

# St Joseph Catholic Church

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**Sunday July 12, 2020 ~ The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**From the Bishop's Pen...**

*"The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower."*

*In Palestine, during the time of Christ, the sowing of seed was often done before ploughing. Because sowing preceded ploughing, much of the seed is scattered on ground that is unsuitable for growth. However, while much of the seed is wasted, the seed that falls on fertile soil, or good ground, bears fruit in extraordinarily large measure.*

*In this parable, the "type of soil" that we are, depends on how we receive the seed sown by Jesus, the Word of God. Christ respects our freedom of choice. Jesus is truly the Lord, but He refuses to bully us into following Him.*

*People, who are like fertile soil, hear the Word of God, allow it to take root in their hearts and grow in them, then they respond to that Word by acting upon it. One spreads God's Word to others by his or her own words and actions.*

*Each of us is called to be fertile soil for God's Word. We only need to be open to hearing our Lord's message about the coming of the kingdom and through faith, take it to heart and act upon it. We are called to live our Lord's message by taking it to everyone we meet, in the very way we live our lives, loving God by loving and serving each other. Then, each of us will bear much fruit for the Lord.*

*The failure of many to hear the Word of God, to understand it and to take it to heart, is because they are either indifferent, or do not want to change the way they live their lives. Those who do hear Jesus' message about the coming of the kingdom, and take it to heart, will have enormous success in spreading His message, by how they live His message in their lives.*

*God plants the seed and gives it life, but He leaves it up to us to prepare the soil and tend the garden.*

**– Bishop Roy Campbell**

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

### **The church office hours:**

Monday thru Friday  
9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### **The office is closed for business on:**

ALL Weekends  
Federal Gov't Closings  
Holidays and Holy Days

Phone: (301)773-4838  
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Website: [www.stjoseph-largo.org](http://www.stjoseph-largo.org)

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## **PASTORAL STAFF**

### **Pastor**

**Most Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.**  
[rcampbell@stjosephlargo.org](mailto:rcampbell@stjosephlargo.org)

### **Parochial Vicar**

**Rev. Patrick Mullan**

### **Deacon**

**Deacon Steven Nash**  
[snash@stjosephlargo.org](mailto:snash@stjosephlargo.org)

*(Please make appointments for private meetings.)*

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday Mass in the Church  
8:00 am  
10:00 am

By Reservation Only  
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Weekly on Tuesday  
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Evening Mass 7:00 pm

**PARISH STAFF**

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hsanders@stjosephlargo.org ; ext 16



**To The St Joseph Catholic Church Community**

*Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community. That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, et communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to check in at the Welcome Table and complete the parish registration form. You may also get the form from a Hospitality minister. Stay connected with St Josephs through our Website, Facebook and FlockNote. God has given you gifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. Check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome or our Website. Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.*

*Let us know you are here so we can properly welcome you!*

**ST JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL**  
parishcouncil@stjosephlargo.org

**SUPPORT MINISTRIES**

**Audiovisual Support:** Chuck Clay  
chuck.clay@comcast.net

**Bereavement Support:** Etoile Hawkins  
etoile1706@aol.com

**Food Pantry/St. Vincent DePaul Society:**  
Rhonda Burriss, Pam White 301-773-0102 or ext 13

**Good Samaritans Ministry:** Carolyn Brooks,  
cbsweet@aol.com 301-379-5944 and Evangeline  
Dyer, grandmad37@comcast.net 301-390-9392

**RCIA Coordinator:** Deacon Steven Nash  
snash@stjosephlargo.org

**Repast Ministry:** Burma Hill  
burmahill57@aol.com, 240-620-4556

**Social Justice Social Concerns Ministry:**  
Lisa Smith, lmsmith2103@verizon.net

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**Youth Ministry:** Beverly Dandridge  
fntraveler6@gmail.com

**PARISH TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

As we enter another week without public Masses, I would like to encourage you to consider continuing your parish tithing and contributions. Some of you have sent in your Church envelopes by mail or have dropped them off by the Church, and it is much appreciated Please continue to do so.

We have also set-up **Online Giving** through **Faith Direct**, which is an easy, simple, and secure way to continue supporting the ministry and mission of our parish. We had to make a number of decisions regarding our current Church staff because we are unable to collect our regular offertory.

