



# St Joseph Catholic Church

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## SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 2026 THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### From the Bishop's Pen...

"Jesus moved to Capernaum, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy."

Last week, Isaiah prophesied, "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Today, Isaiah prophesizes, "First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles." Zebulun and Naphtali are in Galilee, in the region near Capernaum.

Jesus had returned from his 40 days fast in the desert and His temptations by Satan, to learn of John the Baptist's arrest. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum. In doing so, he fulfilled Isaiah's prophesy that the "Light to the Nations" would bring God's salvation to all the earth. The land of Capernaum and Galilee was Gentile territory!

The people of Galilee were outsiders, rebellious to the Romans and to a religion that seem oppressive to them. If you were an up-and-coming Rabbi and were looking for a place to go that would help to establish your reputation as a famed preacher, you would not choose Galilee as a place to get started.

Jesus' coming to them represents His amazing initiative to those who had never even been considered decent prospects for evangelization. His commitment to the Galilee of the Gentiles stands as a testimony to the fact that for Jesus the outsiders are in, those without clout now have some. In exchange for the domination of Rome and oppressive religious authority, Jesus offers Galileans the peace of God's Kingdom.

At this crucial moment, when He is beginning His public, full-time ministry, Jesus goes out to these fishermen, Simon, Andrew, James, and John, as they ply their trade on the Sea of Galilee, calls them by name, and invites them to help Him to build up His Kingdom as His disciples. Jesus did not start His mission alone, and He does not continue it alone. Jesus chooses fishermen as His disciples, to become Fishers of Men.

What is Jesus' message for us, His modern-day disciples, in today's Gospel? He calls us to a commitment to befriend the outsiders in our midst, both the outsiders around us and the alien feelings within our own hearts. Will this Gospel call to us really work in our lives and the lives of others we meet? Remember, it is from Galilee that Jesus chose His disciples, and we know how it changed their lives and the lives of those to whom they were sent. Now, we are called by Jesus to "go fishing."

– 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:

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Daily Mass** 8:30 am  
**Saturday Vigil Mass** - 5:00 pm  
**Sunday Masses** 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm  
**Tuesday Evening Mass** 7:00 pm

#### ADORATION SCHEDULE

**Tuesday**  
Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm  
Benediction 6:45 pm  
**Every Friday**  
Exposition / Adoration after morning Mass  
Benediction 10:00 am  
**First Friday**  
Exposition / Adoration after morning Mass  
Praise and Worship 6:00 pm  
Benediction 7:00 pm

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**Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering**

\$ N/A January 18, 2026

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

Our offertory last week was % N/A  
of expenses

ParishSoft Giving: December 2025 \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance: 772

**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.

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SO WE CAN PROPERLY WELCOME YOU!**

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<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-651>

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to the support of our Parish*

**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

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## MASSES / OBSERVANCES

Sunday January 25, 2026  
**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;  
CELEBRATE CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS WEEK**  
Masses:  
8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

Monday January 26, 2026  
**STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS**  
Mass 8:30 am

Tuesday January 27, 2026  
**ST. ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN**  
Daily Mass: 8:30 am  
Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm  
Benediction: 6:45 pm  
Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Wednesday January 28, 2026  
**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND  
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**  
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday January 29, 2026  
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday January 30, 2026  
Mass: 8:30 am  
Adoration: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS  
Benediction: 10:30 am

Saturday January 31, 2026  
**ST. JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST**  
Confession / Reconciliation  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Next Sunday  
February 1, 2026  
**4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Blessing of Light**  
*Where you have known darkness,  
may the light stretch and shine.  
Where you have dwelt in  
shadows, may the sun reach  
its gentle rays.  
Where you have hidden in shame,  
may you know light-filled re-  
demption, healing, belonging,  
and rest in Jesus.  
Amen.*

## CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday January 25

- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **OCIA** - (CLR1) 12:00 pm

### Monday January 26

- **OCIA - Virtual 7:00 pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944235053?pwd=bFYHqh48x0moVo76CexBSsZg2T31A6.1>

Meeting ID: 899 4423 5053 Passcode: 092357

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### Tuesday January 27

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

### Wednesday January 28

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

### Friday January 30

**Funeral - Regina Gary (CH)**  
10:00 am

### Thursday January 29

- **Beginners Line Dance Class (RR)** 12:30 pm
- **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 - African and Friends Charismatic Prayer Group (CLR1)** 7:00 pm

### Saturday January 31

- **Men's Ministry Meeting** (CL1) 7:30 am
- **Faith Formation No Class**
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal (CH)** 12:00 pm
- **Denese Clay - Grow Your Own Musicians** - (CLR1) 1:00 pm

