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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – 8:00 AM Saturday Vigil – 5:00 PM Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM Monday-Friday - 7:45 AM

All Masses live-streamed on the Parish Website

CONFESSIONS Tuesday: 7:00-8:00 PM (With Eucharistic Adoration) Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 PM

Interested in becoming a Catholic? We'd love to have you! Call the Parish Office to learn about our O.C.I.A. Program.

Saint Joseph Church ELCOM

TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

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Morning Prayer

Picnic Meeting

Morning Prayer

Confession & Adoration

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Mon 7:45 AM 8:30 AM 6:30 PM

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Morning Prayer Mass Morning Prayer

Golf Meeting

Mass Eucharistic Adoration for Life

Movie Night: Inside Out

Mass Confession Rosary for Persecuted Catholics Mass



Mass Mass 11:00 AM Mass

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SAVE THE DATE: Pre-Baptismal Class

Our next Pre-Baptismal class, for new and expecting parents, is scheduled for Sunday, August 3 at 12:30pm. Please call the office at 203.775.1035 for more information.

PRAYING FOR PEACE AND REPARATION

We invite you to stay at the end of Sunday Mass – following the closing hymn – and join us in praying three "Hail Mary's" for Peace: in our World, in our Familie's and in our Hearts. We also pray the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, for healing and reparation in our Church. The Prayer to St. Michael can be found on the back inside cover of the St. Áugustine Missal.



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Jul 20, 2025 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sit for a spell

As essentially Christian and counter-intuitive as "love your enemies may be," Jesus' defending Mary's "laziness" over her hard-working sister Martha seems even more outrageous and unfair! If Americans love and believe in anything, it is hard work. It's what gives us identity. We define ourselves as a farmer, an attorney, a salesperson, and so on. So how can Jesus tell poor Martha, who could use a little help in the kitchen, that her sister has chosen the "better part"? Well, it's a matter of priority. We can imagine Jesus saying, "Martha, I came to visit you, not your cuisine. I know you show love by your hard work, but you mean so much more to me than what you do. Come sit here with me."

Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42 (108). "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

Monday, Jul 21, 2025

Begin a conversation with scripture

Sacred scripture is the living word of God, and the ancient monastic practice of lectio divina (Latin for "divine reading") is a contemplative way of "conversing" with it. By narrowing in on certain passages, reading them slowly and repeatedly, noticing what stirs you, and reflecting prayerfully on it, you can grow closer in personal relationship with God. Open Heart, Open Mind by Trappist monk Father Thomas Keating, O.C.S.O. is a modern classic on the topic. Keating says the intention of the practice is nothing less than union with God. "When the presence of God emerges from our inmost being into our faculties, whether we walk down the street or drink a cup of soup, divine life is pouring into the world." That's a worthy life goal to set for ourselves.

Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42 (395). "There is something greater than Solomon here."

Tuesday, Jul 22, 2025

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE Recommit to friendship

We seem to be coming closer to understanding Mary Magdalene as she was, not the reformed sinner (a role mistakenly ascribed to her first not in scripture but by Pope Gregory I in 591) but, as the Mass prayers and readings for her feast day remind us, the beloved friend of Jesus, the first witness of his Resurrection, and its first missionary. All the prayers in the Mass in her honor praise her memory as a close friend of Jesus, much like the Beloved Disciple in John's gospel. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux says it is Magdalene's "loving audacity that charms the Heart of Jesus." We can celebrate Mary Magdalene by recommitting ourselves to our own audacious love for Jesus and our treasured friends.

Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18 (603). "Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord.""

Wednesday, Jul 23, 2025

Stories for the ages

Good preachers know that if they tell a story as part of a sermon, their listeners are more likely to remember the message. Such preachers take their lead from the master storyteller. Jesus used stories to help people understand what really matters in the divine life. Indeed, says 20th-century Catholic historian Father Edmund Campion, Catholics are born storytellers "who get their identity through their histories, which they see as salvation history linking them to the saving actions of Christ." What stories from your life link back to Christ? Think about how your actions will contribute to salvation history. Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9 (397). "But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit."

Thursday, Jul 24, 2025

Shake it up

The routine nature of daily life can cause our hearts to grow dull. And when we're feeling dull, it's hard to hear what God has to tell us. Yet it doesn't take much to shake things up and get a new perspective. Just break out of a routine and do something different take a new route to work, rearrange your furniture, clean out a junk drawer, or call an old friend you've been thinking about. God often talks to us in moments of surprise. "Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor," says Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium. "Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry, and listless. That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ." So get out of your rut and you might even get a fresh message from God.

