



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday July 20, 2025 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Martha welcomed him. Mary has chosen the better part."

Martha and Mary were sisters who met Jesus and responded to the call of His very presence in very different ways. Martha immediately sprang into action to serve the needs of Jesus and His disciples. However, Mary was intent on resting at the feet of Jesus and listening to what He had to say. Mary was responding to our Lord's call to discipleship, by listening to Him at His feet. Martha responded to the presence of our Lord and His call, by immediate action.

When Martha complained that Mary left her alone to serve everyone, Jesus told her not to be so anxious. He told her that Mary had chosen the better part. Jesus did not tell Martha that she had chosen the wrong part, just that Mary had chosen the better part.

How do we respond to Jesus' call? Jesus calls each of us to be His disciple. He calls us to follow Him and to continue His work in the world today. Jesus calls us to be like Him, to be the Good Samaritan we heard about in last Sunday's Gospel. When we first listen to Jesus' call, we learn in our hearts what it is that we need to do to care for one another, wherever we find each other.

When Jesus called on Martha and Mary, Martha immediately sprang into action. On the other hand, Mary sat at Jesus' feet and just listened to what He had to say. Martha was too busy for her own good. Some of us, like Martha, mistakenly judge our worth and importance by the number of things we must do.

We may not hear Jesus' invitation to come apart and rest awhile with Him, to sit at His feet. We forget the wisdom that if we, as Christians, do not come apart and rest awhile with Him, then we may simply come apart from anxiety. If we are too busy to pray, we are too busy! God speaks to us in prayer, but we can only hear Him, when we take the time to listen.

How can we know what He wants us to do if we don't listen to what He's telling us? Jesus always tells us what we need to do for ourselves, as well as what to do for others. Jesus said: "Seek first the kingdom of God and everything else you need will be given to

you." Like Mary, let us seek first to hear God's voice. Then, like Martha, we can "spring into action," following the Lord, who leads us to do His will in serving others.

- 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

\$ 13,910.00 July 13, 2025

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

Our offertory last week was N/A % of expenses

> Faith Direct: June - \$N/A Last Week's Attendance: 809



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

Sunday July 20, 2025 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday July 21, 2025 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Tuesday July 22, 2025 St. Mary Magdalene

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

Wednesday July 23, 2025 ST. BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday July 24, 2025 St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday July 25, 2025 **St. James, Apostle** Mass: 8:30 am

Saturday July 26, 2025 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday July 20

- Dr. Clarke (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- Youth Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 8:30 am
- Knights Sunday (CH) 12:00 pm
- SJYM Graduation Cookout 12:30 pm

Tuesday July 22

- Beginning Line Dance Class (RR) 11:00 am
- **Dr Clarke** (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Wednesday July 23

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

Thursday July 24

- Beginning Line Dance Class (RR) 12:30 pm
- 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

Friday July 25

• Funeral - Carolyn Bolling (CH) Viewing 10:00 am Funeral Mass 11:00 am

Saturday July 26

- Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians (CLR2) 11:30 am
- Denese Clay Grow Your Own Musicians - (CLR1) 2:00 pm
- Landings Session 2 (CLR1) 1:00 pm
- Dr. Clarke Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of July 13, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/

Lk 11:1-13

Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters.

And then help me to prioritize rightly and

And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your heaven as my guide.

Amen.

JUST A THOUGHT...

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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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, 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, Eileen Thomas, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Eric Walker, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn, Michael Younger

And the Recently Deceased: Carolyn Bolling

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 JOHN QUENTIN RAMEY † 12:00 PM JEAN-MARIE TCHEFFO

MONDAY

Tuesday

8:30 AM TRAVEL MERCIES FOR

Dr. Stephen Fasalam 7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Wednesday

8:30 AM CHARLES OKPAH (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

THURSDAY

8:30 AM TRAVEL MERCIES SJYM ON JUBILEE

FRIDAY

8:30 AM MARGERET HILL †

SATURDAY

5:00 PM JOAN OLADIPO (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

LIVE THE LITURGY:

Inspiration for the Week

In life, there are so many "Marthas" — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

Abraham's treatment of the three strangers modeled the value of hospitality in the ancient world. What are some ways you show kindness and warmth to others?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul found reasons to rejoice despite suffering for his faith in Christ and his mission to the Gentiles. How do you find joy and hope in difficult situations?

Gospel Question:

Jesus teaches Martha that her anxiety and worry can be calmed by listening to his words. *How can you be present this* week to an anxious friend or co-worker?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Ouestion: Where did Mary and Joseph take young Jesus to hide him from King Herod?

Answer: (a) Bethlehem (b) Egypt (c) Rome

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

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

Mary Magdalene

Ouestion:

July 22 is the feast of Mary Magdalene. There are a lot of stories about her, but who was she really?

Answer:

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the women who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.

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Jubilee Year of Hope

A PRAYER FOR SAFE TRAVELS

Please pray with and for our St Joseph Youth Ministry as they travel to Rome for the 2025 Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage

Saint Christopher, faithful guardian on the road, we turn to you for your powerful protection and guidance as we embark on our travels. Watch over us, dear saint, and shield us from all harm and dangers that may come our way. Be our constant companion, illuminating our path with your intercession.

Guide us safely through unfamiliar territories, ensuring that we reach our destination unharmed. With you by our side, we find solace and strength, knowing that we are under your watchful care. Saint Christopher, we entrust our journey into your hands, seeking your intercession for a safe and secure travel experience.

Amen

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...

JAMES C FLETCHER JR COUNCIL CHARITIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The James C Fletcher Jr Council Charities are now accepting applications for their College Scholarship program. High School graduates who will be attending college in the fall of 2025 are eligible to submit an application.

Applications are available in the foyer and may be returned to the church office by July 31st, 2025.

Contact Michael Akpan for information at 240 476 3100.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SENIOR PLAY DATE

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

Contact Alicia Sanders or see the flyer for more information.

OUR LADY OF GRACE SODALITY RETREAT

Theme: Teach Us to Pray with Reverence
Fr. Albert Nzeh
Pastor Blessed Sacrament
St. Charles Borromeo Newark, NJ
August 22, 2025 - August 24, 2025
Cost: \$75 (due August 1st, 2025)
For more information contact:

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For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

When company came, Martha hurried to get the house ready. She made sure the food was cooked. She set the table with cups, dishes, and silverware. She put clean sheets on the beds. She emptied the trash. Mary didn't worry about all that. She stopped everything to listen to her visitor. If your house is neat all the time, you can relax and talk with your guests. Then you can cook dinner together.

PRAYER

Lord, I want to stop working to listen to my visitors.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw pictures of Martha mopping the floors while Mary is listening to Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will sit on the front doorstep and talk with Jesus every morning.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

You are correct if you answered: (b) Egypt

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