

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office  
St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692  
Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

**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,

The Blessed Virgin Mary, of all mothers, is rightly celebrated both in the Bible as well as throughout all of Christian History as the most wonderful of all Mothers. In addition to Our Lady, however, the Sacred Scriptures tell of many other moms. They all can teach us about important things about motherhood and God's plan for bringing life into the world. Here are some other moms mentioned in the Bible:

**Eve:** The mother of all the living. Adam is her husband. She was created by God and formed into a woman from a rib taken from Adam's side while he slept. She took the fruit of the tree at the suggestion of the serpent and violated God's commandment. Death came into the world as punishment. She became the mother of the whole human race.

**Sarah:** The mother of Isaac. She was the wife of Abraham. She and her husband were advanced in years before having conceived. She was known to have been very beautiful. God promised Abraham that he would become the father of a great nation. When visited by three angels she learned from them that she would conceive and bear a son, even at her age. Upon hearing it she laughed.

**Ruth:** The mother of King David's grandfather, Obed. There is a whole book in the Bible dedicated to the story of Ruth, King David's great-grandmother. It is called The Book of Ruth. It describes the story of how she met her husband, Boaz, who was impressed by her virtue and especially by her loyalty to her kinswoman, Naomi. She is an example of how it pleases God to bless those who are faithful to him.

**The Mother of the Maccabean Martyrs.** The Second Book of Maccabees at the end of the Old Testament in the Bible tells of the heroic witness of a mother and her seven sons. During a brutal persecution of God's Chosen People the godless ruler forced many of the Jews to break the holy laws and defile themselves. He ordered each of the seven sons of a certain Mother to defile themselves and to dishonor God. She had to witness their immediate execution in her presence at the hands of the torturers. As each gave his witness, she stood by encouraging them to remain strong and to love God.

We can learn a lot about motherhood as well as how each of us can love God with our whole hearts by understanding the stories of the mothers we read about in the Bible. May God bless all of the mom's in our parish and help them to bring all their children to heaven.

With paternal affection,

*Fr. Drew*

<i>Mass Intentions for May 10<sup>th</sup> through May 16<sup>th</sup></i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Carole Marie "Donie" Alvey
Tuesday	8 a.m.	James Thomas Tennyson
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Daniel & Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton
Friday	8 a.m.	Norman and Mary Blanche Pilkerton
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mitchell Kalloch
Sunday	8 a.m.	Martha Louise Chase
	10 a.m.	Michael Adams
	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 Tippet, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, John Campbell, Max Long, Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams.

**May 2, 2021 – Offertory \$4,204.00 Building & Repair – \$577.00**

**Other donations, including online – \$1,385.00**

*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](http://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.

**The archdiocesan website** in response to the corona virus is updated regularly with information, in English and Spanish, available at [adw.org/coronavirus](http://adw.org/coronavirus), which includes a link of live stream Masses and prayers available at [adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](http://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](http://cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](http://elpreg.org). **As a reminder**, the dispensation issued by Archbishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect.

**CareNet Baby Bottle Blitz** – Pick up an empty baby bottle on Mother’s Day weekend. Fill the bottle with spare change, cash or checks. Return the bottle to church on Father’s Day weekend. Your participation in the Baby Bottle Blitz helps CareNet to continue our mission and expand the services we offer to our community. Thank you!

**Our Lady of the Wayside Food Pantry** is open on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. This is a drive through pick up only, please follow the signs.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) of St. Aloysius Church** is offering a monthly food giveaway of non-perishable food on the third Saturday, from 9-11 AM in the parking lot between the church hall and Fr. Andrew White, S.J. School. The next food giveaway is May 15. Please contact the SVdP with questions or for more information: [svdp@santalloysiuschurch.org](mailto:svdp@santalloysiuschurch.org) or 301-481-2942.