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***June 28, 2015 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

[A woman with a 12-year-long ailment came up behind Jesus, touched his cloak, and said to herself], “If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.” ... Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace ...” [Mark 5: 25-34]

Illness and sickness, either physically or emotionally, is usually a messy business that isolates us from those we love, and even separates us from our best self. The Gospel today clearly demonstrates how God confronts this isolation and draws two women back into the life of the community. Like them we must answer the question for ourselves: do I have faith in God's life-giving touch? “

Through the anointing of the sick, the Church commends to the suffering and glorified Lord the faithful who are seriously ill, so that they may be relieved of their suffering and saved.” (The Pastoral Care of the Sick) However hopeless we might feel, however long we have been stuck in a condition, God desires our freedom and healing. Are you open to allowing God to enter your heart and change you?

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for anyone who is suffering from any physical, emotional, or psychological illness or ailment. If we are open to God's healing touch and forgiveness of our sins, we are welcome to receive this wonderful sacrament at the end of Mass this Sunday.

Question for the week: Is there a situation in my life or in the life of a friend or family member that is considered hopeless? How can I obey the advice of Jesus, “Do not be afraid; just have faith”?

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Because I will be attending the AUSCP National Assembly for priests in St. Louis this week, there will be no weekday Masses, however there will be Holy Hour at 4- 6 PM on Wednesday followed by a Communion Service. A wise, retired priest, Fr. Frank Higgins, from Savannah will be here for Masses next weekend, July 4-5. I know you will enjoy him. I shall return on Tuesday, July 7. Your Pastor, Fr. Bob

**Deacon Ron Milkas** has asked to be assigned to another parish for personal and professional reasons. Bishop Hartmayer has granted his request on June 17, last Wednesday. The Milkas family will still attend St. Joseph's and are not planning on leaving our parish community. Ron plans to remain as active as he can in the K of C, and other activities that he can, to keep St. Joseph's as his home. We as the parish who ordained him want a chance to affirm his ministry. We are looking for such an opportunity as Deacon Ron allows it. May God guide and direct his transition in ministry.

### ***St. Joseph Offertory for June 21 2015***

Offertory \$3,590.00 + Children's Circle \$48.47 = **Total Offertory \$3,638.47**

Maintenance Collection on 6/14/15 = \$822.00

Balance for Maintenance Fund \$17,398.60 - Replacement of Freezer -\$661.00 = **New Balance for Main. Fund = \$16,737.60**

**Second Collection** this week is for the Peter's Pence Collection. Our donations support the charitable works of Pope Francis and provide emergency assistance to those most in need, including victims of oppression, natural disasters and war.

**An Appreciation Dinner for our Choirs and Musicians:** will be held on Tuesday night at 7:15 PM in the Parish Hall on July 14th. If you are a member of the Hispanic or Regular Choir, bring your spouse and have a great time. If you are a Parish Council Member, see Ken Jorishie about details for our duties to prepare the feast! [Choir members who are on Council are not allowed to work on the dinner.]

**World Meeting of Families & Audience with Pope Francis:** Dr. Aris and Michelle Cochon are going to represent us as a parish at the Philadelphia encounter with the Pope. If you are interested in going, please call Michelle at 347-407-0491 to coordinate efforts. See the dates and information online at [www.worldmeeting2015.org/](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/) for the World Meeting of Families Congress Sept. 22-25 and Papal Visit Sept. 26-27.

#### **St. Joseph T-shirts for Sale:**

The Youth Group still has some of the St. Joseph T-shirts for sale. These were shirts that were ordered but never paid for or picked up, so we are reselling them. Available for sale are:

2 Large Long sleeve shirts in English (\$15.00 each)

1 XL Long sleeve in English (\$15.00)

1XL Short sleeve in English (\$12.00)

1 Adult Small short sleeve in English (\$12.00)

1 Medium short sleeve in Spanish (\$12.00)

1 XL short sleeve in Spanish (\$12.00)

5 Youth Medium Long sleeve in Spanish (\$7.00 each)

Please see Loretta Coar or Margaret Milkas if you are interested in purchasing a T-shirt. Sales go directly toward the youth ministry. Thanks for your support!

**BAA - Bishop's Annual Appeal Progress Report:** Parishioners have been slowly but faithfully sending in their support checks for the BAA. We appreciate their generosity and faithfulness. Our present receipts in the diocese for the parish as of June 19, 2015, were \$16,171 out of the \$24,935, or 65% of our target. That is 40 % participation; we are getting there!

