



# St Joseph Catholic Church

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**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 01, 2026**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*From the Bishop's Pen...*

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit."*

*In today's Gospel, when Jesus "saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them..." It is not by chance that Jesus went up the mountain to teach His disciples and the crowds. Moses went up the mountain of Sinai to receive the "Ten Commandments" from God. The "Ten Commandments," given to the Israelites, contained God's Covenant with His chosen people, a Covenant of freedom from slavery and death in Egypt.*

*We probably picture Moses coming down Mount Sinai holding two tablets, each with "Five" of the Commandments. Those tablets represented God's Covenant with His people, so each tablet contained the complete "Ten Commandments." One tablet was God's part of the Covenant, and the other tablet was the Israelites' part of the Covenant. Guess which side broke their part of the Covenant?*

*Jesus, on this mountainside, tells His chosen people, in fact, all people, including you and me, how to live in His New Covenant, a Covenant of freedom from slavery to sin and eternal death, a Covenant of love and life. This time the Covenant between God and man will not be broken, because it is between Jesus and His Church, sealed with His own blood, shed on the Cross.*

*The Beatitudes that Jesus gives us turns this world's standards upside down. Jesus tells us that God gives us happiness; we cannot win it, achieve it, merit it, or buy it. Jesus teaches the crowds, and us, that happiness will come to people with open hands, humble hearts, and receptive spirits.*

*Jesus not only tells us in the Beatitudes how we are to live our lives, but what blessings and hope this living brings us. To live humbly in righteousness is the hope that we should have, that when our earthly journey is complete, we will be truly blessed to hear the words of our Lord, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."*

*A little humility goes a long way because it gives us eternal hope. "Blessed are the poor in spirit – theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

– 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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*(Please make appointments for private meetings)*

#### 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 25, 2026

Our average weekly parish expenses for  
January 2026 \$ N/A

Our offertory last week was % N/A  
of expenses

ParishSoft Giving: January 2026 \$ N/A

Last Week's Attendance: N/A

**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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*We thank all who contribute regularly and generously  
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

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ PAGE 3

### MASSES / OBSERVANCES

Sunday February 1, 2026  
**4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
**FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN**  
**AND AFRICAN FAMILY**  
 Masses:  
 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

Monday February 2, 2026  
**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD,**  
**WORLD DAY FOR**  
**CONSECRATED LIFE**  
 Mass 8:30 am

Tuesday February 3, 2026  
**ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR;**  
**ST. ANSGAR, BISHOP**  
 Daily Mass: 8:30 am  
 Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm  
 Benediction: 6:45 pm  
 Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Wednesday February 4, 2026  
 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday February 5, 2026  
**ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR**  
 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday February 6, 2026  
**FIRST FRIDAY**  
**ST. PAUL MIKI**  
**AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**  
 Mass: 8:30 am  
 Adoration: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS  
 Praise and Worship: 6:00 pm  
 Benediction: 7:00 pm

Saturday February 7, 2026

**FIRST SATURDAY**  
 Mass: 8:00 am  
 Confession / Reconciliation  
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
 Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

**Bless Us, Lord**

**Jesus,**  
**You are good and gracious, every**  
**moment of every day. You invite**  
**us to be meek, merciful, clean of**  
**heart, peacemakers. Give us the**  
**grace to seek these virtues, and to**  
**seek you. May your blessing ac-**  
**company us on our way.**  
**Amen.**

### CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday February 1

- **Sodality Sunday** (CH) 8:00 am Rosary after Mass (RR)
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **SJYM Meeting** (RR) 1:30 pm

Monday February 2

- **OCIA - Virtual 7:00 pm**  
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 Meeting ID: 899 4423 5053 Passcode: 092357  
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Tuesday February 3

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

Thursday February 5

- **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
- **KoC Council Meeting** (RR) 7:00 pm

Wednesday February 4

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

Friday February 6

- **Sacred Heart Assoc** (CLR1) 9:00 am

Saturday February 7

- **Sacred Heart Assoc** (CH) 9:00 am
- **Faith Formation** (CLR 1,2,3, RR,WW) 10:00 am
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** (CH) 12:00 pm
- **Denese Clay - Grow Your Own Musicians** - (CLR1) 1:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR2) 3:30 pm

### Daily Readings for the Week of February 1, 2026

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

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-1

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

**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, Fr. Mike King, Mark Sr/ Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Delphine K. Lofton, 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, Lorraine 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, 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 VICKY FORD  
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)  
10:00 AM JAMES HARLEY †  
12:00 PM JACQUES ITA (SI)

**MONDAY**

8:30 AM GLADYS W. MAUGE †

**Tuesday**

8:30 & 7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH  
COMMUNITY

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 AM SHELLY NEAL  
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

**THURSDAY**

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

**FRIDAY**

8:30 AM THE SACRED HEART PRAYER  
GROUP (SI)

**SATURDAY**

8:00 AM ERISCINDA MOORE †  
5:00 PM ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

**LIVE THE LITURGY:**

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Blessed are the poor, the meek, the persecuted. These are radical words in a world that insists the opposite: blessed are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful. Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have what it takes to be radical?

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

Vocation or Calling

**Question:**

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

**Answer:**

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

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

**1st Reading Question:**

Zephaniah speaks of a "remnant" of Israel who will live humbly and seek justice. **Are there people in your life who live this way?**

**2nd Reading Question:**

Paul describes members of the Corinthian church as foolish, weak and despised. **How would you characterize your faith community?**

**Gospel Question:**

Jesus begins his "Sermon on the Mount" with the many ways that people are blessed. **What do you consider your biggest blessing?**

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA...**

**Question:**

Who were the very first people to visit Jesus after he was born?

**Answer:**

(a) Two Local Shepherds    (b) The Three Kings

### DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

#### *St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat*

Perhaps it's an example of divine providence that the feast of St. Blaise falls on Feb. 3 — right in the middle of cold and flu season! This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat.

On his feast day, Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat. This blessing is administered by a priest, deacon or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a layperson. During the blessing, the minister takes two candles that were blessed on the feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness." A priest or deacon will then make the sign of the cross.

## For Our Young Parishioners

### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus taught the crowds of children. Be fair when playing with others. Follow the rules of the game. Take turns. Do not whine when you are not first. Be forgiving when others hurt you. Do not hit back. Find a different way to stop others from hurting you again. Be a peacemaker. Talk and talk and talk and talk until you come to a way to solve your problems in a peaceful way.

### PRAYER

Lord, help me forgive myself and others.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw Jesus telling children to be fair, be forgiving, and be a peacemaker.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will share my playtime with a friend.

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

*You are correct if you answered:*

(a) Two local shepherds

*(They were told about Jesus by an angel)*



### 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.

### KC LADIES ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The KC Ladies will be serving their annual Pancake Breakfast on February 8, 2026. Come join us after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses. Breakfast for adults is \$15.00 and \$5.00 for children 9 years and under.

### 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. You will need to register with the Parish Office. **The deadline to register with the parish is Tuesday February 3, 2026** Please contact the Parish office for more information.

February 18

Masses:

8:30 am, 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm



### MASS COMMEMORATING

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Saturday, February 21st

"All are invited to Share, Learn, and Celebrate"

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