

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

Office Assistant – Mrs. Pam McCutchen

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.:

7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass (school days)

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass (non-school days)

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,

There is a coincidence every four years in our country. The National Day of prayer & penance for the legal protection of the unborn and Inauguration Day line up, even if not on exactly the same day. This year January 22nd marks the 48th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* which made it legal in our country to kill children in their mother's wombs through direct abortion. This year, on Inauguration Day, President Biden swore the oath of office, assuming the presidency as the first Catholic since the *Roe* decision. The coinciding of these events is as good a time as any for us to recall our responsibilities as faithful, practicing Catholics.

Pray for those who lead our Country:

We love our country. It's large, stretching "from sea to shining sea." It'll be 250 years old (in just a few more years). It's populous—more than 300 million people of every race, religion and background. It is a great task to lead our country according to the rule of law and the principles which have guided us along the way. Those whom we, the people, place in charge of our country deserve our prayerful support in their responsibility. As practicing Catholics, we are especially mindful that our elected leaders continue to safeguard our natural freedom to honor God above all things. We pray for our leaders. Their rightful authority is a reflection of God's authority. We pray they work to secure the good of all.

Deliberately oppose direct abortion:

One Million children a year are killed in our country by direct abortion. This approximate figure—some years it's more, some less—amounts to more than 60 Million since the Supreme Court's 1973 decision. Abortion is a grave moral evil. Opposition must be voiced publicly, especially by those in positions of authority. The effort to prevent its spread must be joined by all those who are able.

Pray for the Catholics in Government:

This year, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the United States are all Catholics. It may seem that this would be as likely a time when, at last, our littlest brothers and sisters in the wombs of our nation's mothers would finally know the security that should naturally belong to them. If, however, it's unlikely that a government lead by Catholics is able to secure the protection of the unborn, then we'll just have to keep after it until at last there is real liberty and justice for all.

Continue to keep this important intention in your prayers.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

<i>Mass Intentions for January 18th through January 24th</i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Henry F. Windmoeller
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Abigail Fleming
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Rev. William F. Goode, Jr.
Friday	10 a.m.	Lavern Arnett
Saturday	5 p.m.	John Granger
Sunday	8 a.m.	Bert & Maryanne Niehaus
	10 a.m.	Maudie Dennis
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Annie T. Nelson, Gailann White, Steve Morgan, Joseph Tippett, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, Joseph Lee Somerville, John Campbell, Max Long, Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams.

January 17th – Offertory \$2,818.00

Church Missions in U.S. – \$171.00

Other donations – \$200.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Current Public Health Precautions – When visiting St. Joseph's, please continue to be mindful of the following public health precautions as indicated by Archbishop Gregory and local health officials.

Facial Covering - A limited numbers of masks are available at the Church

Hand Sanitizing - Should you forget your own, we have some in the back of the Church

Personal Distancing - Six feet separation remains the recommendation between households in attendance.

Holy Communion Postponing - The distribution of Holy Communion will take place following the dismissal at the end of Mass.

The archdiocesan website in response to the corona virus is updated regularly with information, in English and Spanish, available at adw.org/coronavirus, which includes a link of live stream Masses and prayers available at adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/. The Catholic Standard and the Spanish-language El Prego Nero newspapers are currently available online at cathstan.org and elpreg.org.

As a reminder, the dispensation issued by Archbishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Help Our Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 29th - January 31st, 2021, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org