



# St Joseph Catholic Church

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**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2025 ~  
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**

**From the Bishop's Pen...**

**"He is not God of the dead, but of the living."**

The Sadducees in today's Gospel were the priests and leaders of Jewish religion, who did not believe in life after death. Their minds and hearts were not open to words of Christ. The Sadducees believed only what was written in the first five books of the Old Testament of the Bible, the Pentateuch — the laws given by Moses. Since the Pentateuch did not specifically address life after death, the Sadducees refused to believe in life after death.

Our reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of Maccabees, was written hundreds of years before the time of Christ and clearly refers to life after death. "When he was near death, he said, 'It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the God-given hope of being restored to life by Him; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life.'"

The Sadducees were trying to ridicule Jesus' talk about life after death, with the laws of Moses. However, Jesus used those very same laws to show the foolishness of the Sadducees' interpretation of Mosaic laws. Jesus shows the Sadducees that in the kingdom of heaven, that is, life after death, there is no longer a need for marriage to have children, to have heirs, because there is no more death. "The children of this age (earthly life) marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age (eternal life) and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."

We must not think of heaven in earthly terms. Heaven will be quite different. We will be quite different. In fact, the Kingdom of God here on earth, as well as the new and eternal Jerusalem in Heaven are both very different than our expectations, according to Jesus. Perhaps it is time to think differently, to think, as it is often said, "outside the box." Perhaps it is time to be open to seeing things differently, and to believe that our loving God created us and everything around us so that we can see His glory and have faith in Jesus, so that we will choose to accept His salvation, and enjoy eternal life with Him.

The Sadducees chose to believe only what they wanted to believe. They were not open to faith and trust in Jesus. We must challenge ourselves to see if our faith allows us to believe and follow Jesus in all He promises, resurrection in Him and eternal life, or to believe only what we want to hear.

— 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**

\$ N/A November 2, 2025

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

Our offertory last week was N/A%  
of expenses

Faith Direct: October \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance: 934

**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 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

# THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA ~ PAGE 3

## MASSES / OBSERVANCES

Sunday November 9, 2025  
**THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**  
MASSES:  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Monday November 10, 2025  
**ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**  
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Tuesday November 11, 2025  
**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP; VETERANS DAY**  
Daily Mass: 8:30 am  
Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm  
Benediction: 6:45 pm  
Evening Mass 7:00 pm

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Wednesday November 12, 2025  
**ST. JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR**  
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday November 13, 2025  
**ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN**  
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday November 14, 2025  
Mass: 8:30 am  
Adoration:  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS  
Benediction: 10:00 am

Saturday November 15, 2025  
**ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**  
CONFESSON / RECONCILIATION  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
VIGIL MASS: 5:00 PM

## Prayer of Missionary Zeal

Dear Lord,  
Give us eyes to see the depth of grace  
You provide to Your Church. May  
that goodness ignite in us fire to  
share the truth of Your mercy with  
every soul we encounter.

Amen.

## CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday November 9

- **Bethlehem Wood Carving** (AFTER ALL MASSES) CLR1
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **St Joseph Ladies Auxiliary No. 141 Knights of St John Intl** (CLR 2) 11:45 am
- **Black Catholic History Program** (RR) 2:00 pm

Monday November 10

- **OCIA - Virtual 7:00 pm**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944235053?pwd=bFYHqh48x0moVo76CexBSsZg2T31A6.1>

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Tuesday November 11

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

Thursday November 13

- **ADW Bookkeepers Meeting** (RR) 10:00 am
- **St. Joseph-Largo Sodality Rosary - Virtual** 5:00 pm  
Call in number: 848.220.3100  
Access code: 06241954#
- **Denese Clay - Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR1) 4:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke Cantor Rehearsal** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- **Denese Clay - Cantor/VOP Rehearsal** (CH) 6:00 pm
- **SJCAF - Charismatic Prayer Group** (CLR1) 7:00 pm

