ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15th is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass will be held at 9 am at St. Joseph's that morning or at St. Stanislaus at 6:00 pm.

IMPORTANT NOTICE OF REZONING!

As relayed to parishioners several weeks ago during the weekend Masses, The Village of St. Helena which St. Joseph Church property is a part of, is planning to rezone the land immediately next to the church property from Organization and Industrial to Commercial. After multiple consultations with town planners and Pender County officials, we believe this zoning change would negatively impact the St. Joseph's campus.

The vote to make this change is to be held on August 15th at 6:30 pm in the Village of St. Helena's community building, 305 E. Main Street, St. Helena, NC.

We need your help at this meeting to express to the Village Board to <u>vote NO on the proposed zoning change</u>. Please plan to join us for this vote. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sam Russell 571.529.0334 or Andrew Geppert 910.663.4302.

Stewardship of Treasure

July 28, 2024

11:00 AM (English) Mass		1:00 PM (Spanish) Mass	
Offertory	\$ 688.00	Offertory	\$ 493.00
Total	\$ 688.00	Total	\$ 493.00

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

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 4, 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.

<u>MARRIAGE</u>: 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

Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

Psalm 78: 3–4, 23–24, 25, 54 "The Lord gave them bred from heaven."

Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

John 6: 24-35

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

"He gave them bread from the heavens to eat." —John 6:31

Today's Gospel reading from the sixth chapter of John begins Jesus' famous Bread of Life discourse, which we read for four consecutive Sundays. There is a distinct, intentional progression in the words of Jesus regarding our response to this heavenly Bread.

During the first part of the discourse, Jesus emphasizes that we must believe He is the Bread of Life. The word believe is used four times from verses 29 through 47. Jesus teaches that we must believe in Him, and accordingly, believe the truths He is revealing. "I Myself am the Bread of Life. No one who comes to Me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in Me shall ever thirst" (Jn 6:35; cf 1 Cor 11:24-25).

Jesus makes an abrupt, intentional transition in the last half of the discourse. He stops using the word "believe" and begins using verbs and nouns referring to eating and drinking. For nine consecutive verses, 50 through 58, the verbs eat and drink or nouns for food and drink are used. "If anyone eats this bread

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he shall live forever" (Jn 6:51). "If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you" (Jn 6:53). "The man who feeds on this bread shall live forever" (Jn 6:58).

Jesus clearly states that anyone who believes in Him will take the next step and eat His Eucharistic flesh. His initial hearers understood exactly the progression Jesus was making; many just refused to obey and eat (Jn 6:60ff). What about you? What will you do in response to Jesus' clear words? "Unless you eat..."

PRAYER LIST

The Butrim Family Nick Hesse Phyllis Kubelka **Stacey Riemer Jane Polera** Gina Brooks **Bill Barnett** Liz Becker George Spisak **The Daniels Family** Michael Kubelka Marilyn Malberg The Radke Family Geraldine Egner 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.

