

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

### LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S

The Ladies of St. Joseph's meet on the SECOND 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 information.



### Stewardship of Treasure

September 15, 2024

#### 11:00 AM (English) Mass

Offertory \$ 727.00

**Total \$ 727.00**

#### 1:00 PM (Spanish) Mass

Offertory \$ 722.00

**Total \$ 722.00**

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

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

# St. Joseph Catholic Church



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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, September 22, 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

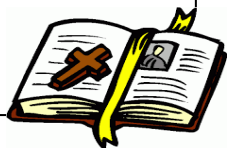
Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

Psalms 54:3-4, 5, 6, & 8

"The Lord upholds my life."

James 3: 16-4:3

Mark 9: 30-37



### 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

### PLEASURE SEEKING OR TREASURE SEEKING

***"You ask and you do not receive because you ask wrongly, with a view to squandering what you receive on your pleasures." - James 4:3***

Human history provides ample testimony about the effects of pleasure seeking. One pleasure is never enough. People always want the next pleasure, followed by another. Companies thrive by stoking the pleasure-seeking desires of consumers. Left to our own desires, we become slaves of pleasure-seeking, servants of the cravings of our own flesh (see Rm 6:12).

I challenge you to spend the next ten seconds looking at a crucifix. "Fix your eyes on Jesus" (Heb 3:1). As you gaze on Jesus' crucified body, ask yourself these questions: "What if Jesus chose to pursue earthly pleasure as often as I do? What if He chose not to suffer and die for me?" Then ask Jesus to break the chains of your fleshly desires. "Already you have devoted enough time" on your pleasures (1 Pt 4:3). Now devote the rest of your time on earth to seeking God's pleasure. Through the cross, be crucified to the world (Gal 6:14).

When you are crucified to your own desires, you are then empty enough to receive God's desires (see Phil 2:7). Then you are ready to receive God's treasures: abundant life, joy, peace, love, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit (see Gal 5:22ff). Repent of following your desires. Seek the lasting pleasures of God rather than the momentary pleasures of this world (Ps 104:34). Make the Lord your only Treasure (Mt 13:44).

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## PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse

Jane Polera

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Marilyn Malberg

Jeanette Rivenbark

Darrin Pierres

The Butrim Family

Gina Brooks

Bill Barnett

The Daniels Family

Geraldine Egner

The unborn

Phyllis Kubelka

Stacey Riemer

Liz Becker

Michael Kubelka

Nery Fields

All those incarcerated United States Leadership

All those who suffer from addiction

Please e-mail [agnesfields@gmail.com](mailto: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.

