



St Joseph Catholic Church

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 08, 2026 THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Bishop's Pen...

"You are the light of the world."

In today's readings, we hear about salt and light. Salt is used to season and preserve food. The main effect of light is known to anyone who can see. Light brushes away the darkness so that we can see where we are going and what we are doing.

In our Gospel, Jesus continues His "Sermon on the Mount," telling His disciples that they are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." They are called to increase the "flavor of desire" for faith in God and to nourish and preserve that faith among the Body of Christ. Jesus' disciples are also sent to "pierce" the darkness of sin in people's lives by their preaching, their example, and their care for God's people. Not only that, but Jesus also shows His disciples through His own actions that whatever they are called to do in His name, to do it with love.

To be joined in love with Jesus means to actively live as He lived, by being Salt and Light for others. Salt is active, and light is active, they are not passive things. Being salt and light for others is what it means to be a disciple of Christ, being a Christian by putting love into the action of charity. Every Christian must strive for personal holiness, but we must remember that to be holy we must be about the task of bringing others to holiness in the One who is holy, Jesus Christ.

Every one of us is called by Christ to strive for holiness by sharing our God-given gifts with others, in some way or another. We are all called to be a positive influence on everyone around us. Jesus is reminding us today, that we are called to be salt and light in each of those relationships. We are called to share with others the meaning, the hope, the forgiveness, and the goodness that we have received from the Lord. This is every Christian's job. How do we do this? We do it through our personal example. Jesus said, "Your light must shine before others." He goes on to explain, "That they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Salt and light – these are the comparisons Jesus uses to explain our mission in life.

– 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 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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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

\$ 18,772.00 February 1, 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: 612

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ PAGE 3

MASSES / OBSERVANCES

Sunday February 8, 2026
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD MARRIAGE DAY
 Masses:
 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

Monday February 9, 2026
 Mass 8:30 am

Tuesday February 10, 2026
ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN
 Daily Mass: 8:30 am
 Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm
 Benediction: 6:45 pm
 Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Wednesday February 11, 2026
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday February 12, 2026
 Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday February 13, 2026
 Mass: 8:30 am
 Adoration: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS
 Benediction: 7:00 pm

Saturday February 14, 2026
STS. CYRIL, MONK, AND
METHODIUS, BISHOP;
VALENTINE'S DAY
 Confession / Reconciliation
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday February 8

- **KC Ladies Pancake Breakfast** - After All Masses (RR-A)
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **OCIA** - (CLR1) 12:00 pm

Monday February 9

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

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 Meeting ID: 899 4423 5053 Passcode: 092357

Tuesday February 10

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

Wednesday February 11

- **Advance Line Dancing** (RR) 10:30 am
- **Dr Clarke** (CLR2) 7:00 pm
- **Social Justice & Concerns Meeting** (Virtual) 7:00 pm

Friday February 13 No Activities

Thursday February 12

- **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 February 14

- **Men's Ministry Meeting** (CLR1) 7:00 pm
- **Faith Formation** (CLR 1,2,3, RR,WW) 10:00 am
- **Denese Clay- Children's Choir Rehearsal** (CH) 11:30 am
- **Jordan Gill - Youth Choir Rehearsal** (CH) 12:30 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: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Blessing of Mission
*Bless us on our way, O Lord.
 Share with us as we share
 with others.
 Heal us as we help others to heal.
 Provide for us as we open our
 hands in charity.
 Every gift comes from You.
 You are at the heart of all
 that is good.
 Share that goodness with
 us today, abundantly.
 Amen.*

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, Betty Brown, Maxine Brown, Allen Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Elizbeth Campbell, 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, Karee 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, 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

	MONDAY	THURSDAY
	8:30 AM PHILBERTA UNEGBU †	8:30 AM IFEDIMMA NWANKPA
Sunday	Tuesday	BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS
8:00 AM ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY (SI)	8:30 AM ROSEMARY SIMON †	FRIDAY
10:00 AM CHARLES M. TOLSON †	7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY	8:30 AM VIRGINA NASH SI
12:00 PM JULIANA ABOSEDE JOHNSON	WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS	8:30 AM LINDA NEWMAN	5:00 PM BRUCE JAMES MARTIN †
	BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS	

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Salt without flavor is no longer salt. Light that illuminates nothing is no longer light. As Christians, we must be what we have been made to be. So think about it, carefully: what stands between you and being who you were made to be?

**VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! –
CONNECT WITH TRADITION
AND GROW YOUR FAITH**

Goodness

Goodness, Explained!

In the beginning, goodness was all there was. And in the end, only goodness will remain.

The word “good” is repeated so often in the first verses of Genesis that it has become almost cliché. God sees what He has made, and He calls all of it good” (Genesis 1:31). Likewise, on the very first page of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we read that God created man “in a plan of sheer goodness ... to make him share in his own blessed life.” (CCC 1). When we see goodness, we cannot help but think of God (Wisdom 13:1).

In baptism, the Holy Spirit gives us the sanctifying grace of justification, which is, among other things, the ability to grow in goodness through an increase in moral virtue (CCC 1266). Baptism, therefore, disposes us toward goodness, and the more we ask the Holy Spirit for goodness, the more it will be possible for us.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

We hear from Isaiah that the Lord expects us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and avoid false accusations and hateful speech. **Which of these virtues could you practice this week?**

2nd Reading Question:

Paul encourages the Corinthians to ground their faith in the power of God and not in human wisdom. **How can you make this a regular habit?**

Gospel Question:

Jesus challenges his disciples to have a positive influence in the world. **Who do you know makes the world a better place?**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question:

How many votes are needed in a papal conclave to elect a new pope?

Answer:

- (a) Half of the majority
- (b) Two-thirds of the majority
- (c) Three-fourths of the majority

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 14TH



What's Happening

KC LADIES ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The KC Ladies will be serving their annual Pancake Breakfast **Today...** 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.

February 18
Masses:
8:30 am, 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Every Friday During Lent
Starting Friday February 20th
Stations: After 8:30 am Mass and 7:00 pm
Reflections: Following Stations at 7:00 pm

For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Look around you at night in the dark. You can not see much. Then turn on a flashlight. Now you can tell where to walk without bumping into things. God wants you to be a ray of light. He wants you to show others his goodness and healing power. God wants you to warn others about evil. God wants you to lead others to heaven by your words and actions.

PRAYER

Lord, let me be a light that teaches others about your goodness and mercy.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw God shining a flashlight where your family will be safe in a storm.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will show others how to get to heaven by my words and actions. (Song: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

You are correct if you answered:
(b) Two-thirds of the majority

ANNUAL MASS CELEBRATING

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Saturday, February 21st

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

Praise and Worship 4:30 pm

Mass at 5:00 pm

Most Reverend Roy E. Campbell Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington
Principal Celebrant

RECOGNITION OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL'S FEAST DAY XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

DMV Alumni Club 5

February 28, 2026 5:00 pm Mass
St Joseph Catholic Church
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Following the Mass:
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