

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please come and join us to pray **the Rosary every Sunday starting at 10:30 am.** We would also love to share this time with anyone that would like to participate as a leader.



LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S

The Ladies of St. Joseph's will meet on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at **6:00 PM** in the Parish Hall (*until further notice*).

All are welcome to join our parish fellowship!
Contact **Ellen Whitman** at **(910) 620-6458** for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure

April 28, 2024

11:00 AM (English) Mass

Offertory	\$ 951.00
Holy Days	\$ 20.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 29.00

Total \$ 1000.00

1:00 PM (Spanish) Mass

Offertory	\$ 602.00
Total	\$ 602.00

Thank you for your continued support!
May God Bless you always and in all

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St. Joseph Catholic Church



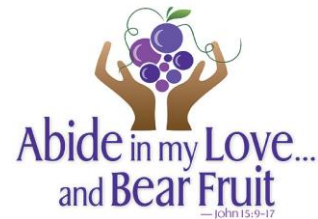
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Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 5, 2024

Share in the Apostolic Mission of the Church

We, the parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a community of faith, being spirit-filled and empowered by our baptism, are called to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. United by our worship, our continued commitment to faith formation and our love for one another, we dedicate our time, talents, and treasure to the enrichment of our community and the greater glory of God.

We welcome all visitors!

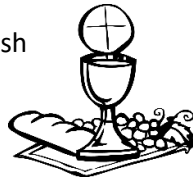
Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church. We are glad you chose to be with us today. If you are traveling, we pray for your safe journey home. If you live in this area, we hope you will return soon to worship with us.

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am in English and 1:00 pm in Spanish

Daily Mass: Wednesdays at 8:30 am

Thursdays at 8:30 am



Sacraments

BAPTISM: Parents must attend a preparation class prior to having their child baptized. Please schedule an appointment with Father Roger to discuss the procedure.

RECONCILIATION: Immediately following Mass and by appointment.

MARRIAGE: The marriage preparation program for the Diocese of Raleigh takes 6 months. Please contact Father Roger for an appointment.

1ST PENANCE, 1ST HOLY COMMUNION, & CONFIRMATION:

Contact Father Roger for information.

Today's Readings

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalms 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4

"The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."

1 John 4: 7-10

John 15: 9-17

For Daily Mass Readings

go online to:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>

<http://www.ewtn.com/daily-readings>

(Includes Daily Mass video)



Today's Meditation

In today's gospel, we are drawn into the depths of Christ's love for us—a love so profound and all-encompassing that He calls us not servants, but friends. This passage invites us into an intimate relationship with Him, rooted in the same love with which the Father has loved Him.

Jesus implores us to remain in His love, a love that calls for obedience but promises joy in its purest form. This obedience is not burdensome; it is the pathway to complete joy, the kind that fills our souls and overflows into the lives of others. It's in keeping His commandments that we dwell in His love, just as He has kept His Father's commandments and abides in His love.

Central to His message is the command to love each other as He has loved us. This love is sacrificial and selfless; it is a love that lays down one's life for friends. By this, Jesus doesn't just refer to the ultimate sacrifice—giving one's life—but to living a life of sacrifice, day by day, in big ways and small, for the good of others.

Jesus makes a revolutionary claim: He has chosen us. We are not random wanderers who stumbled upon His grace; we are deliberately picked to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. This is not just a call to evangelism, but to a life of transformation that deeply impacts every sphere we touch.



As we reflect on the gospel passage, let us be inspired to live out this profound love. Let it not just be a lofty ideal, but a daily, living reality. Let us love deeply, from a place of divine affection, and in doing so, bring light to the dark corners of the world. This is the essence of being Christ's friends, and the pathway to a joyfully fulfilled life.

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PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse	The Butrim Family	Phyllis Kubelka
Jane Polera	Gina Brooks	Stacey Riemer
George Spisak	Bill Barnett	Liz Becker
Marilyn Malberg	The Daniels Family	The unborn
United States Leadership	All those incarcerated	
All those who suffer from addiction		



Please e-mail agnesfields@gmail.com to have a loved one placed on our prayer list. If you have placed a loved one on our list and you feel they no longer need to be on it, please e-mail so that we may update our list.