

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

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

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

Weekday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (Latin) and Friday

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Confessions:

Sunday:

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before and after 8 a.m. Mass

9:35 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.—Before 10 a.m. Mass

5:35 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.—Before 6 p.m. Mass

6:50 p.m.—Immediately following 6:00 p.m. Mass

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. (non-school days):

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass

8:35 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. — After 8 a.m. Mass

4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sat.:

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.—Immediately prior to Mass

The Church is Open for prayer and adoration
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from
6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 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.

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

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

We need to strengthen the life of the home. A healthy spirit of hospitality and vibrant domestic life are virtually irreplaceable if we want to thrive as persons and as sons and daughters of God.

There's a common misunderstanding that it's the life outside of the home that's the important one. Public life; life in front of other people; the exploits that receive the praise of the masses—these are what are commonly perceived as important. To be clear, I say there is nothing wrong with man living in society, with the pursuit of the common good, with the love of nation and of neighbor. What kind of a conflicted Christian would I be if I said that. However, when these good and true values are prized to the exclusion, or even to the relative diminution of the hidden life, the life of the home then mankind has become unhinged. We will have abandoned our watch if we were to neglect home life.

This comes to mind for me as the Gospel tells of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It's the pivotal moment in Jesus' earthly life when he moves from Nazareth at the age of about thirty to Capernaum on the occasion of John having been arrested. From this point on he fulfills the mission for which the Father sent him in a public manner, he begins to gather disciples to himself and a wider range of people begin to follow him.

We know a lot about Jesus from this time of his life precisely because it was so public. In the Church, at Mass, we will be spending the better part of the next ten months hearing about what Jesus taught and what signs he performed during this important phase of his life. This will rightly occupy our attention going forward.

At this moment of crossing the threshold of Jesus' public ministry, let's remember how it pleased God that it be prepared by a hidden life in Nazareth where he lived in humble obedience at the service of his family and neighbors for thirty years. Even as Jesus call his first disciples, he chooses a pair of brothers who grew up together and worked the same trade. James and John left their father in the boat. God's followers come from families.

The importance of strengthening, guarding and fostering family life is vital to the followers of Christ. The life of the home always precedes public life. It is not good for man to be alone.

May our Lord protect the families of our parish through the intercession of Our Lady and our patron St. Joseph.

With paternal affection,



<i>Mass Intentions for January 27th through February 2nd</i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	George R. Adams, Jr.
Tuesday	<i>No 8 a.m. Mass</i>	
Wednesday (<i>Latin</i>)	8 a.m.	Hilda Diaz
Friday	8 a.m.	Gregory Sherwood
Saturday	5 p.m.	Tricia Mellette
Sunday	8 a.m.	Dr. Blair Wood
	10 a.m.	John Matthew Aud
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Baby Josie McClure, Preston (Al) Tyer, Steve Morgan, Joseph Tippett, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, Joseph Lee Somerville, John Campbell, Agnes Baker, Max Long, Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams.

<i>Mass Schedule for February 1st and 2nd</i>		
	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.		Sarah Richardson
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	William Wojt	Gladys Long
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Sam A., Liam & Nigel, Francis G., Owen D.	Kathleen D'Aurora

Online Giving – St. Joseph’s Church accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently from our website. You can make secure donations via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply visiting www.stjosephmorganza.org.

Transportation for Homebound Parishioners – We are in need of volunteers to transport homebound parishioners to and from Mass. Please call the Rectory for more information.

Catechism with Father Drew held on Tuesday mornings at 11a.m. has been discontinued until further notice.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Tuesday, January 28th – No 8 a.m. Mass in the Church

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Compton will host a workshop, 'How to Help Family & Friends Suffering Domestic Abuse,' on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 9:15 - 10:15 am in the Parish Hall. The workshop is free of charge and open to anyone who would like to learn more about this important issue. Laura Yeomans, from Catholic Charities at the Archdiocese of Washington, will be the presenter.

St. Aloysius Church is looking to fill out a team of 6-8 roofers or those with carpentry skills for an 8-day relief mission to Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas, in February. The area was recently devastated by Hurricane Dorian. Travel by van to Pompano Beach, Florida, and sail by 55' yacht. Lodging on board. For further information, contact Dan Guenther at 301-672-1478 or 301-475-3106.

Mother Catherine Academy Sweetheart's Dance – Join us on February 8th at Bowles' Farm in Clements for our annual Sweetheart Dance. The cost is \$30 per person and includes a chicken dinner. Please contact Kristie Norris at norrissk@yahoo.com for any questions or to sign up.

Archbishop Gregory will be celebrating Mass for Catholic Schools week at Mother Catherine Academy on January 28th at 10:15 a.m. MCA would like to invite the parishioners from Immaculate Conception, Holy Angels, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, and Our Lady of the Wayside parishes to celebrate with us. Seating will be limited as we anticipate a large response from the MCA families as well as our local parishes. If you would like to join us, please call MCA at 301-884-3165. We look forward to seeing you there!

Walking Where Jesus Walked -- Pilgrimage to the Holy Land! October 18 to 27, 2020. We will visit many biblical holy places on this trip including: Nazareth, Cana, Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Holy Sepulchre, the Jordan River, Dead Sea and more! Fr. Rob Maro and Fr. Michal Sajnog will be joining us to provide Mass, confession and spiritual direction. The cost of this trip based on double occupancy and is \$3,855.00. Please contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for the full itinerary and trip details at (301) 475-7139 or visit our website www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org and click on the Holy Land Pilgrimage button at the top right. You can also stop by Heavenly Presents and ask for Pat. This trip will fill up fast, so don't wait to register!