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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 ~ THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Bishop's Pen...

"We cannot serve both God and mammon."

There is an important part in "The Lord's Prayer," in which we petition almighty God to "lead us not into temptation." Here, we ask our God to give us the strength to resist the temptations of the devil to do wrong, to commit sin.

Jesus gives us an example of the meaning of this part of "The Lord's Prayer" in His parable of the steward in today's Gospel. A good steward must be trustworthy. This steward was a thief, misusing his master's property for his own benefit.

When his master calls for this steward to give an accounting of his stewardship, he knew that he was in trouble. He believed that his master would relieve him of his duties, leaving him without a job and a way to support himself.

This steward had no desire to regain his master's trust, instead, he turns to the very debtors of his master with whom he has cheated his master and makes his situation worst by reducing their debt to his master, without his master's authority or approval. The steward was trying to look out for himself by looking out for those in debt to his master. He, was in effect saying, "I'll scratch your back, if you will scratch mine."

This steward's master found out about his underhanded dealings. He complemented the steward for his cleverness, for dealing with others to benefit himself. The steward failed to recognize that his opportunity to plead for forgiveness from his master, and to change the way he lived his life, was wasted by his committing an even greater wrong against his master. This steward still sought to serve his own material wealth, rather than serve the master who had taken care of him.

"No servant can serve two masters." This servant could not be trusted by his master. We, too, cannot serve two masters. Either we love and serve God, who gives us all that we have; or we try to accumulate fleeting material wealth (mammon). We cannot do both. The choice we make will have an eternal consequence for our immortal souls.

- 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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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

\$16,210.00 September 14 2025

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

Our offertory last week was N/A% of expenses

Faith Direct: August - \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance: 898



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

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ PAGE 3

Masses / Observances



Monday September 22, 2025 NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Tuesday September 23, 2025 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Daily Mass: 8:30 am Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm

Wednesday September 24, 2025 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday September 25, 2025 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

<u>Friday September 26, 2025</u>
Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

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

<u>Saturday September 27, 2025</u> ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

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

Next Sunday
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUST A THOUGHT...



CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday September 21

- Community Sunday (RR) (AFTER ALL MASSES)
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- Knights Sunday (CH) 12:00 pm

Monday September 22

• OCIA - Virtual 7:00 pm

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Tuesday September 23

- Beginner Line Dance (RR) 11:00 am
- Dr Clarke Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 7:00 pm

Wednesday September 24

- Advance Line Dance (RR) 10:30 am
- Dr Clarke Choir Rehearsal (CLR2) 7:00 pm

Thursday September 25

- 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 26

No Events Scheduled

Saturday September 27

- Men's Ministry Meeting (CL1) 7:30 am
- Faith Formation / Rel Ed (RR, CLR1,2,3,WW,CH) 10:00 am
- Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians (CLR2) 11:30 am
- Youth Choir Rehearsal (CH)12:00 pm
- Denese Clay Grow Your Own Musicians (CLR1) 2:00 pm
- Young Adult Social (RR) 2:00 pm
- Dr. Clarke Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of September 21, 2025

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/

Lk 16:19-31

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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, Gennie Huntley-Lopez, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Sebastien Jean-Marie, 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 Loye, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malyeaux, 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, Robin Parsell, 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,

And the Recently Deceased:

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



Sunday

8:00 AM MARY AGNES HARLEY † 10:00 AM KENDRA OLADIPO (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS) 12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

MONDAY 8:30 AM AIDAN MILLER

(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS) Tuesday

8:30 AM YVONNE BENYELLA GRADUATING FROM POLICE ACADEMY 7:00 PM THANKSGIVING FOR THE

NWANKWO FAMILY

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM COURTLAND BONALGE (SI) **THURSDAY**

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

FRIDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY SATURDAY

WANDA JOHNSON † 5:00

LIVE THE LITURGY:

Inspiration for the Week

No servant can serve two masters, and in his goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of this world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?

estions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

Amos forewarns those who exploit the poor and disadvantaged that God will remember their greed and corruption. How might you lend a helping hand this week to others in need?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul instructs Timothy on the necessity of openness and generosity in prayer. What do you think makes for a strong prayer life?

Gospel Question:

In the parable of the dishonest steward, the disciples learn the importance of honesty and prudence in daily living. What other virtues would you add for the life of a Christian today?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Ouestion: What do Catholics call the four books of the Bible that describe the teachings and life of Jesus?

Answer:

(a) The New Testament (b) The Gospels (c) The Old Testament

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

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

Fish on Friday

Question:

Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

Answer:

For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

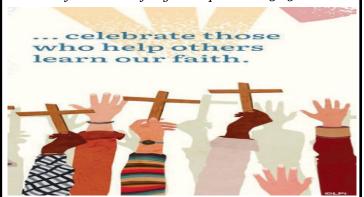
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Jubilee Year of Hope

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

"Always be ready to give an explanation... for a reason for your hope" 1 Pet 3:15



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.

For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus wants you to be honest. When you tell lies, your friends will not be able to trust you. Tell the truth. If you find a wallet, bring it to the police station. If you see someone drop some money, pick it up and give it back to them. If someone left a jacket or toy on the playground, don't take it. Turn it in to "lost and found." When you are honest with small things, people will see that you can be trusted with bigger things, too.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to be honest.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself giving money back to someone who dropped it.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your parents to tell you ways that they choose to be honest with their work, their money, and with God.

save the date

THE CHILDREN OF VIRTUE LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY



Calling all dancers interested in becoming a member of The Children of Virtue Liturgical Dance Ministry, it is time to get back to praising the Lord! The Children of Virtue Liturgical Dance Ministry would like to invite past members and those interested in becoming members to a virtual interest meeting, on Monday, September 22 at 6 pm

Use the link below

The Children of Virtue Interest Meeting Monday, September 22 · 6:00 – 6:50pm Google Meet joining info

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/wys-evsj-tho
This interest meeting will be to discuss ongoing ministry membership requirements.

Please complete the attached interest form: https://forms.gle/qig3W54jrB9Eeb1GA

2025 EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL

Theme: Reviving the Flame of Hope **Youth Rally - Saturday October 4th**

(PERMISSION SLIP REQUIRED TO ATTEND YOUTH RALLY)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH), Washington, DC
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
followed by Mass
Rev. Cornelius Ejeogo
(Youth Retreat Speaker)

Revival

Monday October 6 - Wednesday October 8

Mt. Calvary, Forestville, MD
7:00 p.m.

Monday Revivalist - Deacon Kyle Simon Tuesday Revivalist - Sister Oralisa Martin Wednesday - Revival Mass Homilist - Deacon Keith Somerville

FAITHFUL FUNNIES

ARE YOU BROKE AGAIN? WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU, XAVIER? WHY CAN'T YOU HANG ON TO YOUR MONEY?



CATHOLIC TRIVIA

You are correct if you answered: (b) The Gospels





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