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SUNDAY JUNE 8, 2025 ~ SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

From the Bishop's Pen...

"As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit."

Today, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the Birthday of the Church. We need to realize what Jesus gave us by sending His Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and truly upon us, on the day of Pentecost. In the Old Testament, Samuel prophesied, saying "The spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will join them in their prophetic state and will be changed into another man." The Apostles were truly changed into new men when the Holy Spirit came upon them as "tongues of fire," Baptizing them in fire and truth in the Upper Room.

On the day of Pentecost, they started to act as the Apostles that Jesus chose them to be. "On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." The Church began to evangelize in a spectacular display of power by the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

The Holy Spirit, who came into the lives of the Apostles in such a big way, is the same Holy Spirit that still comes into our lives today. The Holy Spirit operates in each of our lives through His fruits or gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, mildness, chastity, and faithfulness. The Holy Spirit works in us and through us.

In our Gospel from the Vigil of Pentecost, Jesus said: "Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.' He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive." That "living water" is the Holy Spirit. Through our Baptism and strengthened in our Confirmation, the gifts of the Holy Spirit will flow from within us like a river, so that we can love and serve God, by loving and serving each other.

The river of the Holy Spirit's gifts causes us to change, to become more like Christ, whose Body we are now a part of. We do not always know how the Holy Spirit will work in us and through us. But we always know through our faith in Jesus, that the Holy Spirit will work in us and through us, to change us and others. This change opens us to "a freedom which enables us to live as Jesus calls us to live, so that we will rejoice always, in doing God's will."

- 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

\$19,998.50 June 1, 2025

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

Our offertory last week was N/A % of expenses

> Faith Direct: May - \$N/A Last Week's Attendance: 929



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

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Masses / Observances



Monday June 9, 2025 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Tuesday June 10, 2025
Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm

Benediction: 6:45 pm Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Wednesday June 11, 2025 St. BARNABAS, APOSTLE Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday June 12, 2025 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday June 13, 2025
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA,
PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE
CHURCH

Daily Mass: 8:30 am Exposition / Adoration after morning Mass Benediction: 10:00 am

Saturday June 14, 2025 FLAG DAY

Mass - 8:00 am
Confessions / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

JUST A THOUGHT...





CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday June 8

- Dr. Clarke (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- Youth Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 10:00 am

Tuesday June 10

- Senior Play Date (RR) 12:00 Noon
 - Dr Clarke (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Wednesday June 11

- Line Dancing (RR) 11:00 am
- **Dr Clarke** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- Social Justice & Concerns Meeting (Virtual) 7:00 pm

Thursday June 12

- **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

<u>Saturday June 14</u>

- 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 June 8, 2025

Sunday:

<u>Vigil:</u> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

<u>Day:</u> Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or

Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Mondau: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

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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 THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY 10:00 AM JAMES E. MARSHALL † 12:00 PM JOSEPHINE QUASHI

MONDAY

Tuesday

8:30 ROSEMARY SIMON † 7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY Wednesday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

THURSDAY

8:30 ELIZABETH OGUNSAYA (SI) FRIDAY

8:30 Juliana Ndumdiwe Ndum †

SATURDAY

5:00 PM SACRED HEART PRAYER GROUP (SI)

LIVE THE LITURGY:

Inspiration for the Week

"Whoever loves me will keep my word," Jesus tells his disciples, "and my Father...will come to him and make our dwelling with him." We know what's at stake. We know what we have to do. So when the Father comes, will He make His dwelling with us?

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and able to speak in multiple tongues so that all the people could understand them. When do you feel the Holy Spirit present in your life?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul assures us that as believers, the Spirit of God dwells in us. How ought the indwelling of the Spirit positively impact our day-to-day living?

Gospel Question:

The resurrected Jesus sent out the disciples to forgive (or retain) sins. What has been your experience of the sacrament of Reconciliation?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Ouestion: What year marked the first time that Catholics in the United States were allowed to receive the Eucharist in their hands.

Answer: (a) The 1997 (b) 1989 (c) 1977

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

WHY DO WE DO THAT? **CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

Why Use Incense?

Ouestion:

Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

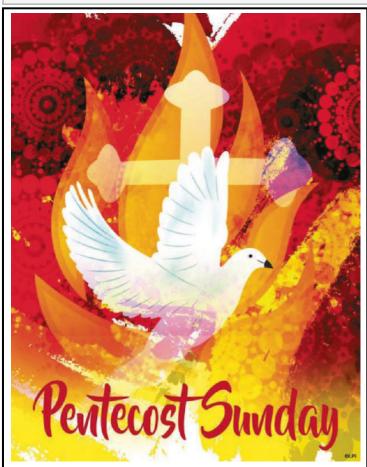
Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy - in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

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Jubilee Year of Hope



Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit of God — Disturb this room with your presence today, filling us, empowering us, emboldening us. Descend upon us with your gifts, your inspiration, and your promptings. Lead us to where we should go, stirring within us the movement of God.

Amen.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

You are correct if you answered: (c) 1977



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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, 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.

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. Contact Alicia Sanders for more information.

<u>ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY OF</u> <u>AFRICAN AND FRIENDS</u>

Invite you to join them for the 12:00 noon Mass on Father's Day, Sunday June 15th. A cookout sponsored by the Community of African and Friends will follow Mass at Watkins Park Pavilion One. Contact Maria Asuelimen for more information.

SUMMER COMMUNITY CHOIR

Have you ever thought about singing in one of our choirs? Here is your opportunity. Beginning Sunday July 6th through Sunday August 31st The choir will sing at the 10:00 am Mass. Please meet in Room 2 at 9:00 am each Sunday to rehearse the music for the mass. No previous singing experience is required. The only requirements are a willingness to learn and a willingness to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. All are welcome. If you have any questions please see our Music Director, Dr. Clarke.

ST JOSEPH CHOIR MUSICAL SHOWCASE

On Sunday June 22 at 3:00 pm our Parish Choirs and some of our music students will present an evening of music displaying what they have accomplished during the last year. Come hear our Musicians, the Children's, Youth, Gospel, the Traditional African choirs, and the Voices of Praise. There is no charge. Please come out and support our parish musicians as they give thanks for the blessings of the last year. Cost: *Absolutely \$FR.EE*

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