

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father Roger on Vacation

Father Roger is on vacation until September 21, 2024. During that time we will have various priests from St. Brendan the Navigator in Shallotte, NC covering the weekend Masses and celebrating daily Mass at St. Stanislaus each Friday at 8:30 am.

THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASSES ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 19, 2024. THE REGULAR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024.

If, during that time, you have an emergency that requires a Priest, contact **Rebecca Clements**, parish secretary at St. Stanislaus, to make the necessary arrangements, **910.675.2336**.

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S

The Ladies of St. Joseph's will now meet on the **LAST SATURDAY** of each month at **10:00 AM** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join our parish fellowship! Contact **Ellen Whitman** at **(910) 620-6458** for more

FAITH FORMATION

Registration forms for our Faith Formation classes are located at the front of the church and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you!



ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY - MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS

We are asking anyone with a military family member in the St. Joseph cemetery to please contact **Beth Butrim (910) 470-1633**, as we would like to organize a special recognition for them.

Stewardship of Treasure

August 25, 2024

<u>11:00 AM (English) Mass</u>		<u>1:00 PM (Spanish) Mass</u>	
Offertory	\$ 1,343.00	Offertory	\$ 446.00
Total	\$ 1,343.00	Total	\$ 446.00

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

For bulletin announcements and/or changes contact **Agnes Fields** via e-mail at **agnesfields@gmail.com** (Subject: Bulletin) or text to **(910) 431-0326** by 6pm Thursday

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 1, 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



NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK

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

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

Psalms 15: 2-3, 3-4, 4-5

"The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."

James 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



For Daily Mass Readings

go online to:

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

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

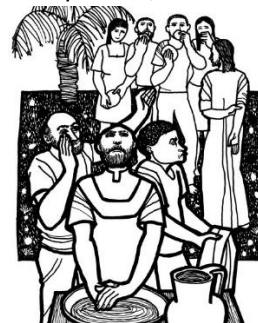
(Includes Daily Mass video)

Today's Meditation

Jesus confronts the religious leaders of His time, challenging their focus on outward rituals while neglecting the deeper issues of the heart. The Pharisees and scribes were concerned with ceremonial cleanliness, meticulously following traditions such as handwashing before meals. They believed that adhering to these external practices would keep them pure before God. However, Jesus points out a crucial truth: true purity is not about external rituals but the condition of the heart. God desires more than rituals - He seeks a relationship with us that transforms our hearts and lives.

In verses 14-15, Jesus emphasizes that external things, like food, do not make a person unclean; rather, it is the evil thoughts and intentions that originate in the heart. Jesus lists things like greed, deceit, envy, slander, and pride, which flow from within and defile a person.

This passage invites us to examine our own lives. Are we more concerned with appearances and traditions than with the state of our hearts? It's easy to fall into the trap of going through the motions while neglecting the deeper work of inner transformation. But God is not impressed by outward compliance; He looks at the heart.



True purity begins with a heart that is surrendered to God. When we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us, He cleanses our hearts, renews our minds, and empowers us to live in a way that reflects Christ's character. Let us seek purity by allowing God to transform us from the inside out. When our hearts are right with God, our lives will naturally reflect His love, grace, and righteousness.

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PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse

Jane Polera

George Spisak

Marilyn Malberg

Jeanette Rivenbark

United States Leadership

All those who suffer from addiction

The unborn

The Butrim Family

Gina Brooks

Bill Barnett

The Daniels Family

Geraldine Egner

All those incarcerated

Phyllis Kubelka

Stacey Riemer

Liz Becker

Michael Kubelka

Nery Fields



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 prayer list, and you feel they no longer need to be on it, please e-mail so that we may update it.