

# *Saint Joseph Catholic Church*

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-475-6533

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

Office Assistant – Mrs. Pam McCutchen

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday

Confessions: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday following the 6 p.m. Mass.

Baptisms: Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents must be practicing Catholics in this Parish or able to provide a letter of permission from the the proper parish for Baptism here. Godparents, if not St. Joseph parishioners, must provide a letter that they meet the requirements: a practicing Catholic, at least 16 years old, have received Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion and, if married, in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Marriages: Please contact the Pastor prior to making wedding arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick: Those hospitalized or home-bound to receive the Sacraments, call the Rectory.

Rectory Office Hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday



# Father's Thoughts

My Dear Parish,

Since my name is Andrew I always notice when Saint Andrew is mentioned in the scriptures at Mass. This Sunday he plays a big role at the start of Jesus' active ministry. As soon as Jesus arrives on the scene after 30 years of living in Nazareth John the Baptist sees him coming and announces him as the "Lamb of God." Andrew, one of John's followers, heard this and, as a result, began to follow Jesus. Andrew does three things that we can imitate as we strive to become better followers of Jesus.

## **Ask Questions**

The first thing that Andrew does when he first encounters Jesus is to ask him, "Rabbi, Where do you stay?" When Andrew asks, he's not trying to be impertinent, he is showing his desire to learn more about who Jesus is, that his heart is open to growing in understanding. Our Christian faith requires that we understand it deeply. By pondering the mysteries that have been revealed to us, we deepen our love for God. This is not an idle indulgence of curiosity. This is a desire—with all humility—to know Jesus. As Andrew asks as best he can to learn more about the one whom John had pointed out, we too should seek to know Jesus better.

## **Spend Time**

Jesus teaches Andrew the best way to get to know him—he spends time with him. There's hardly a better way to get to know someone than spending quality time, being in his presence, hearing him speak, seeing how he acts. Andrew spends the entire day with Jesus. Though we aren't as fortunate as Andrew to be able to spend such time with Jesus, still we could spend time with him by praying. We know that God is everywhere, yet we often forget we are in his presence. In prayer, we deliberately place ourselves in God's presence and take time to let Him know what's in our hearts, our concerns, our hopes, our frustrations. This is a good way to pray. It takes time. And even if we can only dedicate a few minutes each day to praying this way, we should look forward to it as Andrew looked forward to spending time with Jesus. I recommend we accustom ourselves to praying in silence. This may be hard at first—but the effort to drive out excess noise and be with God alone will pay off quickly.

## **Bring Family**

Next in the Scripture, Andrew invites his brother Simon to meet Jesus. This is how we know that the time he spent with the Lord was fruitful—he shares it with others. God blesses us with the knowledge of his Son so that we can bring others to him. Andrew started by bringing his brother. Later, as an apostle, Andrew would bring countless more to know Christ. And when Jesus ascends to heaven, Simon, of course, is the one Jesus chooses to lead the Church. Who knows how many souls will come to know Christ because we share our faith with our loved ones?

My patron saint, Saint Andrew, sought to know Jesus, spent time with Him, and brought others to hear Him. May he be an example for everyone in our parish—whoever our individual patron saint may be.

With paternal affection,

*Fr. Drew*

**Mass Intentions for January 15<sup>th</sup> through January 21<sup>st</sup>**

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Lam Phung
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Hoa Hong Ton
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	John Francis Thomas, Sr.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Father George McCloskey
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Don Forrer
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	John Judson Alvey
	5:00 p.m.	D' Aurora Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	George Bernard Thompson
	10:00 a.m.	Billy Joe Johnson
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

**Mass Schedule for January 20<sup>th</sup> and January 21<sup>st</sup>**

	<u><b>Lectors</b></u>	<u><b>Altar Servers</b></u>
<b>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Billy Benjamin	Sam Adams
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Gladys Long	
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Kathleen D' Aurora	Owen D' Aurora

**Please pray for those who are sick in our parish** especially Cody Guy, Joe Lee Somerville, Antoinette Nelson, Sandy Branson, Roy Hauck, Winnie Merson, Ann Young, Sara Custer, Thelma Russell, Gary Lewis, Yvonne Lennon, James Nelson, Elizabeth Adams, Alan Burch, Mary C. Holt, Bernadette Herbert and Thomas Lionel Herbert.

**Offertory, January 7<sup>th</sup>**      Envelopes \$3,607.00      Loose \$2,288.00  
**Building & Repair**      Envelopes \$1,003.00      Loose \$828.00

Thank you for your generosity. Second collection next week is for Church Missions within the U.S.

**The next Choir practice** will be on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

**Mother's Rosary Group** – Join us for a weekly Mother's Rosary group beginning January 24, 2018, in St. Joseph's Hall. We will pray the Rosary with meditations focused on Mothers. Babies in arms & toddlers are welcome to join in honoring Our Lady. We look forward to seeing you at 10:00 AM, Wednesday January 24. For further information please contact Megan Monahan at mega\_mo@yahoo.com.

**Please Recommend** – Parishioners for the Pastor's Parochial Advisory Committee. Fr. Drew is forming a parish advisory committee. The purpose of the advisory committee will be to assist the pastor with prudent and timely consultation. The committee will meet at regular intervals (3 or 4) throughout the year. Parishioners dedicated to our parish are particularly suited for this committee, who has the characteristics of wisdom, holiness and prudence. Please recommend the names of such persons next week at the end of Mass (we will collect names written down in a basket) or send directly to the Rectory. Thank you for your help.

**Mother Catherine Academy News:**

- Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, no school - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.
- Applications for the 2018-2019 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is now open for new families. The deadline to apply for assistance is Monday, February 5, 2018.  
<http://adw.org/tuition-assistance>.

***Join us to pray the Rosary*** – The Blessed Mother said at Fatima that anyone who prayed the Rosary for 5 first Saturdays, she would be with you and you will die a happy death. The Rosary will be recited after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, and May 5. All are welcome to join us at St. Joseph’s Church.

***On the weekend of January 20-21***, we will take up a second collection for Church Missions in the United States. This collection supports home mission dioceses in this country that are unable to offer their people basic liturgical, pastoral, and service ministries without outside help. It also supports vulnerable Black and Native American communities with funds for parish support and evangelization needs. Thank you for your generosity.

***The Sunday TV Mass*** – The Archdiocese of Washington produces a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshipping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50; Dish or DIRECTV subscribers: Channel 50; Comcast: Channel 23 in Washington, DC and Montgomery County; Ch. 3 in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland; RCN: Channel 15; Verizon: Channel 3.

#### ***Upcoming Events & Reminders***

***Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>*** – Preparation class for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 7 p.m. in the Church. The Office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

***Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>*** – Catechism with Father Drew in the Church at 11 a.m. CCD at 6:45 p.m.