



St Joseph Catholic Church

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2025
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

In our reading from the Book of Samuel, the tribes of Israel knew that the Lord had said to David, "You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel." Their faith was in the Lord, so they also had faith in David as their shepherd and commander. They gave thanks to the Lord for giving them David. They anointed and crowned him king of Israel, because of their faith in the Lord.

In our second reading, Saint Paul tells the Colossians to give thanks to the Father for giving us His beloved Son to shepherd us. Saint Paul also tells the Colossians that Jesus, the Father's beloved Son, is the King of all creation when he says, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

In the 1,000 years between David and Christ, the Israelite leaders had become so consumed by their own importance and their own interpretation of Mosaic Law that they had forgotten that the Lord is in charge, not them. The Lord named David to be shepherd of His people. The Pharisees and Scribes refused to recognize Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The Israelites anointed David and crowned him as their king. The Pharisees and Scribes anointed Jesus by scourging Him at the pillar and Pilate proclaiming Him king with a crown of thorns. The Israelites hailed David as their king and seated him on the throne. The Pharisees and Scribes mocked Jesus and lifted Him up on the throne of His Cross.

That is why Saint Paul says that "He is the head of the body, the church." We see that Christ is the King who came in humility as one of us to save us from our sins. Christ the King will come again in glory and judgment, to call all to Himself who believe in Him and do the will of His Father. Just as Jesus said to the repentant thief who was crucified with Him, when Christ comes as the King in glory, He will say to all who believe in Him and do the will of His Father, "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

– 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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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!**

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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

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ November 16, 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: 818

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MASSSES / OBSERVANCES



Monday November 24, 2025
**St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs**

Tuesday November 25, 2025
**St. Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr**
Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm

Wednesday November 26, 2025
Daily Mass: 8:30 am



Friday November 28, 2025
Mass: 8:30 am
Adoration:
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS
Benediction: 10:00 am

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday November 29, 2025
CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
VIGIL MASS: 5:00 PM



CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday November 23

- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **SJCAF Harvest Mass** (CH) 12:00 pm
- **SJYM Executive Board Meeting** (Virtual) 2:00 pm

Monday November 24

- **OCIA - Virtual 7:00 pm**
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Tuesday November 25

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

Friday November 28

- **No Activities**

Wednesday November 26

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

Saturday November 29

- **Faith Formation** - No Class (Thanksgiving Break)
- **Dr. Clarke - Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR2) 11:30 am
- **Christmas Program Rehearsal** (RR) 12:00 pm
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** (CH) 12:00 pm
- **Denese Clay - Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR1) 1:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

Thursday November 27

- **Thanksgiving - No Activities**

Daily Readings for the Week of November 23, 2025

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14

/Mt 24:37-4

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, Clifford 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 DGK JEAN-MARIE TCHEFFO †
12:00 PM ANTHONY AKPAN †

MONDAY

8:30 AM ELIZABETH NKEDE PEACE
AND FOREGIVENESS SI

Tuesday

8:30 AM THANKSGIVING FOR
NWANKWO FAMILY

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM LANCE SOLOMON REID
1ST BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THURSDAY

10:00 AM BLESSINGS FOR
NWABINELI FAMILY

FRIDAY

8:30 AM L. VANESSA CHEEVES
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

SATURDAY

5:00 PM MARIA FORD
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king?

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

The people of Israel recognized that David was a natural leader, and with the Lord's blessing anointed him king of Israel.

What do you think makes someone a good leader?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul offers to the Colossians a beautiful piece of poetry reflecting on how Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth.

Can you share a time when you were reconciled with a family member or friend?

Gospel Question:

Jesus assured the repentant criminal crucified next to him that he would be with him in paradise.

Who might you offer words of comfort to this week?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question:

What's the difference between a disciple and an apostle?

Answer:

(a) None (b) Disciples and apostles "called"
(c) Disciples are "called," and apostles are "sent."

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Eucharistic Adoration?

Question:

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Answer:

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

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Jubilee Year of Hope

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
Thursday November 27th

COUNT YOUR
Blessings



WHY DO WE DO THAT? **CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED** **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3:**

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have in the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

*Join us for Adoration
Tuesday
Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm
Benediction 6:45 pm*

*Friday Morning
Exposition / Adoration after morning Mass
Benediction 10:00 am
Note: Benediction on First Friday 6:00 pm*

JUST A THOUGHT...

**WHAT ARE YOU MOST
THANKFUL FOR?**

save the date

OCIA
RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

Sunday November 30th
10:00 am Mass

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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

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

For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

When the soldiers hurt Jesus, they were only doing their job. They did not understand that they were killing God's Son. Jesus saw into the hearts of those soldiers, and he forgave them. A man next to Jesus on the cross had done terrible things. He knew he deserved to die on a cross, and he was truly sorry. This criminal believed that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus saw into that criminal's heart, and Jesus forgave him, too.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to forgive my sins, too.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus forgave the people who killed him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.

A LITTLE HOLY HUMOR ...

"What did the farmer wear to Thanksgiving dinner?"



"A har-vest."



Thanksgiving is a great day to praise God for His generosity towards each and every one of us. Happy Thanksgiving!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

You are correct if you answered:

(c) Disciples are "called," and apostles are "sent."



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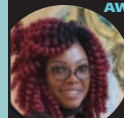
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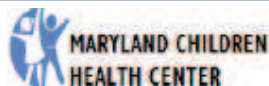
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