

# St Joseph Catholic Church

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### SUNDAY MAY 25, 2025 ~ THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

From the Bishop's Pen...

"The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

Jesus said: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." In one sentence, Jesus tells His disciples what He expects of them and what will happen when they follow His commands.

He assures them that they have nothing to fear and why they should be happy that even though He is returning to the Father, Jesus and the Father will come to dwell in them, because He is not going to leave them alone. The disciples believed Jesus, because He had given them a peace that the world could not give them. He had given them a peace that overcame their fear.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." That type of peace comes when we trust Jesus completely, without fear.

Just before today's Gospel passage, Jesus told His disciples, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you."

By our Baptisms, we have become members in the one Body of Christ. "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, is one body, so also Christ." All the members form one body, which with its Head is the Son of Man, who is the Son of God, who Himself with the Father and Holy Spirit, is one God. Therefore, each of us, by our Baptism into Christ, has come to share, through adoption, in the very nature of God.

Our unity in the one Body of Christ gives us the peace that allows us to always rejoice. Next weekend we will rejoice in celebrating the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. Jesus' return to His Father is our hope, our joy, it is the peace of knowing that now, we too can come to the Father through Jesus.

– 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

\$ 13,309.35 May 18, 2025

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

Our offertory last week was N/A % of expenses

Faith Direct: April - \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance: 871



#### 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 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

### SUNDAY MAY 25, 2025 ~ THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ PAGE 3

#### Masses / Observances

Sunday May 25, 2025

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



# Tuesday May 27, 2025 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

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

Wednesday May 28, 2025 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday May 29, 2025 ST. PAUL VI, POPE Daily Mass: 8:30 am

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

Saturday May 31, 2025
THE VISITATION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

First Holy Communion Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD;

#### CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### Sunday May 25

- Dr. Clarke (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- SJCAF Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 10:00 am
- SJYM Executive Board Meeting (Virtual) 4:00 pm

#### Monday May 26

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944235053? pwd=bFYHqh48x0moVo76CexBSsZg2T31A 6.1 Meeting ID: 899 4423 5053 Passcode: 092357

#### Thursday May 29

- **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 27

• **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

#### Wednesday May 28

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

#### Saturday May 31

- KoC Flea Market (PL) 6:00 am
- Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians (CLR2) 11:30 am
- Youth Choir Rehearsal (CH) 12:00 pm
- Landings Session 1 (RR-B) 1:00 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 May 25, 2025

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;

10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

JUST A
THOUGHT...



### SUNDAY MAY 25, 2025 ~ PAGE 4

#### 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, William Musee, 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

#### 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 CECELIA EMENAHA †
10:00 AM EMMITT FORD †
12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

#### **MONDAY**

8:30 The St Joseph Community **Tuesday** 

8:30 Karen Marshall (SI) 7:00 pm The St Joseph Community Wednesday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

#### **THURSDAY**

8:30 Marvin L. Graves †
FRIDAY

8:30 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
SATURDAY

5:00 PM LABOR SECRETARY
ALEXIS M. HERMAN †

# LIVE THE LITURGY:

#### Inspiration for the Week

God makes His dwelling with those who love Him and keep His word. We must all make our lives places where God feels welcome to dwell. Our actions, our words, our decisions must all say in one voice: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

# Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

#### 1st Reading Question:

We hear how the church in Jerusalem resolved their conflicts through dialogue and compromise. When has your faith community had to resolve a conflict?

#### 2nd Reading Question:

As John's final vision continues, he sees the splendor and glory of God lighting the city of Jerusalem. Can you think of a time when you felt really close to God?

#### **Gospel Question:**

Jesus taught his disciples that the Holy Spirit will be sent to believers to teach them and remind them of his words. Can you share a time when you have felt inspired by the Holy Spirit?

#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question: How many scripture passages from the Bible are usually read during each Mass?

Answer: (a) Two (b) Three plus the Homily c) Three

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

#### **Sunday Mass**

#### Question:

Why do Catholics need to go to Mass every Sunday?

#### Answer:

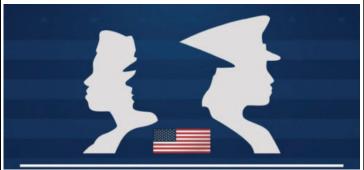
The heart of the Church's instruction that we are to attend Mass on Sundays goes back to the Third Commandment: "Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, has commanded you" (Deuteronomy 5:12). Although the Jewish People celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the first generations of Christians began to observe the sabbath on Sunday, recognizing how important it is for Christians to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults observes, "Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year ... It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ" (364).

The focus of our Sunday should be the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass. This is our time to be formed by God's Word and nourished at the table of the Lord, becoming prepared to live out and share our faith in the week that follows. In his encyclical, Dies Domini, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that Christians "cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly" (no. 81). This is why the Church teaches us that Sunday Mass is a non-negotiable part of being a Christian (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2192).

## Jubilee Year of Hope

## MEMORIAL DAY

# REMEMBER AND HONOR



#### Prayer for Peace

Fill us with Your peace, Lord, as you promised in Your word. Peace in our comings and goings, Peace that You are working and moving, Peace for what has happened, the places we find ourselves today, and in the future to come.

#### JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

#### <u>Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and</u> <u>the Elderly May 30 – June 1</u>

The Holy See has designated a series of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and ministries in the Church. During the weekend of Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1, the Church will celebrate the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents, and the Elderly. See this link for Pilgrims on the Way of Hope: A Resource for the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly, which provides a list of married saints and special prayers, as well as other resources for celebrating this jubilee in your home and local parish community.

# WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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Beyond being a time of worship, we should also remember that Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, when we make time for recreation, for sharing meals, and enjoying the company of friends and family. Sunday is given as a day to take stock of and enjoy the blessings that God has given us (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2187). Pope Francis reminded us, "The day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor" (Laudato Si', no. 237).

#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA

You are correct if you answered c) Three

# EVENTS

#### <u>ST JOSEPH GOOD SAMARITIANS</u> <u>2025 DIAPER DRIVE</u>

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. 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 June 14th & 28th. See the flyer, contact a Knight or call the parish office for more information.

#### <u>CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT</u> <u>OF MARRIAGE</u>

St. Joseph parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage throughout the month of June. All married couples are encouraged to bring in a small framed wedding photo and place it on the table that will be set up in the vestibule of the church, beginning Saturday May 31st and Sunday, June 1st. Throughout the month of June we will ask all parishioners to pray for the vocation of marriage. Photos can be retrieved the weekend of June 29th.

#### **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

Please join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at a Holy Hour for our five men who will be ordained priests for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Pray, too, for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Saint Joseph Catholic Church.

#### THE JAMES C. FLETCHER, JR. COUNCIL 11422 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422, Knights of Columbus, cordially invites you to join with the council members in celebrating the council's 30th Anniversary on June 7, 2025. The evening will commence at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Mass at 5:00 pm followed by a reception/dinner (7:00-10:00 pm) in the Rosemont Room.

Reception tickets are \$35.00 per person

#### SENIOR PLAY DATE

Join the KC Ladies for a Seniors Play Date on Tuesday June 10th, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Bring your own lunch! The KC Ladies will supply chips, sodas and water.

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