

St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday September 7, 2025 ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"If you do not renounce all possessions, you cannot be my disciple."

What is the cost of discipleship? We believe that "all men are created equal" as stated in our Declaration of Independence. Looking at any two people, it is obvious that there are physical differences between people. No two people are exactly the same, even between identical twins; each has a unique soul created by God. However, each person is created equal in the eyes of God, who loves each of us completely. We then, should be able to see God, our Creator, in each of us and we should see that in Him, we all are created equally.

Those who believed in the equality of each human person were willing to give all that they had, as the cost of discipleship to the Truth, even giving their very lives. Many of these disciples did give their lives for the Truth of that equality from God.

However, Jesus starts today's Gospel passage by telling the crowds that they cannot be His disciples unless they hate their father and mother. Those words sound very harsh, and they do not seem to fit Jesus' mission of salvation. For our salvation, Jesus gave His life, and we are called to be united in Him, not divided among ourselves. There must be another meaning to His statement.

What did Jesus give for our salvation? He gave all of Himself, dying on a cross. Does He ask anything more of us than He was willing to give? NO! He asks His disciples to give themselves completely in service to Him and the flock He saved, just as He gave Himself completely for our salvation.

Completely giving ourselves to Christ as His disciple, is why He said that in order to follow Him, we must hate our father and mother. We must love and serve Christ first, above anyone else, including father or mother. Our fathers and mothers must also love Christ first, above anyone else, including us, their children. We must even love Christ more than ourselves, for He calls us to be one in Him, not one apart from Him!

When we love and serve Christ completely, with our whole being, then we can love and serve each other completely, because we share our love in Christ with each other. We must know what is truly important in our lives, and then we will know what to do. When we love and serve Jesus as His disciples, who loved us first and came "to serve, not to be served," then we will be able to love and serve our fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, and everyone we meet in the Body 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

\$ N/A August 31, 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: 874



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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ PAGE 3

Masses / Observances

Sunday September 7, 2025 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GRANDPARENTS' DAY

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

Monday September 8, 2025 THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Tuesday September 9, 2025 ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

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

Wednesday September 10, 2025 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday September 11, 2025
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday September 12, 2025 THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

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

Saturday September 13, 2025

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Next Sunday
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Just a Thought...



CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday September 7

- **Sodality** (CH) Rosary after 8:00 am Mass
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- Youth Ministry Meeting (CLR1) 1:30 pm

Monday September 8

• Good Samaritans Meeting (RR) 7:00 pm

Tuesday September 9

- Senior Play Date (RR) 12:00 pm
- Dr Clarke Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 7:00 pm

Wednesday September 10

• Dr Clarke Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 7:00 pm

Thursday September 11

- 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
- SJCAF Charismatic Prayer Group (CLR1) 7:00 pm

Friday September 12

• Funeral - Ugoche Chiaha (CH)10:00 am

Saturday September 13

- 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

Daily Readings for the Week of September 7, 2025

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

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11

/Jn 3:13-17

Prayer of Simplicity

Dear God,

In my desire for You, take away anything that keeps me from knowing You, myself, or my mission here on earth. Help me to remember what is truly important, and to seek and treasure that.

Amen

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 ~ PAGE 4

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, 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:

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



Mass Intentions

<u>Sunday</u>

8:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY 10:00 AM NKEDE FAMILY CHILDREN 12:00 PM PETER MEHODIUS-NGWOOD BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

MONDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY **Tuesday**

8:30 AM OFFERING - KEBGNADANA CHUMBOW

7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
Wednesday

8:30 AM NWANKWO FAMILY-THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY

8:30 AM ELIZABETH OGUNSANYA BIRTHDAY BLESSING

FRIDAY

8:30 AM OBINNA & LATRICE NDUM -5TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY

5:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

LIVE THE LITURGY:

Inspiration for the Week

Today, Jesus tells us the cost of true discipleship — and it turns out, it's everything. We must reject the world in order to love God. What attachments are holding us back from the relationship we could have — we should have — with our Lord?

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

The author of Wisdom teaches us that our limited understanding can be overcome by the gift of wisdom from God's Holy Spirit. Have you ever prayed for the gift of wisdom in discerning a difficult course of action?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul is asking Philemon to welcome back his runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ. *Who do you consult when making difficult life decisions?*

Gospel Question:

Jesus challenges the crowds to weigh carefully the high cost of discipleship. *What have you given up following Jesus?*

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Ouestion: What does the word "dalmatic" mean?

Answer: (a) vestment worn by a deacon

(b) vestment worn by a bishop

(c) or both

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

What Happens if a Host is Dropped?

Question:

What happens if someone drops a consecrated host?

Answer:

Despite our best efforts, and this is as true in our liturgical celebrations as in all of life, accidents happen. Occasionally at Mass, a host may be dropped or some of the Precious Blood could even be spilled from the chalice, despite the best efforts of the priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion assisting at the liturgy.

So, when a host is dropped or the Precious Blood is spilled, we can take guidance from the U.S. Bishops' statement Norms for the Distribution for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds:

All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. Should there be any mishap — as when, for example, the consecrated wine is spilled from the chalice — then the affected "area . . . should be washed with water, and this water should be then poured into the sacrarium."

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Jubilee Year of Hope



PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Dear God.

What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages.

Bless our grandparents, today and always.

Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight.

Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church.

Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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According to no. 280 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the general rule is that a dropped host is picked up by the minister distributing Communion and reverently consumed. The minster should be careful to make sure that no other particles from the host remain on the ground. As we see in the instruction from the bishops, the Precious Blood would be absorbed (customarily with a purificator) and the area attentively and reverently washed with water which would then be disposed of properly.

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 September 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: (a) vestment worn by a deacon

REMINDER ... CLASSES START SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7th 12:00 NOON CLASSROOM 1



-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.

Classes begin September 7th We Meet Every Sunday in Classroom 1 at 12:00 Noon and virtually every Monday at 7:00 pm

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Saturday September 27, 2025 - 5 p.m.
Centennial Gala and
Hall of Fame Induction (21+)

Sunday, September 28, 2025 1-3 p.m.
Centennial Open House and Picnic (All Ages)

For more information, please visit st.maryum.org/centennial.

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