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matthew 13:10-17 (398). "Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears."

Friday, Jul 25, 2025

FEAST OF JAMES, APOSTLE Forward and upward

Legend has it that Saint James was preaching the gospel in Spain when the Virgin Mary appeared to him and called him back to Judea, where he was beheaded by King Agrippa. His remains were then taken up and brought back to Spain, where they were buried at Compostela. A shrine to James was established there in the ninth century, and the Camino (Way) of Saint James to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela became one of the most important pilgrimages in the world next to Jerusalem and Rome. In medieval times pilgrims along the Camino would say in a call and response to one another, "Ultreia et suseia," meaning "forward and upward" as a show of strength and encouragement to continue the journey. Draw on the strength and hope of centuries of Christian pilgrims to continue your journey of faith.

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 (605). "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve."

Saturday, Jul 26, 2025

MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Pass it on

We know nothing for certain about the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but it doesn't matter. In the same way that we know God through his Son Jesus, we can know Anne and Joachim through their daughter Mary. It was through these two that Mary learned about prayer and work, family and community. It was Anne and Joachim who taught their daughter to love and trust God enough to say, "May it be done to me according to your word." Faith, like the color of our eyes and hair, is passed down from generation to generation. Today may we remember that our words and actions will continue to reverberate for generations to come. Let us speak and act accordingly.

Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30 (400). "All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do."

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Where do sheep go on vacation? *The Baaaa-hamas*

What happens to cows that get too much sun? *They turn to evaporated milk*

What kind of sandals do frogs wear? *Open-toad sandals*

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Peace be with you!

"Balance" is usually the best response to St. Benedict's rule of "Ora et Labora"—Prayer and Work. This is the topic we find ourselves listening to in this week's Gospel from St. Luke. Jesus has come to visit his very close friends, the sisters Martha and Mary. Hospitality was most important during those times, and Martha wanted to make sure that everything was perfect for their important guest. Martha was all about labora. Mary, on the other hand, seems to have spent all her time sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to his spiritual guidance. The two sisters were certainly different in what motivated them. Jesus' response to Martha's cry for help from her sister was quite surprising. Are you more like Martha or Mary, or have you learned the great need for balance?

As I mentioned last week, we were blessed to have our visitor from Florida, Diane Voyentzie, come to St. Joseph Church to paint the niches behind the statues of Mary and Joseph. What a gift to us that Diane came and graced our new Adoration Chapel with her God-given gift of art. Interestingly enough, when I asked Diane if she would like me to close the chapel while she worked, she said it was not necessary. She always prays as she paints, so to have others in adoration around her would be completely appropriate and inspirational. Ora et Labora together, indeed!

Thank you, Diane, and know that you always have a home here at St. Joseph Church. Below are two pics of her work, but feel free to visit the chapel to truly appreciate the beauty Diane has brought to our chapel.

Father O'heill







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Monday, July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi 7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners Tuesday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene 7:45 AM - Jack O'Keefe, req. by Phil & Nancy Hynes Wednesday, July 23 - St. Bridget 7:45 AM - Vince Lupo, reg. by family Thursday, July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf 7:45 AM - Suzanne Lehmann, req. by Diane O'Keefe Friday, July 25 - St. James, Apostle 7:45 AM - Helen McCarthy Saturday, July 26 - Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Bl. Virgin Mary 8:00 AM - Zachary Goodwin, req. by Ed Goodwin 5:00 PM - James Legere, reg. by Rita & Gene Golaszewski Sunday, July 27 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 AM - Roselyne Coutereau, req. by the Alessandro Family 9:00 AM - Barbara Donovan, req. by Pat Smith 11:00 AM - Grace Ambrogio, req. by Carmela & Stephen Kish

THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING, STRENGTH, AND COMFORT: Baby Albert Docktor, Johnathan Iamartino, Wendy Ricard, Fr. Joseph Pettit



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week In Memory of Suzanne Lehmann, at the request of Diana O'Keefe

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Coping with the loss of a loved one can weigh us down physically, emotionally and spiritually, but it is not a journey we need to walk alone.

St. Joseph's 8th Station Bereavement Ministry offers comfort and help during the grieving process.

This group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. The sessions are led by Mary Shaughnessy and Patricia Tharrington.



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