



St Joseph Catholic Church

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SUNDAY AUGUST 31, 2025 ~ TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Humble yourself and you will find favour with God."

Humility: what is it that makes a person truly humble? Is it a person's modesty, meekness, or unassuming nature? What would we see in a person who projects the opposite of humility? Most of us would call that arrogance.

I have been a fan of Superman since I could read comic books and saw the television show as a boy. I read the Superman comics and saw the original Adventures of Superman TV show. I also watched all the Superman shows that followed and especially liked the Superman movies.

Superman, for all his strength and superpowers, was truly humble. He knew that his powers were a gift, from the effects of our "yellow" sun. He also knew that his parents sent him here so that he could use those powers for good. Superman did not lose sight of fact that his superpowers were meant to be used for the good of others and not for his own glory and gain. He went to great lengths to make sure that people did not know the person who possessed those powers. He was happy to give credit to a superhero whom no one really knew.

Jesus tells us about the true meaning of humility in today's Gospel. When one is truly humble, not arrogant, that person does not seek attention for himself or herself. In our Lord's eyes, humble people are those who seek to put others before themselves. Humble people give credit for their gifts to the One who rightly gave them – God. Humble people do not exalt themselves but exalt God instead and use what they have to help others. Humble people look to help those who are helpless and do not look to be repaid.

The first step to humility for us is "fear" of the Lord. That is, we recognize that all we have is a gift from God. We realize that we always need God's grace to do good in our lives and in the lives of others. This realization will allow God to lead us to do His will for ourselves and for others. When we are humble of heart and spirit, then God will exalt us as Jesus said, "For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

– 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
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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

\$ N/A August 24, 2025

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

Our offertory last week was N/A%
of expenses

Faith Direct: July - \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance: 910



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 acknowledgment 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 SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are made in the Parish Office 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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ PAGE 3

MASSSES / OBSERVANCES

Sunday August 31, 2025
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday September 1, 2025
Labor Day
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday September 2, 2025
Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm
Benediction: 6:45 pm
Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Wednesday September 3, 2025
**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE
AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday September 4, 2025
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday September 5, 2025
FIRST FRIDAY
Mass: 8:30 am
Adoration after 8:30 am Mass
Benediction: 6:00 pm

Saturday September 6, 2025
FIRST SATURDAY
Mass - 8:00 am
Confessions / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prayer for Humility

Dear God,

*Mold my heart after Yours. Help me to
see myself as You see me: surrounded by
Your love. Help me to see others as You
see them as well. Give me knowledge of
your ways, today and always.*

Amen

CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday August 31

- **KoC Fifth Sunday Rosary** (CH) after 8:00 am Mass
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am

Monday September 1

- **Holiday - No Activities**

Tuesday September 2

- **Dr Clarke Choir Rehearsal**
(CLR2) 7:00 pm

Wednesday September 3

- **Dr Clarke Choir Rehearsal**
(CLR2) 7:00 pm

Friday September 5

- **Music Ministry Retreat** (CH) 7:00 pm

Saturday September 6

- **Faith Formation / Rel Ed** (RR, CLR1,2,3,WW,CH) 10:00 am
- **Dr. Clarke - Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR2) 11:30
- **Denese Clay - Grow Your Own Musicians** - (CLR1) 2:00 pm

Thursday September 4

- **Beginners Line Dancing 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
- **KoC - Council Meeting** (RR) 7:00pm
- **SJCAF - Charismatic Prayer Group** (CLR1) 7:00 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of August 31, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

JUST A THOUGHT...

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

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, Gennie Huntley-Lopez, 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, Marionetta D Lofton-Sutton, 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, Clifton 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:

Emma Amondji

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 TONY & AFUAH OWUSU-ANSAH (SI)
10:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
12:00 PM EMMA AMONDJI †

MONDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

8:30 AM DAVID AIGBE
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THURSDAY

8:30 AM BASHAN AUGUSTUS ROBINSON †

FRIDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

SATURDAY

5:00 PM MONICA FORD
BIRTHDAY BLESSING

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor," Jesus instructs. "Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Each of us has our own banquet to offer, our own gifts to share. Who will we invite?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Can We Chew Gum at Mass?

Question:

Does chewing gum break the fast before Communion?

Answer:

If you look in Canon Law or in the Catechism, there is no mention of chewing gum. I guess it does not rate the attention of the universal church! The Church requires us to fast for one hour before we receive the Eucharist.

Basically, we are to refrain from food and drink, not including water or medicine. There are also exceptions for people who are ill. Overall, the fast is intended for us to prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist and in some small way to literally as well as spiritually hunger for what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, while not really food, does at least break the spirit of the fast.