Friday November 14

- **No Events**

Wednesday November 12

- **Advance Line Dancing** (RR) 10:30 am
- **Dr Clarke Choir Rehearsal** (CLR2) 7:00 pm
- **Social Justice & Concerns - Health Insurance Seminar** (Virtual) 7:00 pm

Saturday November 15

- **Dr. Clarke - Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR2) 11:30 am
- **Faith Formation - Rel Ed** (RR, CLR1,2,3,WW,CH) 10:00 am
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** (CH) 12:00 pm
- **Denese Clay - Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR1) 1:00 pm
- **Altar Server Training** (CLR 3 and CH) 3:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

## Daily Readings for the Week of November 9, 2025

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

**Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...** Cathrine Abrams, Theresa Agore, 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, Keree 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, Nancye & 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, 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, Richard 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**

**Sunday**

8:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY  
10:00 AM CLIFTON & DAUGHTER  
CYTRA SCOTT †  
12:00 PM MARTINS QUASHI

**MONDAY**

8:30 AM ROSEMARY SIMON †

**TUESDAY**

8:30 AM CHINEMELUM NWABINELI  
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 BEATRICE SMITH †

**THURSDAY**

8:30 AM BRUCE OUREGA  
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

**FRIDAY**

8:30 AM CALVIN GORDON COOKE †

**SATURDAY**

5:00 PM WANDA HARRIS †

**LIVE THE LITURGY:**

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

“You are the temple of God,” Paul tells us. But in today’s Gospel we see how easily even temple areas become corrupted. Jesus, purge the greed and selfishness from our hearts. Make them fit dwellings for your Holy Spirit.

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**

**CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Cremation and The Church**

**Question:**

Can Catholics be cremated?

**Answer:**

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it’s important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, “Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body.” However, if cremation takes places before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, “This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires” (no. 417).

**Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection**

**1st Reading Question:**

The prophet Ezekiel envisions a future of restoration and renewal for the exiled Israelites held captive in Babylon. **What future do you hope for with your family?**

**2nd Reading Question:**

Paul tells us that as believers in Christ, the Spirit dwells in us, making us holy, the temple of God. **Can you share a time when you felt the Holy Spirit active in your life?**

**Gospel Question:**

The disciples understood the full meaning of Jesus’ cleansing of the temple only after his resurrection from the dead. **What has hindsight taught you about your life?**

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA...**

**Question:**

What is the name of the body of water Jesus was baptized in?

**Answer:**

(a) The Sea of Galilee (b) The Jordan River (c) The Gulf of Aqaba

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

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**Jubilee Year of Hope**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2025**



**For Our Young Parishioners**

**SHARING THE GOSPEL**

The temple in Jerusalem was very special. It was the place people came to pray, to give offerings, and to be close to God. One day Jesus went to the temple. People weren't praying there at all. They were buying and selling animals. No wonder he was angry!

**PRAYER**

God, help me to always treat you with love and respect.

**SOMETHING TO DRAW**

Draw a picture of yourself praying to God in the church.

**MISSION FOR THE WEEK**

After Jesus rose from the dead, God promised to live inside of us. Love and respect God by taking good care of your body, just like your body was God's temple.

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**

**CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

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It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

**save the date**

**BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY PROGRAM TODAY!**

Sunday November 9, 2025 - 2:00 pm  
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 through 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 DUE TODAY!**  
**Sunday, November 9th 5:00 pm.**

**JOIN THE SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL CONCERN MINISTRY ... Find Out**

How to Survive and Protect your Family with Financial Literacy in a Tough Economy with Cost Effective Healthcare Solutions" "What You Don't Know Can Hurt You" Wednesday, November 12th 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Where: Zoom ID: 8893491451 Password: 12345678 RSVP: For planning and logistic purposes RSVP by Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> to Martin Onwu at Onwumu@hotmail.com (301) 655-7685.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

St. Joseph Catholic Church Christmas Program/Show on Saturday, December 13, 2025,

Children rehearsal dates:  
November 15th, 29th and December 6th  
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA** - You are correct if you answered:  
(b) The Jordan River



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