

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED

We are looking for someone interested in taking over the choir here at St. Joseph's. Please see Caryn Bowden after Mass or contact via (910) 297-6655

### COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Cape Fear Deanery Parishes and Knights of Columbus are excited to offer the 2025 Collegiate Scholarship for graduating high school students!

If you're a **registered parishioner** in the Cape Fear Deanery, this is your chance to earn up to **\$4,000** to support your college journey. Submit your application, including a biography, essay, and high school transcript, by **Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 11:59 PM**. Don't miss this opportunity!

Visit [Kofc2017.org/scholarship](http://Kofc2017.org/scholarship) or email [scholarship@Kofc2017.org](mailto:scholarship@Kofc2017.org) to apply today!

### EASTER FROZEN FOOD SALE

St. Stanislaus Church will be having a frozen Pierogi and Kielbasa sale on **Saturday, March 15, 2025**, in their Parish Hall from **9 AM - 12 PM**.

The pierogis are imported from their supplier in PA and are available in Potato & Cheese, Jalapeno & Cheese, Sauerkraut, Farmer's Cheese, Cabbage, Cheddar & Bacon, Spinach & Feta and Prune flavors. The kielbasa is from their supplier in New Jersey.

For dessert there will be nut rolls and poppyseed rolls for sale.

### Stewardship

February 16, 2025

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

Offertory \$ 636.00

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

Offertory \$ 492.22

BAA Initial Offering \$ 595.00

**Total \$ 636.00**

**Total \$ 1,087.22**

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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**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

### 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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please come spend some time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration begins at **3:00 pm every Wednesday** and ends at **7:00 pm**.



## 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

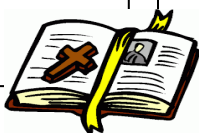
1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

"The Lord is kind and merciful."

1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

Luke 6: 27-38



### 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

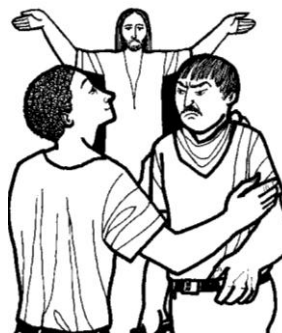
### MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

***"To you who hear Me, I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you." —Luke 6:27-28***

Jesus commands us, His followers, to love our enemies. Before we can love our enemies, we must forgive them. Take a few moments and think of that enemy who has hurt you the most. Ask God for the grace to truly forgive this person from the depths of your heart (see Mt 18:35). Say, "By the grace of God, I forgive (name) for the damage done to me."

Forgiving an enemy from your heart is difficult enough. The next step is to love that enemy. Only God can make us love, for "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8, 16). God's grace is poured down without measure (Lk 6:38). He sends down the rain on the bad and good, friends and enemies (Mt 5:45).

Forgiveness is so much more powerful than revenge and retaliation (see Rm 12:20-21). Forgiveness robs the enemy of his power over you. When your enemy tries to oppress you, if you say, "I'll walk two miles with you instead of



just one," you have disarmed your enemy (see Mt 5:41). Furthermore, your love for your enemy opens a crack for the love of God to flow into your enemy's life.

Ask God for the grace to love enemies. "Pray for your persecutors" (Mt 5:44). It's hard to hate someone for whom you are praying. This proves you are a child of God, that you love your enemies.

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## PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse

Nery Fields

Bill Barnett

Marilyn Malberg

Jeanette Rivenbark

All those incarcerated

All those who suffer from addiction

The Butrim Family

Gina Brooks

Liz Becker

The Daniels Family

Geraldine Egner

United States Leadership

Phyllis Kubelka

Stacey Riemer

Darrin Pierres

Michael Kubelka

The unborn



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.