Please go to the link:  
**https://www.stjoseph-largo.org/online-giving** to sign-up for **Faith Direct**, make a contribution, and to view a video about enrollment and have your questions answered about online



**STAY CONNECTED WITH ST JOSEPH'S**

**Keep yourself "in the loop" of church happenings"**

Stay up-to-date with what's going on here at St. Joseph Church. The Lord is alive and working in many ways in our church. There are many ministries and events taking place every week. We provide a number of ways for you to stay connected. Read the weekly bulletin, see us on Facebook, visit our website, and register for FlockNote.

**Website**  
**www.stjoseph-largo.org**

**Facebook**  
**www.facebook.com/StJosephLargo**

**How to for Register for FLOCKNOTE**

1. Create a new text message.
2. In the To box: 84576
3. In the Text box: SJ2020
4. HIT SEND
5. The message appears:  
**Thanks for connecting with St. Joseph Catholic Church!**
6. Click the link in the reply message.
7. Complete the name page, hit SAVE.
8. Choose your groups\*, hit NEXT.  
(\*groups that you currently have membership)
9. Complete the rest of the fields, hit SAVE
10. You will receive an email to verify your email address, **click verify my email.**
11. You will receive another email to create a password. Click **CREATE PASSWORD.**
12. Once your password is set, it will log you into Flock Note.

*Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering*

**\$ 7,413.00 N/A (July 5, 2020)**

*Our average weekly parish expenses for May 2020~ \$ 16,267.64*

*Our Offertory last week was 46.0 % of Expenses*

Faith Direct for May 2020 ~ \$ 25,120.05

**\*\*Last Week's Attendance = 173**

**\*\* Re-Open Mass**

**We thank all who contribute regularly and generously to the support of our Parish**

Please use your envelopes, and fill them out completely. Enclose your offering and write the amount on the envelope.

REMEMBER, money/checks do not stay together with the envelopes so if there's no information or amount on the envelope you used you may not be getting proper acknowledgement for your offering. Anonymous giving does not help to establish you as an active church participant. Your tax deductible offerings are based on the information on your envelopes. Please complete your checks and envelopes **BEFORE** the Mass starts. If you are registered and not receiving your envelopes contact the office to verify correct names and/or change your address.

“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully  
...for God loves a cheerful giver.  
”2 Corinthians 6 -7

**SACRAMENTS**

**Infant Baptisms:** Parents requesting baptism must be registered active members of the Parish. A Catholic godparent must be a registered and practicing Catholic, confirmed in writing by his or her proper pastor. Baptisms are on the last Sunday of each month, after 11 am Mass. Parents may pick up a Baptism Registration Packet from the church office during business hours. Participation in Pre-Baptismal Program is required.

**Marriage:** Couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with the pastor six months to a year in advance of their intended wedding date in order to allow time for the couple to complete marriage preparation. At least one of the engaged must be a registered active member of this Church.

**Christian Burial:** The family of the registered deceased should contact Bp Campbell or Fr. Mullan as soon as possible to plan the funeral arrangements. Please contact Mrs. Hawkins on the bereavement committee at [etoile1706@aol.com](mailto:etoile1706@aol.com).

**Anointing of the Sick:** Anointing of the sick is celebrated upon request prior to surgery or at the time of illness. Please notify the Parish office of the illness or hospitalization of the parishioner.

**To Receive the Eucharist:** Sick, hospitalized and shut-ins should contact Bernard Broadus at [bbroadus53@gmail.com](mailto:bbroadus53@gmail.com) to schedule a visit.

