



St Joseph Catholic Church

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SUNDAY MAY 11, 2025 ~ THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

From the Bishop's Pen...

"I give my sheep eternal life."

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." Jesus calls each of us by name to follow Him. We need to listen for His call to follow Him and to lead others to Christ by the way we live our lives, showing love and caring for others. He calls us to "follow Him" through our vocation in this life, that is, our way of life in the Body of Christ. That vocation could be as a single person, a married person, a consecrated religious person, or an ordained minister through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

St. John said in our reading from Revelation that he saw a multitude of people in heaven, so great that they could not be counted. "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." In our reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Paul and St. Barnabas had to go through much distress in bringing the word of God to the Jews in Antioch, but the Jews rejected God's word through Paul and Barnabas. Paul then turned to the gentiles, who gladly accepted the word of God and entered a life of faith and through baptism into the Body of Christ.

Emil Kapaun, from Kansas, answered Jesus' call to "follow Him" as a Catholic Priest. Like St. Paul, who ministered to those in Antioch, Fr. Kapaun was a Chaplain in the Army ministering to soldiers fighting in the Korean War in 1950.

St. Paul gave all he had to his fellow Jews, who rejected him, then turned to the gentiles, who gladly listened to him. Fr. Kapaun ministered to the injured on the battlefield, then to P.O.W. soldiers, stopping a Korean soldier from killing one injured man. He then carried that man on his back for four miles as they marched to a prison camp.

Fr. Kapaun tended to his fellow prisoners' wounds and risked his life to get them food and clean water. Eventually, Fr. Kapaun succumbed to his own illness and died in 1951. He gave all he had by his deeds and words, allowing his fellow P.O.W. soldiers to keep faith in God and hope for their release. Nine years ago, Fr. Kapaun posthumously received the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Obama. A number of his fellow P.O.W. friends were at the ceremony. The Vatican had already declared Fr. Kapaun a "Servant of God," the first step to canonized sainthood.

Fr. Kapaun is one of Jesus' sheep, who heard His voice, followed Him, and has gained eternal life in Christ. Fr. Kapaun showed us with his life, what it means to hear Christ, know His voice, and follow Him. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." Jesus' reward to those who follow Him: "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!"

– Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday

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The office is closed for business on:

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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

\$ 14,690.00 May 4, 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: 909



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 May 11, 2025

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

*Happy
Mother's
Day*

Monday May 12, 2025
**STS. NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS,
MARTYRS; ST. PANCRAS, MARTYR**
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Tuesday May 13, 2025
OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm
Benediction: 6:45 pm
Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Wednesday May 14, 2025
ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday May 15, 2025
ST. ISIDORE
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday May 16, 2025
Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration
after morning Mass
Benediction 10:00 am

Saturday May 17, 2025
ARMED FORCES DAY
Confessions / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday May 11

- **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

Monday May 12

- **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 May 13

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

Wednesday May 14

- **Line Dancing** (RR) 11:00 AM
- **Dr Clarke** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- **Social Justice & Concerns Meeting** (Virtual)

Thursday May 15

- **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 - Officers Planning Meeting** (RR) 7:00 pm

Saturday May 17

- **Faith Formation / Religious Ed Classes** - (All Classrooms) 10:30 am
- **SVDP - Food Distribution** (WW) 11:00 am (**APPT REQUIRED**)
- **Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR2) 11:30 am
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** (CH) 12:00 pm
- **Sodality Marian Tweens and Teens** RR -B(12:30)
- **Landings - Session 1** (CLR1) 1:00 pm
- **Denese Clay - Grow Your Own Musicians** - (CLR1) 2:00 pm
- **Sodality Meeting** (RR-B) 2:30 pm
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

AS A REMINDER,
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
IF THERE IS A CHANGE OR
CANCELLATION TO YOUR SCHEDULED
CALENDAR DATES AND TIMES.

Daily Readings for the Week of May 11, 2025

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

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/

Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
10:00 AM NDUM FAMILY (SI)
12:00 PM ROSE EGO ASI †

Monday

8:30 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Tuesday

8:30 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
7:00 PM JAMES O.B. ADELEYE †

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 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." To follow him, we must know him. This week, how can we know Jesus better?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

The Tradition of Genuflection

Question:

Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

Paul and Barnabas experienced resistance from some of the Jews and leaders of the city of Antioch. **What sustains you in difficult and challenging experiences?**

2nd Reading Question:

John sees a vision in which those who have suffered and died for the faith are comforted by God and relieved of their distress. **Is there a family member or friend you could comfort this week?**

Gospel Question:

We hear how Jesus gives eternal life to all who follow him. **How does following Jesus impact your work or family life?**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question: What pope served the shortest pontificate at only 13 days?

Answer: (a) Pope Urban VII (b) Pope John XXIII
(c) Pope Paul VI

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

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Jubilee Year of Hope



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted
love and gratitude.
Amen.

JUST A THOUGHT...

Grandmas are Just Little Antique Girls!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

You are correct if you answered (a) Pope Urban VII

UPCOMING EVENTS

St Joseph Good Samaritans 2025 Diaper Drive

Join the Good Samaritans and help local families thrive by providing diapers, wipes, formula, and other essentials through the D.C. Diaper Bank Drive. Funds raised from this drive will be used to support individuals and families in Prince George's County and the greater DMV area with baby needs and personal hygiene products. Your donation can change a baby's life. The Drive will run from April 26-June 1, 2025. Please see the flyer for the QR code to donate.

Knights of Columbus Flea Market

The James C. Fletcher Council will be holding a Flea Market on Saturday, May 31. Please contact a Knight or call the parish office for more information.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

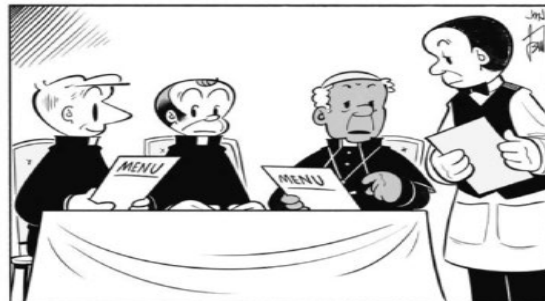
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"What do you call a priest, a deacon, and a bishop asking for food at a restaurant?"



"Holy Orders."



Holy Orders refers to the sacrament in which a man is ordained a priest. When a man shares in the priesthood of Christ, he is then able to dispense the sacraments and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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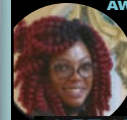
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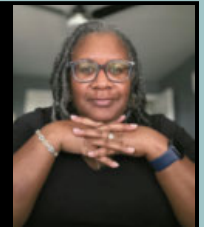
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