Besides that, it is a distraction and rude. What do you do with the gum when it is time to receive Communion? People have actually come to the altar chewing away, oblivious to what they were doing or Who they were receiving. At best, it is distracting and irreverent. At worst, it adds a barrier to giving our best to receiving God's best.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

Sirach speaks of the virtue of humility and the wisdom of knowing one's limits. **Can you think of a time when you needed to depend on others?**

2nd Reading Question:

The author of Hebrews speaks of our direct access to God through the new covenant established by Jesus. **How might we take advantage of such a gift?**

Gospel Question:

With the parable of the wedding banquet, Jesus teaches the Pharisees to be open and even inviting to the poor and marginalized. **How might you exercise this virtue in the coming week?**

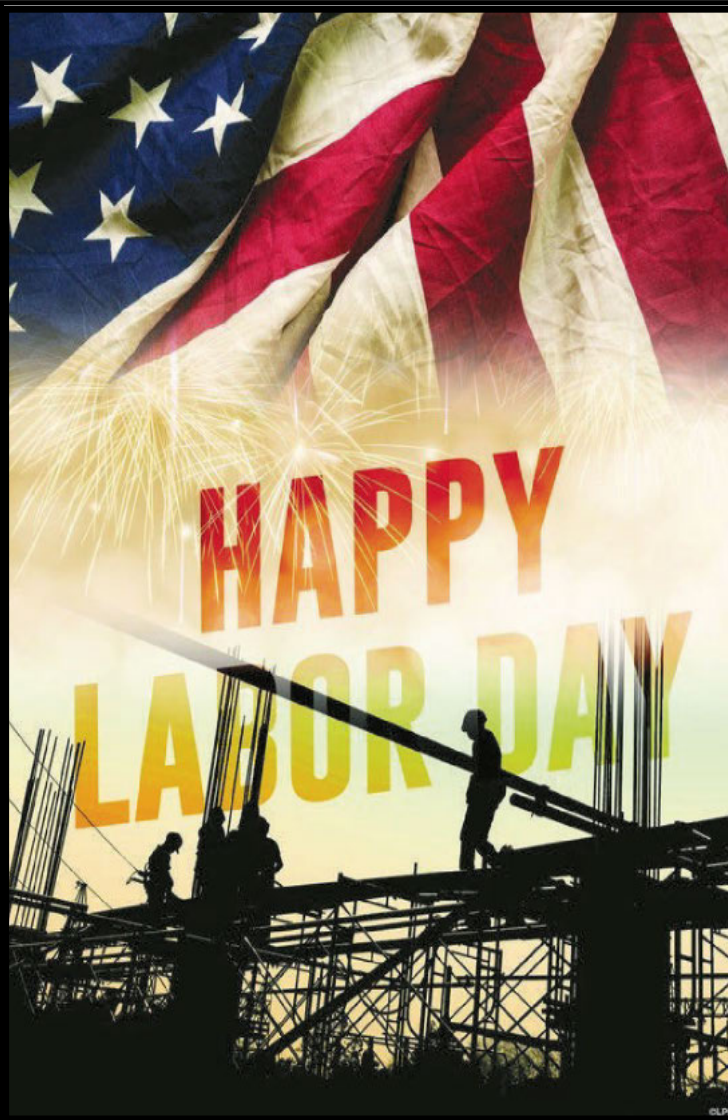
CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question: Which grotto is visited by millions of pilgrims every year? Where is it located ?

Answer: (a) Italy (b) Maryland (c) France

Jubilee Year of Hope

**REMINDER ... CLASSES START
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH 10:00 AM**





FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

A FAMILY OF FAITH

Family Catechesis
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For additional information, please visit the
Parish Website at:
<https://stjoseph-largo.org>



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council is kicking off their 2025 fall Baby Bottle Campaign that will benefit the Forestville Pregnancy Center. This campaign will run through October 20th. Baby bottles will be available for distribution after all the Masses. Bottles can be returned to the Welcome Room with loose change or checks. Checks can be made out to the Forestville Pregnancy Center or James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council #11422.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

You are correct if you answered: (c) Lourdes France



-Do you, or a family member, or a friend want to know more about
the Catholic faith?

-Do you know the graces that come from the Sacraments?

-Are you searching for a greater understanding as to deepen your relationship with God?

OCIA, or the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, formerly known as RCIA, is the Catholic Church's process for welcoming and forming adults who wish to become Catholic or complete their sacraments. It is more than classes, it is a journey of prayer, learning, and community that leads to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and full participation in the life of the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation.

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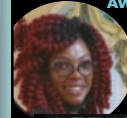
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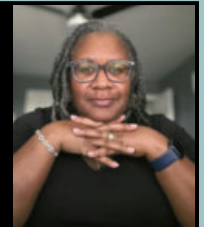
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