**Church Calendar for this Week**

**SUNDAY July 12, 2020 - SATURDAY July 18, 2020**  
ALL MEETINGS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



**Daily Mass Readings**

**Week of July 12th**

**Sunday:**  
Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

**Monday:**  
Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:**  
Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:**  
Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:**  
Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:**  
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:**  
Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21

**Next Sunday:**  
Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

**OBSERVANCES**  
**Week of July 12th**

**Sunday:**  
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:**  
St. Henry, Ruler & Husband

**Tuesday:**  
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

**Wednesday:**  
St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Thursday:**  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**Saturday:**  
St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

**Next Sunday:**  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS Schedule**  
**Church**

Sunday Mass  
8:00 am  
10:00 am

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**Sunday 10:00 am**

Karen Marshall SI Birthday Blessings  
Paul & Dottie Newman  
51st Wedding Anniversary

**Monday 8:00 am Mass**

**Tuesday 8:00 am Mass**

**Tuesday 7:00 pm Mass**

**Wednesday 8:00 am Mass**

**Thursday 8:00am Mass**

**Friday 8:00am Mass**

Vera Ndum Thanksgiving  
& Birthday Blessings

**Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil**

Mass Intentions are made in the Church Office during regular business hours. We no longer accept bookings for one name for several days in succession. An offering is \$10.00 cash per date / per envelope.

**Come and Pray the Rosary with St. Joseph-Largo Sodality Every Thursday at 5 pm via conference call All are invited**  
**Call in number: 605-313-5111**  
**Access code: 263572#**



**Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...**

Shelia Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Lois Atkinson, Otto Boswell, Theresa Bowser, Carolyn Branch, Rachel Brewer, Margaret Brooks, Maxine Brown, Kelvin & Francine Brown, Virginia Brust, Renee Burroughs, Edwinda Castleberry, Alberta Christian, Cecelia Clayton, Angella Coker, Bernadette Crawford, Kennard Dalrymple, Herman Davis, Mary E. Fletcher, Evelyn Freelow, Regina Gary, Desiree Graves, Kimberly Grimes, Mary Harley, Pamela Holton, Doris Hite, Roblyn Hymes, Cathy Jackson, Demetrius Jackson, Jake Jacobs, Wanda Johnson, Annette Keizer, Mark Landry Sr, Mark Landry Jr, Gabrielle Landry, Robin Landry, Lillian Lee, Henrietta Long, Florence & Thomas McDaniels Sr., Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Anthony Mc Donald, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Fr. Everett Pearson, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, John Queen, Paul Newman, Claudette Randall, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Carolyn Richardson, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Irene Richmond, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Lucille Shaw, James Shorter, Robert (Bob) Sistare, Frances Tyler, Paula Wynn

**And the Recently Deceased:**

*Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Honoring the Memory of Your Deceased Loved Ones**

Do you have a loved one who has passed on? Have you offered Masses for them? In our faith tradition, it is customary not only to visit the graves of our beloved departed, but also to have Masses offered for the eternal repose of their souls. Having a Mass offered for the repose of a soul, and offering our own prayers, is more beneficial to them and comforting than a card or a bouquet of flowers. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. CCC n.1032

Contact the Church office to reserve your mass for your loved one today!

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?  
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Baptizing Babies**

**Question:**

Why Do Catholics Baptize Babies?

**Answer:**

For adults who want to be baptized, the celebration only takes place after a long, guided, and thoughtful process through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is also true for many Protestant Christians, who are baptized later in life, often after a personal, transforming religious experience. So, it seems fair to ask why our Catholic tradition includes infant baptism. After all, if we make adults who want to become Catholic wait months and even years as they grow in their understanding of Christ and his teachings, why should babies — who "do nothing" — be baptized?

Our custom of infant baptism dates back to the earliest days of the Church, when St. Paul baptized entire households, including, we presume, children (see Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8). That had become common practice by the second century. When Christianity was legalized 200 years later, infant baptism became the normal practice throughout the Church.

We recognize that in Baptism, we are given the grace to overcome original sin — the human tendency to choose ourselves and our own wills over God — and to become members of the Church. This is the gift we give to infants in Baptism.

In its essence, the baptism of infants also reminds us adult Christians that the gift of salvation and membership in the Church (i.e., the Body of Christ) is God's initiative. It is freely offered to us, regardless of where we might be in life's journey. Salvation isn't something we earn. Instead, we see that Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong process of growing into the kind of disciples that Jesus wants us to be.

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1250-1252 and 1262-1270).

