

St Joseph Catholic Church

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 2025 ~ THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Bishop's Pen...

"He who humbles himself will be exalted."

How many of us, as parents, would single out our love for one child over another? I don't think any of us would do that. We love all our children the same. Each child receives all the love we have to give to that child, and the number of children we have does not limit the amount of love that we have to give to each of them. This is just how God loves us. He gives each of us all the love He has, because He gives each of us all of Himself.

Yet, each of us has a different capacity to receive God's love, so God gives each of us different temperaments, different gifts, and talents, and it is up to us to develop and use them to do God's will and to help each other. We should thank God and humbly accept and use these gifts to do His will.

Yet do we sometimes rationalize that our gifts and talents are of our own making, and focus only on how they enhance our own perception of ourselves? When this happens, we exalt pride in ourselves and forget who the source of our gifts and talents is. This is how the Pharisee in today's Gospel saw himself. When we misuse our God-given gifts, we commit sin. The tax collector knew he sinned by using his gifts to cheat his fellow man.

The Pharisee may have followed the letter of the Jewish laws, but certainly not the spirit of those laws. He wanted to "show off" before God and others. His prayer was to tell God how "good" he was. His pride would not let him admit that he too was a sinner. The Pharisee tried to justify himself before God, but only God can justify someone.

The tax collector, on the other hand, prayed humbly and with a contrite heart. He knew that he truly needed God's help. Because he humbled himself before God, begging forgiveness, he opened himself to God's grace; and God justified him.

We can see the same attitudes in ourselves today, as we see the attitudes between the Pharisee and the tax collector. Going to confession and confessing our sins to a priest bothers a whole lot of people in the world today. How many times have we tried to convince ourselves that, "I don't need to go to confession, because I really haven't sinned."? How many times do we think that our sins are so bad that God will not forgive us? We should **never** feel that our sins are so bad, that God will not forgive us. Jesus has already paid the price for God's forgiveness for all our sins. All we need do is to humbly ask God for His forgiveness.

- Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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MASS / ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

\$ October 19, 2025

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

Our offertory last week was N/A% of expenses

Faith Direct: September-\$N/A

Last Week's Attendance:

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 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ PAGE 3

MASSES / OBSERVANCES

Sunday October 26, 2025 30th *SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME* MASSES:

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

Monday October 27, 2025 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Tuesday October 28, 2025
Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm
Benediction: 6:45 pm
Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Wednesday October 29, 2025
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

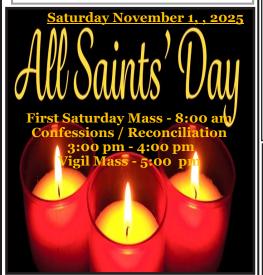
Thursday October 30, 2025
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday October 31, 2025

ALL HALLOW'S EVE

Mass: 8:30 am

Adoration: Immediately following Mass



Prayer of Praise

Dear God,

As we look to the week ahead, help us to remember that You will accompany us at every moment — You who greet us with mercy anew every morning, and grace in abundance each night.

Amen

CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday October 26

- Dr. Clarke (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- SJCAF Monthly Meeting (RR) 1:30 pm
- SJYM Executive Board Meeting (CLR 1) 1:30 pm

Monday October 27

• OCIA - Virtual 7:00 pm

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Tuesday October 28

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

Wednesday October 29

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

Thursday October 30

- Beginners 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 Officers Planning Meeting (RR) 7:00 pm

Friday October 31

Funeral - Pauline Gordon (CH) 10:00 am

Saturday November 1

- Men's Ministry Meeting (CL1) 7:30 am
- Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians (CLR2) 11:30 am
- Youth Christmas Rehearsal (CLR 1)10:00 am
- Youth Choir Rehearsal (Loc TBD) 12:00 pm
- Denese Clay Grow Your Own Musicians (CLR1) 2:00 pm
- Dr. Clarke Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of October 26, 2025

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/

Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9

/Jn 6:37-40

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Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Cathrine Abrams, Theresa Agorel, Gerry Anderson, Carla Amorim, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Shelia Bailey, Randy Belt, Agnes Bell, Veronica Blakeney, Maxine Brown, Allen 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 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, Cheryl Mills, 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, Dar-

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

ryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn, Michael Younger

Sunday

8:00 AM KIMBERLY OKPAH (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS) 10:00 AM NDUM FAMILY (SI)

