

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 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 Mass; After 8:00 a.m. Mass
Tues & Fri: 4:30-5:00 p.m.
Wed: 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
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, Joseph Tippet, 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, and Bernard Nelson.

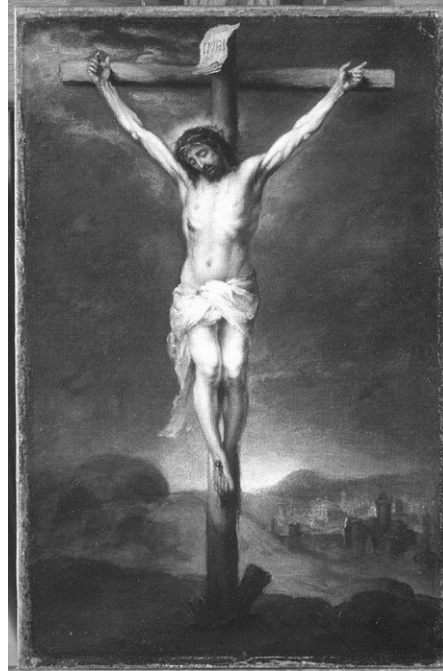


Mass/Confession Schedule – There will be no daily Mass, Saturday evening Mass, or confessions this week, Tuesday, August 25, through Saturday, August 29.

11th Annual Ride for Vocations – Sign up to support the next generation of priests in the 11th Annual Ride for Vocations on September 26, 2026. Routes available from 21 miles to 100 miles. Visit <https://dcpriest.org/event/2026-ride-for-vocations/> for more information or to register.

Mass Intentions for August 23rd through August 29th	
8/23 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
10 a.m.	The Carr Family
8/25 Tues	No Daily Mass
8/26 Wed	No Daily Mass
8/28 Fri	No Daily Mass
8/29 Sat	No Saturday Evening Mass
August 15, 2026 Assumption of Mary	
August 16, 2026 Offertory	
Thank you for your generosity!	
	\$441.00
	\$2,214.00

From Father's Desk



Father's bulletin letter will resume soon.

Have a blessed Sunday!

Field Mass – The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows – A special Field Mass and Rosary will commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery at 38888 Doctor Johnson Road in Mechanicsville (Helen), Maryland (located behind the Mother Catherine Academy School). Rosary and Mass are offered for the deceased members of our community, and the Church especially encourages those who have recently suffered a loss of joining us. Rosary and Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Father Charles E. "Chip" Luckett from Our Lady of the Wayside as our celebrant. An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone's comfort in the cemetery rain or shine. For additional information, you may contact the office of the Catholic Cemeteries Southern MD Regional Office at (301) 475-5005 or (301) 932-1766 or email us at gop@ccaw.org.

Afternoon Tea in Honor of Our Blessed Mother —The Sacred Heart Sodality warmly invites you to an elegant Afternoon Tea in honor of Our Blessed Mother on Sunday, September 20, 2026, from 2:00–4:00 PM in the Friendship Room at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of tea, delicious treats, and fellowship. A prize will be awarded for the wearer of the Best Hat! Tickets: \$65.00 per person; Table of 8: \$500.00; Children's Tea: \$25.00 per child. Reservations are required, and seating is limited. For tickets or more information, contact Maureen Freeman at 954-257-7530 or the Parish Office at 301-934-2261 or visit the parish office at 201 St. Mary's Ave., La Plata, MD.

Community Blood Drive – Sponsored by Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council #1470 When: Saturday, October 3rd, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Where: Knights Hall, 41605 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD 20650 How: Sign up at: WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG then insert KOC1470 into the box FIND A DRIVE in the upper right corner. Or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) After registering for your donation appointment, use Rapid Pass the DAY of the drive to fast track your donation "check in." Go to: www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to learn more.