Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ***November 22, 2026***



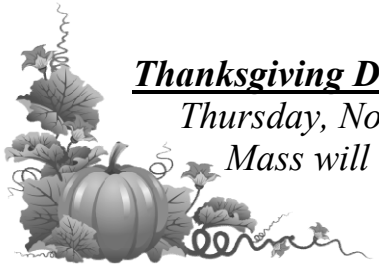
Mass Times
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Tues, Wed, & Fri: Check website
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Confessions
Sunday: Before the Masses; After 8:00 a.m. Mass
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Office Hours
Tues & Fri: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
Wed: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Adoration
The Church is open for prayer and adoration from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. unless Fr. Drew is away from the premises.

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Barbara Watson, Sarah Hancock, Billy Joe Hill, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, Max Long, Gailann White, James Davis, Tommy Johnson, Barbara Lilly, Joseph "Zip" Douglas, Josh Johnson, Alya Nelson, David Russell, Grant Bidle, Mary Helen Knight, Billy Patton, Jim Dunbar, Anna Bush, Bernard Nelson, and Luz Gonzalez.



Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 26, 2026
Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

Schedule Next Week – the Rectory Office will be closed on Friday, November 27.
Happy Thanksgiving!

Mass Intentions for November 22nd through November 28th	
11/22 Sun – 8 a.m.	Douglas & Daniel Brown, Joshua Holton
10 a.m.	*Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH*
11/24 Tues	***No Daily Mass;*** Funeral at 10 AM
11/25 Wed – 11:30 a.m.	Rev. Richard E. Gardiner
11/26 Thurs – 10 a.m.	All Souls
11/27 Fri	***No Daily Mass***
11/28 Sat – 5 p.m.	Therese Jewell
November 15, 2026 Offertory	***$2,210.00***
November 15, 2026 Retired Priests	***$745.00***
Thank you for your generosity!	

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

Is Christ really a King? If so, where is his honor? Is it only in "our hearts?" That is, is it only invisible? Or, is it only indirectly visible? Is his honor appropriately rendered only privately? Only within the confines of Houses of Worship? Only within the enclosures of his own followers?

It's true his kingdom, as he himself says, "is not of this world." But does that mean that it cannot exist in this world, it cannot be seen in any visible, appreciable manner until it is seen in heaven?

Christ deserves honor from his faithful even now. Even in this life. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. All peoples, even our own, especially our own, will honor and obey him. How are we, Red-blooded Americans, Marylanders in Saint Mary's County showing honor to him?

Our honoring him must not, in principle, exclude its fullest expression. Certainly, there may be occasions when prudence requires that the best way to honor Christ prefers one concrete mode of honor to another. But, still, Christ is to be honored in all things.

Let's celebrate the Feast of Christ the King with great joy.

With paternal affection,
Fr. Drew

Women's Evening of Recollection – All women of St. Joseph's Parish are invited to join for the next Women's Evening of Recollection on Tuesday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's – Affordable High School in the Catholic Tradition, 2027 - 2028 Applications are Now Open! New Location in Avenue, MD. Tuition: $9,953. www.chestertonstmarys.org/admissions/#apply-and-enroll

Bear Hugs for Healing – To give a sick child a bear-hug this Christmas, please drop off your donated bears by December 12th to Heavenly Presents, 22697 Washington Street (on the Square), Leonardtown, Maryland. Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday, or use the after-hours drop box outside the store. Your tax-deductible monetary donations will be used to purchase bears at a discounted price! Please make checks payable to the Bread of Life Center for Peace and mail them to: PO Box 338, Leonardtown, MD 20650. You may also make donations through our website at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be newly purchased and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached. Thank you for your continued generous support of Bear Hugs!