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SUNDAY AUGUST 3, 2025 ~ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Bishop's Pen...

"The things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"

What are these "possessions" that Jesus is really speaking about in the Gospel parable of the rich man? It is our material, or worldly possessions! The question becomes: "Do we own our possessions; or do our possessions own us?" And, we all have "possessions" to some degree. God gave man dominion over the earth, to use **His** "possessions" found here on earth. It is God who provides the "possessions" found on earth, so that we can use it to take care of all the creatures and things of the earth.

Therein lies the key to Jesus' parable. God tells us to care for the creatures and things of the earth. He does not tell us that the creatures and things of the earth are "our" "possessions!" We are stewards of God's creation, not owners of it.

When we take what God has given us as our "own possessions," to do with as we please, and do not use them to care for those in need, then we fall into idolatry. When this happens, we have elevated our "possessions" to that of a "false god." No longer is our one, true God the primary focus of our lives, since our "possessions" have taken His place. "Our possessions oftentimes have more of an effect on us than we have on them.

When our possessions become the most important things in our lives, when our possessions come before our relationship with God and each other, we have been deceived by the devil! Because "the material things we accumulate throughout our lives, our material 'possessions,' will mean nothing at the gates of heaven," unless they were used for the glory of God and to help others.

In order to grow rich in the sight of God, we must always put God first and our neighbors ahead of ourselves. Then we will have the "right possessions," that is, the "right stuff," to carry us through our lives and into eternal joy with God.

- 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

\$ 10,412.00 July 27, 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: 885



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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ PAGE 3

Masses / Observances

Sunday August 3, 2025 **18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

Monday August 4, 2025 ST. JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Tuesday August 5, 2025 THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF St. MARY MAJOR

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

Wednesday August 6, 2025 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday August 7, 2025
ST. SIXTUS II, POPE,
AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS;
ST. CAJETAN, PRIEST
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday August 8, 2025 ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST

Mass: 8:30 am Adoration after 8:30 am Mass Benediction: 10:00 am

Saturday August 9, 2025

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Virgin and Martyr

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

Next Sunday

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prayer for Open Hands

Lord,

I do not know what any day holds, I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given. Help me to use them, then, as You would have me.

Help me to live according to Your invitations.

Amen.

CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday August 3

• Dr. Clarke (CLR 2) 9:00 am

Tuesday August 5

• Funeral -Frances Hammond Viewing /Wake 10:00 am Funeral Mass 11:00 am

Thursday August 7

- 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#
- Denese Clay Cantor Rehearsal (CH) 5:30 pm
- SJCAF Charismatic Prayer Group (CLR1) 7:00 pm
- KC Council Meeting (RR) 7;00 pm

Wednesday August 6

• Advance Line Dance Class (RR) 10:30 am

Friday August 7

• **Deacon Nash** - (CH) 4:00 pm

Saturday August 9

- Men's Ministry Meeting (CLR1) 7:30 am
- Fr Stephen Catechists Meeting (CLR1) 10:00 am
- Landings Session 2 (CLR1) 1:00pm
- Dr. Clarke Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of August 3, 2025

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

<u>Tuesday:</u> Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

DEVOTIONS, Explained!

Holy Hour

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ. More broadly, a holy hour can also refer to any 60 minutes set aside in prayer and reflection, whether in church or elsewhere.

Holy hours can be made privately or in community, and the USCCB has created a variety of different holy hour formats that can be found at usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion.

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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:

Frances Hammond

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 EMELDA NDUM (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS) 10:00 AM WALTER FOOTE †

12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

MONDAY

8:30 AM EILEEN T. MATHEWS & FAMILY (TRAVELING MERCIES)
Tuesdau

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY 7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Wednesday

8:30 AM ERASMUS FRANKLIN NDUKA †

THURSDAY

8:30 AM BRUCE J. MARTIN †
FRIDAY

8:30 AM BRYON AND DONNA MILLER (21ST ANNIVERSARY)

SATURDAY

5:00 PM GLADYS W. AAUGE †

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the Week

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgment. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth?