12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

MONDAY

8:30 am Jean and Joan Reavis † Tuesday

8:30 AM JOSEPH OLAMA † WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM SAYO ADELEYE (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

THURSDAY

8:30 AM BARBARA RAMEY WALLACE

FRIDAY

8:30 AM JAMES REAVIS †

SATURDAY

8:00 AM HOLY SOULS IN PERGUATORY † 5:00 PM PATRICIA IWEANOGE †

LIVE THE LITURGY:

Inspiration for the Week

The Pharisee took such pride in his good deeds that he forgot to ask God for forgiveness; the tax collector acknowledged his many sins, and went home justified. Remember that we are saved not by our own merit, but by the mercy of God.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

<u> 1st Reading Question:</u>

Sirach teaches us that God cares deeply about our desire for justice. Can you think of a time when you fought against an unjust situation?

2nd Reading Question:

As Paul nears the end of his life, he shares with Timothy how he fought hard for the faith, ever grateful for the Lord's support. As you look back on your life, can you see where God has been present?

Gospel Question:

Jesus teaches the crowds about the importance of humility. Does humility come to you naturally or do you have to work at it?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question:

In Matthew's Gospel, the Beatitudes are the beginning of which sermon by Jesus?

Answer:

- (a) The Sermon on the Mount (b) Olivet Discourse
- (c) Upper Room Discourse

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Why Kneel?

Question:

Why do we kneel at Mass?

Answer:

Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture or reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ PAGE 5

Jubilee Year of Hope



DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Prayer for the Dead

It may seem strange to pray for someone who is already dead and who, according to our earthly reckoning of time, has already undergone judgment. But God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity that exists between all members of the Body of Christ.

Prayer for the dead is a practice which not only predates Catholicism but predates Jesus Christ, as we see in the Second Book of Maccabees (2 Maccabees 12:42-45). "By virtue of the 'communion of saints,' the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1055). The most common Catholic prayer for the dead is as follows: "Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace."

For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

If you have ever thought that you were better than somebody else, you are not alone. Even grown-ups think that way sometimes. The truth is, you really are not better than anyone else. You sin. You make mistakes, just like other people do. No matter how big or how small you think your mistakes are, they still make God angry. Instead of looking down on other people, remember your own mistakes. Ask God to forgive you.

<u>Prayer</u>

Dear God, I am so sorry I ever thought I was better than anybody else. Please forgive me.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of something you did wrong. Then draw a picture of yourself asking God to forgive you.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask everyone in your class to make cards for people in prison. Jesus knows when people are truly sorry for what they have done wrong. Jesus wants to forgive prisoners, just like he wants to forgive you.

save the date

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY PROGRAM

Sunday November 9, 2025
1:45 pm
St Joseph Rosemont Room
Join us for a presentation of a portrayal
of Venerable Mother Mary Lange
by Mrs. Janice C. Greene, official MD State Griot

PROJECT WARMTH 2025

The Good Samaritan Ministry is asking for your assistance again this year to bring warmth to needy children at four local elementary schools.

Project Warmth 2025 will run from Saturday, October 18 until Sunday, November 16, 2025

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The St. Joseph's Parish Council is accepting nominations!
The Parish Council is a consultative body for the pastor, assisting him with discerning and achieving the overall good of the parish and its mission. There are two open positions on the Council. If you or a parishioner you know is interested in supporting St. Joseph's parish and Bishop Campbell through reflection, prayer, planning, and motivation, submit a nomination form today!
You can access the nomination form on the parish website by clicking the link or scanning the QR code
Remember – you can nominate yourself or someone else.

Nominations are due by
Sunday, November 9th 5:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Online Registration Now Working
Great news! Our website registration issue has been fixed.
If your child would like to participate in the
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Christmas Program/Show
on Saturday, December 13, 2025,
please register ASAP

so we can place them in a role and schedule. Because we're short on time for rehearsals, we're holding a special rehearsal & casting on Saturday, November 1st from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

SPEND TIME IN ADORATION

Adoration is every Friday after the 8:30 Mass with Benediction at 10:00 am and all day the First Friday of each month with Benediction at 6:00 pm. Adoration is also offered every Tuesday at 6:00 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm. Experience the renewing power of being in God's presence. Jesus waits for you so he can pour his love and mercy into your heart.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - You are correct if you answered: (a) The Sermon on the Mount.

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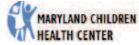
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