## Daily Readings for the Week of January 25, 2026

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-

17 Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-

26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

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

Cathrine Abrams, Theresa Agorel, Gerry Anderson, Carla Amorim, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Sheila Bailey, Randy Belt, Agnes Bell, Veronica Blakeney, Betty Brown, Maxine Brown, Allen Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Angela Clark, Connie Clark, Chuck Clay, Charles Christian, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, James Dudley, Martin Ekeh, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Adrienne, Fraser-Darling, Rita Gant, Gina Geron, Maureen Gramby, Patricia Greene, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Cecelia Handy, 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, Brenda Mason, 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, 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, Monica Wheeler, 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 WANDA JOHNSON †  
10:00 AM LATRICE NDUM  
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)  
12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

### MONDAY

8:30 AM BRUCE JAMES MARTIN †

### Tuesday

8:30 ANDREA NEAL  
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

### WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM CHARLES OKPAH & FAMILY (SI)

### THURSDAY

8:30 AM ELIZABETH NKEDE (SI)

### FRIDAY

8:30 AM JOHN QUENTIN RAMEY †

### SATURDAY

5:00 PM WANDA JOHNSON †

## LIVE THE LITURGY:

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don't see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow?

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

#### Wealth

#### Question:

If one's gift or talent is making money, and one uses that money for honorable purposes, is it considered a spiritual gift? What does our faith teach us about wealth and stewardship?

#### Answer:

Jesus said it best: to whom much is given, much is expected. All gifts come from God, and our abilities are given to us to be used for the benefit of ourselves and of others and at the service of the Gospel. In an article entitled "The Many Faces of Stewardship," Catherine Doherty wrote about stewardship in the "nitty-gritty everydayness of my life," and about the currency or "money" of spiritual stewardship: love, understanding, and unselfishness.

For a gift to have a spiritual benefit, our intention and involvement would be part of the consideration. If I give money to a charity, but do so in order to gain a tax advantage, it could hardly be a virtuous thing on my part. But if I give because I want to help and, in fact, am even willing to get involved, I have committed myself in a deeper, more meaningful way. Regardless of our money-making talents, in the end, true stewardship comes down to how well we practice the virtues of faith, hope, and love within our life and with those in our community and church. Ultimately, the most important element in stewardship is not intangible — it's you!

## Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

### 1st Reading Question:

Isaiah prophesies a future reversal of fortune for the people living in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali. **Have you ever received an unexpected gift or blessing?**

### 2nd Reading Question:

Paul urges the Corinthians to be united in mind and purpose, and to avoid rivalries. **How do you react to conflicts at home or at work?**

### Gospel Question:

Matthew tells us that Jesus began his public ministry by calling disciples, healing the sick and preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven. **Have you ever felt a "call to action" to live out your faith?**

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

### Question:

When Jesus was praying alone in the desert, how many times did the devil tempt him?

### Answer:

(a) Three      (b) Seven      (c) One



## For Our Young Parishioners

### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Today's Gospel talks about people living in darkness. When you think about darkness, you may also think about stumbling, falling, or even being afraid. That's what your life could be like without God. You could stumble around trying to find love or happiness, but without God you will only fall. Jesus brings light into a dark, unhappy world. With Jesus, you no longer need to fall, and you don't need to be afraid. God loves you.

### PRAYER

Dear God, thank you that with Jesus I don't need to be afraid.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus bringing light and love into a dark world.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Sing the song, "This Little Light of Mine."

### JUST A THOUGHT...

### VIRTUES, EXPLAINED!

#### Patience

*In practicing patience, we bear any kind of suffering for a greater good, safeguard our reason against sorrow, and "look at (other people) with God's gaze knowing how to distinguish their faces from their faults."*

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA...** You are correct if you answered:  
(a) Three

## What's Happening

### ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage will be celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will be the main celebrant. Any couple is welcome to attend regardless of the anniversary year. There is no restriction on the number of couples who can attend the Mass and/or receive an anniversary certificate, however, you will need to register with the Parish Office. The deadline to register with the parish is Friday, February 1, 2026

Please contact the Parish office for more information.

### 2026 MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

February 13th to February 15th

Saint John Paul II Seminary,

145 Taylor Street, NE, Washington, D.C.

Event begins Friday evening and concludes Sunday after brunch. Open to men (18 to 40s) who want to learn more about a vocation to the priesthood. Weekend includes daily Mass, talks, fraternity with other men who are discerning, and discussions with seminarians and priests. No cost to participate; but registration is required at <https://dcpriest.org/event/2026-mens-discernment-retreat/> For more information, contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020.

### COME AND SEE 2026 PERMANENT DIACONATE

Wednesday, February 4th 7:00 to 9:00 pm

St. Joseph, Largo

*Could you be called to be a deacon?*

If you are a Catholic man interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, please join one of our meetings about the diaconate and check our website <https://adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program/> for more details and requirements.

February 18

Masses:

8:00 am, 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday

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