

St Joseph Catholic Church

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SUNDAY JUNE 22, 2025 ~ THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

From the Bishop's Pen...

"They all ate and were satisfied."

On this Solemnity of "Corpus Christi," the "Body and Blood of Christ," we celebrate the Eucharist. This is the mystery of Transubstantiation, that the priest, through the power of the Holy Spirit, can change the true substance of bread into the living Body of Christ and the true substance of wine into the living Blood of Christ. They still have the appearance, taste and properties of bread and wine; however, what they have really become has changed!

We know that in today's Gospel, Jesus foreshadowed the institution of the Eucharist in feeding the 5,000 with the loaves of bread. But what did the fish signify? Remember, that after His resurrection, the Apostles went fishing all night and, in the darkness, caught nothing. In the dawn light, Jesus, who was on the shore, said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So, they cast it and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. The fish signified all of mankind. The Apostles were to become Fishers of Men, to catch all men and bring them to Christ.

Jesus miraculously multiplied the loaves and fish. How Jesus chose to give the bread and fish to the 5,000 is very important. Jesus gave His Apostles the fish and loaves to give to the 5,000. He was telling them that they were called to feed all His people. He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves."

The Apostles were called to be the "instruments of salvation to the ends of the earth," bringing Christ to all men and women. "They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." The twelve baskets of fragments collected after all had eaten their fill, shows us that there will always be the Eucharist and that Eucharist will always be enough to satisfy our spiritual hunger. Our eternal food, Jesus' Body and Blood, will never run out!

Today, we are being fed by the successors of Jesus' Apostles, whom He called to be His ordained bishops, assisted by His ordained priests. He gives each of us Himself in the Eucharist, so that we are united in Him, and are therefore united with each other. In celebrating the Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, we celebrate our unity with God through Jesus, and we celebrate our unity with each other, in and through God's truth and love, His Son, Jesus Christ. I pray that when God looks into each of our hearts, He sees true love. Love of God and love of each other, the same love that we receive in the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ.

- 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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(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

\$ 15,208.00June 15, 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: 981



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. Prau, 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 23, 2025 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Tuesday June 24, 2025 THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

Wednesday June 25, 2025 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday June 26, 2025 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday June 27, 2025 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

DAILY MASS: 8:30 AM Exposition / Adoration after morning Mass Benediction: 10:00 am

Saturday June 28, 2025
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY;
ST. IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR
AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles

CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday June 22

- Dr. Clarke (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- Youth Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 10:00 am
- Knights Sunday (CH) 12:00 pm
- **SJYM** CLR1 1:30 pm

Tuesday June 24

• **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Wednesday June 25

- Advance Line Dance Class (RR) 10:30 am
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- Extraordinary Ministers Meeting - (RR) 7:00 pm

Thursday June 26

• Beginning Line Dance 12:30 pm (RR)

Friday June 27

- Wedding (CH) 2:00 pm
- Wedding (CH) 5:00 pm

Saturday June 28

- KoC Flea Market (PL) 6:00 am
- Sisters in the Spirit Meeting (RR) 10:30 am
- Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians (CLR2) 11:30 am
- Youth Choir Rehearsal (CH) 12:00 pm
- Landings Session 1 (CLR1) 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 22, 2025

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/

Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt

7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Prayer for the True Presence

Jesus,

What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us.

Amen.

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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, William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dorothy Seth, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Eunice Sparkman, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Percy Swain, 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:

Patrice Burton, Marie Savoy

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Sunday

8:00 AM GLEN HAYES MICHAEL COLBERT † 10:00 AM JEAN-MARIE TCHEFFO † 12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

MONDAY

Tuesday

8:30 VERA NDUM (SI) 7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Wednesday 8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

THURSDAY

8:30 CHERRY NEAL (SI)

FRIDAY

8:30 SACRED HEART MINISTRY

SATURDAY

5:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

LIVE THE LITURGY:

Inspiration for the Week

Five loaves and two fish: a measly portion of food for such a large crowd of people. But we must remember that it doesn't matter what the size of our offering is. If we only lay it before Christ, he will take it and make it a mighty bounty.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

In reaction to the thanksgiving meal of bread and wine, Abram generously gave Melchizedek a tenth of his possessions. What could you give back to God this week out of gratitude?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul tells us from the very beginning the early Church celebrated the Eucharistic meal as a remembrance of Jesus' death and as central to our faith. *How does the Eucharist strengthen* your faith?

Gospel Question:

The miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 underscores Jesus' desire to feed us. What do you find yourself hungry for today?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question: What does the celebrant say at the conclusion of each Mass?

Answer: (a) "The Mass is ended, go in peace." (b) "The Mass is ended, have a blessed day."

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

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

Sign Before the Gospel

Ouestion:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

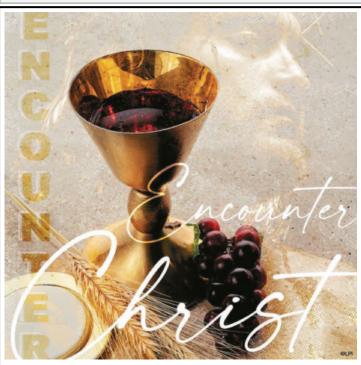
Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

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Jubilee Year of Hope



ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 2025 College Bound Class consists of the remarkable graduates who have dedicated consistent service to various St. Joseph ministries. As a self-supported initiative, your contributions are the sole support of the College Bound Scholarship. Parishioners wishing to support the College Bound Fund may mail your contribution to the church, use Faith Direct or place your contribution in the collection basket or in the College Bound Box in the foyer

> MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THESE STUDENTS...

A Note of Thanks from the Good Samaritans

You made a baby very happy! Thanks to your generous donations, our 2025 diaper drive was a success. We collected several boxes of diapers, formula, and wipes and raised nearly \$2,400 for the Greater D.C. Diaper Bank to help families in our community. Words cannot express our gratitude for the support you've given to babies and families in the past and now—during good times and bad. We appreciate you and are blessed because of you.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLEA MARKET

SOLD OUT The James C. Fletcher Council will be holding a Flea Market on Saturday June 28th.

ST JOSEPH CHOIR MUSICAL SHOWCASE

You are invited to an uplifting evening of music presented by our Parish Choirs and music students. Join us on Sunday, June 22nd, at 3:00 pm as they showcase their musical achievements from the past year. Come and enjoy the talents of our musicians, featuring performances by the Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Gospel Choir, Traditional African Choir, and the Voices of Praise quartet .Admission is free, so please come and support our dedicated parish musicians as they share their gratitude for the blessings of the last year through song.

THE ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH PARISH MULTICULTURAL COOKOUT

Join us on Sunday June 29th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm for our annual Multicultural cookout. We need all of YOU to help make this the best picnic we have ever had. Please sign up for a picnic committee and/or bring a dish that will serve 10 people. See the sign-up sheets in the foyer starting today Sunday June 15th.

ALL FOOD MUST BE COOKED. RAW / UNCOOKED FOOD WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

You are correct if you answered: a: "The Mass is ended, go in peace."



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