

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

### **Mass Times**

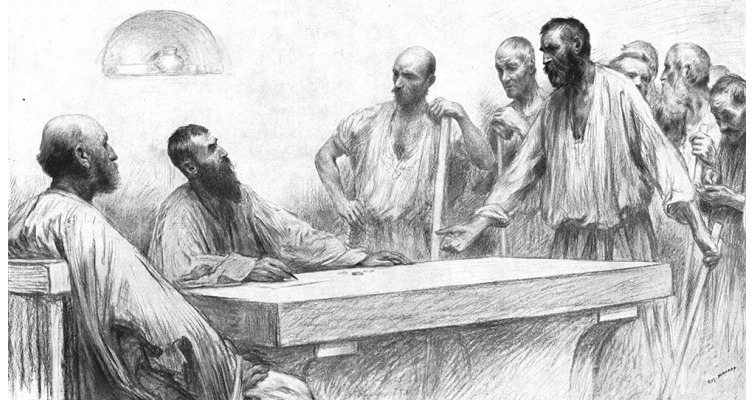
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Tues, Wed, & Fri: Check website  
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

### **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.

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**Saturday Evening Mass** – The 5 PM Saturday evening Mass will resume this Saturday, September 20, 2026.

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

| <b>Mass Intentions for September 20<sup>th</sup> through September 26<sup>th</sup></b> |                              |
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| 9/20 Sun – 8 a.m.                                                                      | <i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i> |
| 10 a.m.                                                                                | Kristen A. Boecher           |
| 9/22 Tues                                                                              | <b>No Daily Mass</b>         |
| 9/23 Wed                                                                               | <b>No Daily Mass</b>         |
| 9/25 Fri                                                                               | <b>No Daily Mass</b>         |
| 9/26 Sat – 5 p.m.                                                                      | Carole “Donie” Alvey         |
| <b>September 13, 2026 Offertory</b>                                                    | <b>\$2,188.00</b>            |
| <b>September 13, 2026 School Support</b>                                               | <b>\$431.00</b>              |
| <b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>                                                  |                              |

## *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

Adultery breaks faith. A married couple promises faithfulness to each other and to no other. Adultery, when a spouse then seeks another, is the breaking of that promise.

God likens his relationship with his people to a bridegroom being with his bride. When his people sought after other gods, he described their infidelity as adultery.

The love of husband and wife, in many ways the most natural thing in the world, is understood as particularly worthy when it is seen as a reflection of the love between Christ and his Church. It is the privilege and duty of every marriage to reflect as faithfully the noblest of loves, Christ's love for his Church.

To think that a marriage can be easily set aside, or spouses can divorce one another is as unthinkable as Christ, in response to the mockery of the bystanders, consenting to come down from his Cross.

We have eternal life because of Christ's faithfulness. Spouses, even in the most difficult of circumstances reflect a divine love when they reject adultery and live in fidelity. That love which they reflect will be a source of life in this dark world, even if it only revealed as such in heaven.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

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**Sacred Heart La Plata Parish Rosary Mission** – Sacred Heart in LaPlata is hosting its 10th Annual Parish Rosary Mission October 5-7. The theme this year is “*Why we Pray the Rosary*” with preachers Fr. Larry Swink and Fr. Greg Zingler. Confessions at 6PM and talks at 7PM with a reception to follow with Fr. Larry (10/5) and induction of new members and blessing of sacramentals to follow by Fr. Greg (10/6). On October 7th at 7PM, there will be an outdoor, illuminated Living Rosary guided by the Knights of Columbus. Come join us! Call the parish office for questions, 301-934-2261.

**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](http://www.walkforthe poor.com) or on the day of the Walk. Donations can also be made on the registration site.

**Picnic for 150<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception** – Picnic to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ImmaculateConception.MD@adw.org)

**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](mailto:giorgiosgiants@gmail.com).

**Mental Health Ministry Event at St. Aloysius** – On October 17, 2026, 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://stalloysius20650.flocknote.com/signup/270455> or call Jessica at St. Francis Xavier Church (301) 475-9885.