**Facing the Summer Financial Crunch:** Our WORST month of the year financially is July. So we have enclosed a summary of ALL expenses last year (which should be rather close to this year) in this bulletin as an enlightening study so that you may know how much we struggle as a parish. Please read it and try to help us with something extra \$during July. Thank you.

**The Youth Group Meeting** will be at 4 PM on this Sunday, June 28.

#### **Requirements for the Sacrament of Baptism**

1. Register family with St. Joseph Church.
2. Copy of birth certificate.
3. One Godparent must be a practicing Catholic.

4. Certificate of completion of Baptism Class for out of town Godparents.
5. Parents and Godparents complete Baptism workshop.
6. Schedule Baptism with the priest after attending workshop.
7. Be a practicing Catholic & active in the Parish.
8. Celebrate the Sacrament of Confession before the Baptism
9. Contact either Fr. Bob Cushing [478-284-5235] or Ana Velez [912-778-5237]

### **Requirements for the Sacrament of Marriage:**

Register in the Parish and become a member of the Sunday worshipping community for at least 3 months before contacting the priest. Then contact the priest at least 5 months prior to the date of the wedding. No wedding date is guaranteed until ALL Diocesan and Parish requirements have been fulfilled.

### **Church Etiquette:**

1. Be reverent in Church, avoid loud talking, be conscious of the Blessed Sacrament, that this is a place for meeting Jesus.
2. Turn off or silence all cell phones or pagers.
3. Dress appropriately. Short shorts and skirts, bare shoulders and bellies may work for parties but NOT for church. Fr. Bob has extra shawls that he will lend you if you forget.
4. Do not eat food or chew gum in church.
5. The cry room exists only for the infants and the parents who need it.
6. Leave guns and knives at home; church is a sanctuary.

**SUGGESTION BOX:** The Parish Council realizes that parishioners don't know where to connect their insights and ideas to our representatives and maybe use their ideas for the betterment of the parish. So there is a SUGGESTION BOX in the Foyer of the Church for that purpose. Wanna change something? Tell us how. Wanna give a compliment, put in your suggestions!

### **Next weekend is Loaves & Fishes Sunday!**

*"The gracious act of our Lord... Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor!"*

Bring food stuff for the hungry next Sunday, please!

**Adult Faith Formation (in English)** continues at 7:15 PM in the Parish Hall this Wednesday night, July 1. This Stewardship Study Group is an energized group of caring parishioners are meeting on Wednesdays at 7:15 PM in the Parish Hall to unfold and plan our parish's future through the skills of stewardship. Come join us! For more info contact Tammy Theologus at 912-282-0338 or [tammytheologus@gmail.com](mailto:tammytheologus@gmail.com).

**RCIA for Inquirers** will meet July 28, Tuesday at 7:15 PM in the parish hall. This is for those who wish to join the Catholic Church or to return to the basics of their faith journey with new insight and return to the sacraments.

**The Holy Father released his new encyclical, *On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si')***, on June 18, 2015. You can read this profound document and even get a free copy on the [css@uscgb.org](http://css@uscgb.org) website!

**Fr. Rafael Estrada** is leading an **Italy Pilgrimage** to Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome. 11 days: November 9-19, \$3369 from Atlanta. For more info call Fr. Rafael at 706-631-5904 or email [gotoitalypilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:gotoitalypilgrimage@gmail.com)

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!** If you have already been through the **VIRTUS training class** and it

has been five years, or close to it, then you will need to pick up a quick refresher packet from Connie Barefield, our VIRTUS Coordinator, or Kelly, our Secretary! It just takes a few minutes to read, sign, and turn in the completed form. You can either return them to the church office or put them in the collection basket at Mass on the weekends.

Thank you so much for your cooperation!

**Find us at our website** at <http://www.stjosephwaycross.com/> and on Face Book at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Joseph-Catholic-Church/117872604905966>

**Email Addresses!** If you have not already given us your email address, please do so! Simply send an email to: [sjcwaycross@att.net](mailto:sjcwaycross@att.net) with your name and address!

**Bulletin Deadline:** All announcements and news items for the next Sunday's bulletin need to be given to our parish secretary (Kelly) [[sjcwaycross@att.net](mailto:sjcwaycross@att.net)] by Monday morning.