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

The author of Ecclesiastes speaks of the futility of an anxious heart and restless mind. What helps to ground you in your day-to-day living?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul encourages the Colossians to put to death the "old self" (bad behavior) and to live into the "new self" (life in Christ). What could you do this week to practice this "new self"?

Gospel Question:

Jesus tells the crowds the parable of the rich fool, warning against excessive material wealth. *How do you balance your material needs with "what matters to God"?*

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Ouestion: How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus?

Answer: (a) Two (b) Five (c) Three (d) None

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Watching Mass on TV

Question:

Does watching Mass on TV fulfill my Sunday obligation?

Answer:

In the age of instant communication, email, voice mail and teleconferencing, many people wonder if these media of communication can be used for sacraments. Many priests, I am sure, have had people ask about going to confession on the phone. While it may seem like a convenient way to do things, there are many reasons why we don't.

Watching the Mass on television can be a good thing, especially for those who are shut-in. But it really doesn't fulfill our obligation. The obligation to attend Mass is more than just simply listening to the Mass or following the prayers and the readings. Gathering together as a community of faith is important. Sacraments are community events where we encounter God and one another. When we gather together, we are most visibly the Church, the Body of Christ. Besides, television is a one-way medium. It allows us to watch without really being able to give a response. In faith, our response is as important as anything that we hear. We need to take an active part in the religious expression of our community.

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Jubilee Year of Hope



CONGRATULATIONS ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers of the Year
Boyan Tiwang and Kelstine Nnawuba

<u>Graduating Seniors were recognized</u> for their years of service:

Ejemen Asuelimin, Charles Eneorji, Omachi Ijoma, Michael Matthews, Eric Musee, Kelstine Nnawuba Boyan Tiwang

Other awards were presented to Youth Servers for:

Team Leader:

Obi Agbim, Madifa Ambe, Ejemen Asuelimen, Jacob Bechet, Omachi Ijoma, Michael Matthews, Christian Musgrove, Kelstine Nnawuba, Matthew Omo-Taiga, Zeala Tantoh, Benita Tiwang, Boyan Tiwang

Model Server:

Natalia Reece, Maryrose Iwuagwu, Brooklynn Dandridge-King, Boyan Tiwang, Benita Tiwang, Joy Tiwang, Kelstine Nnawuba Matthew Omo-Taiga

On-Time:

Jacob Bechet, Andrew Cooke,
Brooklynn Dandridge-King, Carter Evans, Maryrose
Iwuagwu, Michael Matthews, Melvin Matthews,
McHale Matthews, Christian Musgrove,
Kala Musgrove, Tiara Musgrove, Tobi Offor,
Tiffany Offor, Chubi Offor, James Okonkwo, Natalia
Reece, Boyan Tiwang, Joy Tiwang, Benita Tiwang

Coming Off of the Pew:

Joseph Wawa, Charles Eneorji, Kevin Eneorji, Chiamaka Anya, Aaron Cooke, John Huntley (adult).

All youth and adult servers received certificates of appreciation for their service to the St. Joseph Community

What's Happening

SUMMER YOUTH CHOIR

The Summer Youth & Children's Choir will sing at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, August 10, 2025
All children and youth ages 10–18 are invited to participate.
Please meet in CLR 2 at 8:30 AM for rehearsal.

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:
Althea Holland (301) 390-0813
Delia Johnson (240) 893-8777
Teresa Nwankwo (202) 802-2085

THE GOOD SAMARITANS

School Supply and School Uniform Drive through August 24, 2025.

Please help the Good Samaritans provide new school supplies, uniforms and backpacks to students in local Elementary Schools. A list of needed items can be found on the flyer. Monetary donations payable to the Good Samaritans. Donations can also be made via the Amazon wish list. See the flyer for more information

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

You are correct if you answered: (c) Three

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