

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness, and patience. Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.



NO BULLETIN FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS

Due to our upcoming family vacation, there will be no bulletins for Sunday, June 23 and Sunday, June 30. Bulletins will resume again on Sunday, July 7. I apologize for any inconvenience!

Anyone interested in taking over the bulletin for these two weeks (or to help out in general), please message me at agnesfields@gmail.com by next Thursday (June 20) and I will be happy to send you the template. Thank you so much!

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.

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

Stewardship of Treasure

June 9, 2024

11:00 AM (English) Mass

Offertory	\$ 1,082.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00

1:00 PM (Spanish) Mass

Offertory	\$ 378.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 139.00

Total	\$ 1,112.00	Total	\$ 517.00
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Thank you for your continued support!
May God Bless you always and in all

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, June 16, 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.

Sunday Mass:

11:00 am in English

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

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

Psalms 92: 2-3, 13-14, 15-16

"Lord, it is good to give thanks to you."

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Mark 4: 26-34



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 reading, Jesus shares the parable of the growing seed and the mustard seed, offering profound insights into the Kingdom of God. These parables teach us about faith, growth, and the mysterious yet assured unfolding of God's plans.

Jesus begins by comparing the Kingdom of God to a man scattering seed on the ground. The man sleeps and rises, night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows, though he knows not how. This reminds us that God's work is often hidden from our understanding. We plant seeds of faith, hope, and love in our daily lives, and God nurtures them in ways beyond our comprehension. Our role is to trust in His timing and process, knowing that growth and transformation are assured.

The parable of the mustard seed further emphasizes this. The mustard seed, though the smallest of all seeds, grows into the largest of garden plants, giving shelter and support for many. This illustrates the power of small beginnings. No act of kindness, no step of faith, and no prayer is too small in God's eyes.



These parables encourage us to persist in faith and trust in God's grand design. Our seemingly small acts of goodness, our quiet prayers, and our steadfast faith are seeds that God uses to bring about His Kingdom on earth.

Let us be inspired to scatter seeds of love, hope, and faith generously, trusting that God will bring forth a harvest in due time.

Embrace this mystery, live with faith, and witness the wondrous ways in which God's Kingdom unfolds in your life and the world around you.

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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
The Radke Family	United States Leadership	
All those incarcerated	All those who suffer from addiction	



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