### **Liturgical Schedule**

#### **June 27, 6pm Mass-English**

Lector: Dr. Adrienne Butler

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Barefield & Louise Walker

Ushers: Dave Cahill & Mike Frawley

#### **June 28, 10:30am Mass-English**

Lector: Aaron Harwood

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Milkas, John Chancey, Linda Robison, & Lucy Todd

Ushers: Joe Robison & Michael Hackett

#### **28 de Junio 18:00 Misa-Espanol**

*Lector: Guadalupe Sambrano*

*Ministros de la Eucaristia: Lucia Diaz & Montse Diaz*

*Ujieres: Francisco Velez y Vincente Rodas*

#### **July 4, 6pm Mass-English**

Lector: Wanda Petersen

Eucharistic Ministers: Eloise Purdom & Lillie Morris

Ushers: Pat Morris & Roney Petersen

#### **July 5, 10:30am Mass-English**

Lector: Aaron Harwood

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Milkas, Linda Robison, Lucy Todd, & Ann Johnson

Ushers: Joe Robison & Jim Craig

#### **5 de julio, 18:00 Misa-Español**

*Lector: Maribel Ríos*

*Ministros de la Eucaristía: Maria Contreras & Magdalena Santana*

*Ujieres: Vincente Rodas y Francisco Velez*

### **This week at St. Joe's:**

**6/29 Monday** No Mass

**6/30 Tuesday** No Mass

**7/01 Wednesday** No Mass

**7/02 Thursday** No Mass

**7/03 Friday** No Mass-office closed

**7/04 Saturday** 4:30pm Choir Practice  
5pm Confession

**7/05 Sunday** 6pm English Mass with Fr. Frank Higgins  
**Loaves & Fishes Sunday**  
 9-10am Choir Practice  
 10:30am English Mass with Fr. Frank Higgins  
 4pm Youth Group Meeting  
 5pm Confession  
 6pm Mass-Spanish

HELP ME KEEP THE PRAYER LIST UPDATED!

Please contact me by phone at 912-283-7700 or email me at [sjcwaycross@att.net](mailto:sjcwaycross@att.net). THANKS!

***PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:***

Joyce Bachofner, Robert & Ann Inman, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Thomas, Donna Sturgis, Judy & Lowell VanDruff, Warnell Ziolkowski, Lee McConaha, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Gene Parisse, Dorothy Gaskill, Bill & Glenda Brewington, Mary Tirrell, George Buck, Kathy Odam, Ann Marie Hess, and Dot "Granny" Henry.

***PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:***

Doris Cushing, Pat Marsh, Lisa Dwyer, Glenn Walters, Hannah Phillips & Family, Elaina Zachary, Gloria Ray, Kelly Popwell, Glynda Gausnaell, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Connie McAlpin, Roger Gaskill, Michael McAlpin, Isla Roache, Jason McCullum, Dan Cason, Carolene Johnson, Kathy Johnson, William Reynolds, Albert Gatton, Charlotte Young, Paul Tang, Jim Odam, Michael Driggers, Mary Rinck, Dr. Bill Dorminy, Ellis McNeal Jr., Maurice Hannah, Rebecca Prescott, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Lonny Joseph Waring Jr., Merinda Mixon, Marlene Sieben, Annie Burns, Ed Skorupski., Margie Clark, Lori Pope, Derick Mercher, Karen Browning, Spence Newsome, Sandy Wright, Walter Bell, and Toby Foster.

**Studying Last Summer's Financial Crunch: July 2014 Expenses**

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	
Payroll	\$4,982.08	\$5,255.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday offertory
Youth	1,236.81	3,940.50	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday offertory
Maintenance*	2,068.03	205.00	Hispanic Ministry
Office Supplies	303.57	356.00	Youth Ministry
Loaves & Fishes	940.00	47.84	Book Sales
Church Supplies	160.85	?	Children's Circle
Books/Pamphlets	162.50	408.00	Loaves & Fishes
Local Charity: CCW	396.00	294.00	Special Collection/Africa
Janitorial	750.00	3,818.15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday offertory
Utilities: gas, power, garb	323.03	3,142.00	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday offertory
GA Power: electric	2,466.40	.34	Interest
Substitute Priests	237.82		
Telephone/Contract	480.00		
Orkin Contract	245.86		
PRE	769.35		
Pest Control	86.00		
Health Insur. (Fr. Bob)	1,779.28		
Special Collection/Africa	226.81		
RCIA	300.00		
Parish Assessment to			
Diocese	1,548.00		
Property Insurance	2,529.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES=</b>	<b>\$21,991.39</b>		
		<b>\$17,466.80 = Total Income</b>	
		TOTAL INCOME	\$17,466.80
		LESS TOTAL EXPENSES	-\$21,991.39
		<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>-\$4,524.59</b>

\*Maintenance=Tree Service, Electrical parts, Fire Extinguishers  
 See how we spend ourselves into a monthly deficit last July: Can we do better than this time?  
 YES, with everyone's support!