish to the fire, to gather around it, to be warmed and fed. God's invitation is for all of us: come to the fire of His love. Be warmed. Be fed. Then, go forth, and feed the sheep.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

The Apostles "rejoiced" when they suffered public dishonor for preaching that Jesus rose from the dead. ***Have you ever found joy amid your own suffering?***

2nd Reading Question:

John has a vision of the whole created order worshipping and praising Jesus as the slain and risen Lamb. ***In what ways will you praise and worship Jesus this week?***

Gospel Question:

The resurrected Jesus reveals to Peter that the cost of following him and leading the disciples will be his own martyrdom. ***How are you sometimes challenged in following Jesus?***

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question: What saint is symbolized by a flaming torch?

Answer: St. Aidan of Lindisfarne

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

CONNECT WITH TRADITION

AND GROW YOUR FAITH

The Rosary

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, "there is no more excellent way of praying."

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five "decades," with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays).

Pray the Rosary with:

Our Lady of Grace Sodality

*1st Sunday of the Month and every *Thursday*

Knights of Columbus

5th Sunday of the Month

* SEE PAGE 3 FOR VIRTUAL CALL IN NUMBER

Jubilee Year of Hope

PRAYER FOR THOSE

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Let us pray for our elect and candidates.

*God of the Samaritan Woman,
the Man Born Blind and Lazarus,
You show yourself in many ways.*

*Most often in ways we cannot see
until we look with eyes of faith.*

*Continue to bless these elect and
candidates who will receive the Church's
sacraments during this Season of Easter.*

*Fill their lives and hearts with your unending
love and grace. Help us to continue to be models
of living Christian lives and grant them the en-
durance to continue to race to the resurrection.
We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son who
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

CALLED BY NAME

*Even in the garden of the resurrection, Jesus
goes unrecognized at first. The Gospel of John
records a weeping woman mistaking the risen
savior for a gardener. Until, that is, she is called
by name... Mary.*

You have been called by name:

*Camden, Chidubem, Crystal, Elvira, Fomonyuy,
Francisca, Gabriella-Jolie, Giann-Chanelle, Gina,
Jada, Janella, Jayden, Jeremiah, Jewel, Joan,
Kendra, Mary, Matilda' Michael, Michel,
Njang, Nolan, Prince-Gavyn, Richard Eboko,
Richard Mambo, Richelle, Shalo-Ren, Sophie,
Sophos, Stephan, Tony, Verish, Victor*



Jesus rises for you. He rises for me. He rises for each and every one of us.

*We are called by name in the garden of the resurrection. This Sunday and every Sunday,
Jesus comes to meet us. Imagine sitting with him. How is he looking at you? What do you say to him?
When the resurrected Lord greets you with a smile, how do you respond?*

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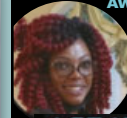
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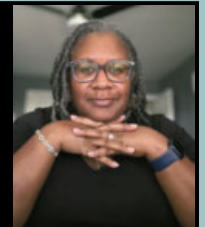
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