

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 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.

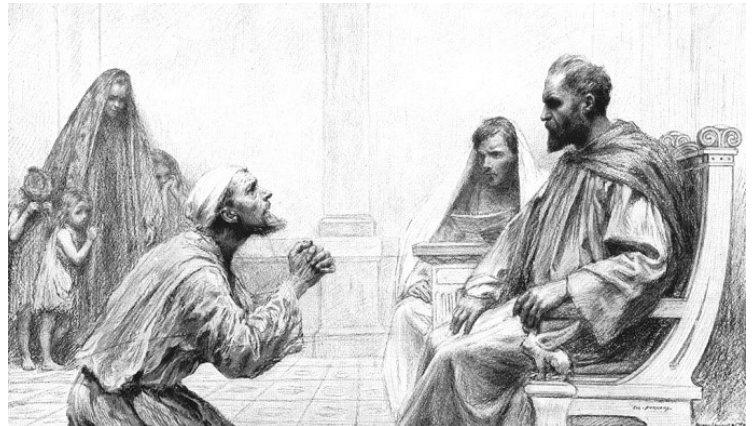
Office Hours

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 Intentions – Previously scheduled Mass intentions will be moved to the next available Sunday. If you would like to make different arrangements, please contact the Rectory Office at (301) 475-3293.

<i>Mass Intentions for September 13th through September 19th</i>	
9/13 Sun – 8 a.m.	The Sapp Family
10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
9/15 Tues	<i>No Daily Mass</i>
9/16 Wed	<i>No Daily Mass</i>
9/18 Fri	<i>No Daily Mass</i>
9/19 Sat	<i>No Saturday Evening Mass</i>
<i>September 6, 2026 Offertory</i>	
<i>September 6, 2026 Building & Repair</i>	
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	
	<i>\$2,481.00</i>
	<i>\$917.00</i>

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

Jesus tells a cautionary tale. The servant was forgiven so much and yet he couldn't bring himself in turn to forgive someone who owed him so little. For us to benefit from hearing this story let's put ourselves in the shoes of the wicked servant.

Does it mean nothing to us that we have been forgiven so much? Does it mean nothing that Our Lord has shown such great mercy towards us? Do we not see how easily we forget all this and instead so cruelly brutalize those closest to us?

It is truly scandalous. The fellow servants "were deeply disturbed" when they saw it. How oblivious are we to the harm we cause not only to the direct victims of our insensitivity, but also to those who witness our merciless conduct?

Jesus wants us to imitate his kindness. He is clear that we should fully expect to be dealt with according to how we have dealt with others. Let's learn the lesson from the cautionary tale.

With paternal affection,
Fr. Drew

The Relics of St. Bernadette and Lourdes Experience at the National Shrine – Come and venerate the relics of St. Bernadette Soubirous at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, September 18-20. In addition to the relics, visitors can touch a portion of the rock that makes up the Grotto where the Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858, wash with water from the spring, light a candle, and entrust your petitions to the intercession of St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes. More information can be found at www.nationalshrine.org/events.

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.

Giorgio's Giants Father/Son Hike – Catholic fathers and their sons are invited to a hike, rosary, and sport day on October 17, 12:30 PM, at St. Mary's River State Park. For more information or any questions, please contact giorgiosgiants@gmail.com.

Friends of the Poor Walk – The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) 19th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk will be held October 3, 2026. The goal of the Walk is to raise money to assist our neighbors with basic needs including rent, utilities, medicine and food. Starting at Father Andrew White School, the walk route goes through the streets of Historic Leonardtown. There will be a post-walk brunch, music, theme baskets for a silent auction, balloons for children, and door prizes. Doors open at 7:30 am; Walk begins at 9:00 am. The Walk is sponsored by the SVDP Conferences at St. Aloysius and Immaculate Conception Churches. Register at www.walkforthe poor.com or on the day of the Walk. Donations can also be made on the registration site.

Picnic for 150th at Immaculate Conception – Picnic to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Mechanicsville, MD. WHEN: Sunday, October 4, 2026 - 1:00 pm - 6 pm RAIN OR SHINE. WHERE: Field next to our Parish Center. There will be food, games, raffles, and more! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come join us! RSVP: ICC email - ImmaculateConception.MD@adw.org

Mental Health Ministry Event at St. Aloysius – Please join us and Deacon Ed Shoener, founder of International Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers for *Suicide: The Need for the Healing Presence of Christ & His Church*. He founded the ministry in response to his own loss. The talk begins at 12-Noon to 2pm at St. Aloysius Church in the Parish Hall, 22800 Washington St., Leonardtown, MD 20650. RSVP using this link: <https://staloysius20650.flocknote.com/signup/270455> or call Jessica at St. Francis Xavier Church (301) 475-9885.