

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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,

We can learn a lot from watching how Jesus works. Particularly, we can learn the value of having a plan for fulfilling the particular missions God has given to each one of us. Watching Jesus we learn not only what to do but also how we should do it.

Early on in St. Mark's Gospel—this Sunday's reading—Jesus is clearly “a man on a mission.” From the very first moments we have seen Jesus ratify John the Baptist's mission; resist the temptations of the devil in the desert; publicly proclaim the gospel; call his first disciples; teach with authority in the synagogue on the Sabbath; and rebuke and expel unclean spirits. We'll soon see him travel through all the villages of the region: heal the sick; drive out demons; rise early to pray; forgive sins; eat with tax collectors and sinners; and confront the hypocrisy of the religious leaders. And all this happens in just the first two chapters of St. Mark's Gospel.

Jesus bursts on the scene in a flurry of activity revealing his divine authority through many signs and wonders. But his presence among us, while powerful and impressive, is not haphazard or random. He affirms John's ministry first because God chose John to prepare the way. He resists the temptations of the devil to show us that when our humanity is united to Christ we, too, can overcome even the worst assaults of the evil one. He proclaims the Gospel publicly to fulfill the ancient prophecies God has spoken to his people. Each of Jesus' actions is filled with meaning for us and particularly for our salvation.

We too should fill all of our actions with a saving purpose. By carrying out all of our daily responsibilities in a manner which is pleasing to God, we can prove ourselves to be faithful followers of his son. By joining our efforts with the efforts of Christ we can turn our whole lives into fragrant offerings that are acceptable to the Father. The details of how we carry out our daily tasks will be as varied as the unique members of the Church. But we can be confident that we are all called, in Christ, to become holy through our work.

May God help us finish the good work he has begun in each of us.

With paternal affection,



Mass Intentions for January 29th through February 4th

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Joyce Proctor
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Joe (Living) & Mary Ann (Deceased) Garchar
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Hung Phung
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Teresa Lam Edmonds
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Ann Marie Ketter
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Francis Hammett (Living)
	5:00 p.m.	Special Intention
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	James Maurice Johnson
	10:00 a.m.	Mildred Gross
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Mass Schedule for February 3rd and February 4th

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
<i>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</i>	Bill Leonard	
<i>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</i>	Carolyn Chase	Benjamin Chase
<i>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</i>	Sarah Richardson	Liam Haley

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially James Holt, 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.

<i>Offertory, January 21st</i>	Envelopes \$2,389.00	Loose \$2,367.00
<i>Church Missions in the U.S.</i>	Envelopes \$916.00	Loose \$326.00

Second collection next week is for the Building & Repair fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Our next Choir practice will be Monday, February 5 at 5:30 in the church.

Mother's Rosary Group – Join us for a weekly Mother's Rosary group. We will pray the Rosary with meditations focused on Mothers. Babies in arms & toddlers are welcome to join in honoring Our Lady. We will meet each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Hall. For further information please contact Megan Monahan at mega_mo@yahoo.com.

We will be starting up a new weekly class on the Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith. This is for anyone new to the Faith, anyone needing the Rites of Initiation, or perhaps you are looking for a better understanding of our Faith. This class will be on Monday evenings in the Church and our first weekly meeting will be on Monday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

Mother Catherine Academy News:

- Please spread the word: our next Open House will be on Sunday, Feb 4th from 1:00 – 3:00pm.
- Join us for the annual MCA Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Bowles Farm in Clements. Chicken dinner will be served at 6:00pm and dancing starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please contact Kristie Norris at norrisk@yahoo.com or Ricky McKinney at (240) 925-6101 to buy tickets (must be 21 years of age or older).
- Our next fundraising grocery auction is scheduled for Thursday, February 15th at 6:00pm at MCA. All are welcome! Bring your tote bags and coolers!

- 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.

The Knights of Columbus (Immaculate Conception Council 8159) is participating in a Ledo’s Pizza (Charlotte Hall) fundraising event on February 6. A portion on the days’ sales will be donated to the Knights, which will then be used to help the persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Please show your support and enjoy a famous Ledo’s Pizza or two.

Mary, Our Blessed Mother, asks us to pray very much, especially the Rosary. Please join the Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) to pray the Rosary on the 4th day of each month at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern time). We welcome all to phone into our ACCW Rosary by calling 605-468-8016 and insert access code: 357090# to pray the Rosary as a community. Our next call is scheduled for February 4, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. We look forward to your joining us!

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Monday, January 29th – Preparation class for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, January 30th – Catechism with Father Drew in the Church at 11 a.m. There is no CCD tonight.

Wednesday, February 14th – Ash Wednesday – Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m., Noon, and 6 p.m.