**LIVE THE LITURGY  
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**



Any good farmer will tell you that regardless of how good the quality of the seed, its sprouting and bearing of effective fruit is dependent upon the quality of the soil. Preparing the soil is one of the most essential components of farming. There is no doubt that the seed of God's Word will eventually achieve its purpose. God cannot and will not fail. When and how that seed bears fruit is, however, dependent upon us. What is the quality and condition of your soil? Life's concerns and preoccupations can cause us to become inattentive to our inner life. This sometimes unintentional neglect can result in our soil becoming hard, overgrown with weeds, rocky, parched, and lifeless. When God's seed is sown, it doesn't always take root because it struggles to establish roots and flourish. How can you more attentively attend to the soil of your heart so that it will be a fertile and vital place for the fruit of the Gospel to grow.

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

**First Reading**

The prophet Isaiah assured the captive Israelites exiled in Babylon that God's word is reliable and purposeful.

*Does this bring you comfort or distress?*

**Second Reading**

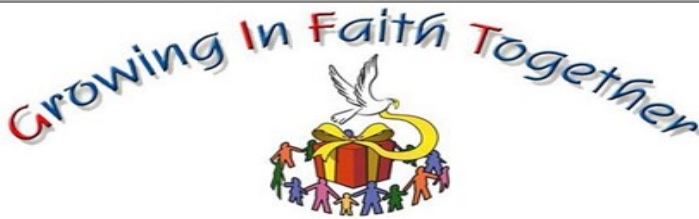
Paul speaks of a spiritual connection and yearning for freedom (redemption) shared between us and creation itself.

*What do you think a redeemed creation looks like?*

**Gospel Reading**

*Why do you think Jesus explains the parable of the sower to his disciples but not to the crowds?*

*Welcome Home  
Fr. Patrick Mullan*



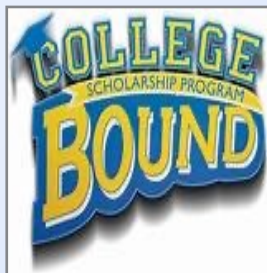
## St Joseph Parishioners

### Church Re-Opening Guidelines

St. Joseph will have a gradual re-opening and will gradually add more people and more Masses to the schedule.

#### A Few Items to Note:

- Seating must be reserved beforehand, either by signing up online or by calling the office ahead of time.
- We are asking those that have signed up to arrive *at least 15 minutes prior to Mass* to ensure that we can start on time!
- Please use the bathrooms *BEFORE* you leave home.
- Everyone who enters the building must wear a face mask/ covering the entire time during Mass.
- Everyone will have their temperature checked upon arrival.
- Although we will have hand sanitizer available, we are asking everyone to bring their own as well.
- We will maintain 6 feet social distance during Mass for seating, except for families.
- Those coming forward to receive communion must be able to walk on their own.
- For communion, the communicant will receive the host from the priest or deacon *on the hand*, with their mask on, then step to the side, lower their mask and consume the host, and return to their seat. (Only the host will be distributed during Mass and not the precious blood.)
- There will be no congregating or gathering after Mass and we are asking everyone to exit the Church following the directions of the hospitality ministers. This will enable our maintenance staff to properly clean and sanitize the Church.



### St. Joseph College Bound Scholarship Program

The 2020 College Bound Class consists of the remarkable graduates who have dedicated consistent service to various St. Joseph ministries. As a self-supported initiative, your contributions are the sole support of the COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP.

Parishioners wishing to support the College Bound Fund may mail their contributions or place them in the collection basket and assign the contribution to the

**COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP**

*Thank you for your generosity to these students*

### Support St. Josephs 2020 College Bound organized by [youthmin@stjosephlargo.org](mailto:youthmin@stjosephlargo.org)

Buy a mask today and help our graduates on their way!



[https://www.customink.com/fundraising/st-josephs-2020-college-bound?ref=email\\_messaging\\_desktop\\_campaign-page-share-v3&utm\\_campaign=desktop\\_campaign-page-share-v3&utm\\_content=st-josephs-2020-college-bound&utm\\_medium=messaging&utm\\_source=email](https://www.customink.com/fundraising/st-josephs-2020-college-bound?ref=email_messaging_desktop_campaign-page-share-v3&utm_campaign=desktop_campaign-page-share-v3&utm_content=st-josephs-2020-college-bound&utm_medium=messaging&utm_source=email)

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