

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Grow in the Faith?  
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## CATHOLICISM EXPLAINED

Starting Thurs., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM in the Social Hall



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New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form     We've Moved, here is our new information

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 20, 2023

### Saturday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*  
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*  
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*  
5:00 p.m. Denise Mangan

### Sunday, August 20

#### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +

### Monday, August 21

8:00 a.m. *No Public Mass*

### Tuesday, August 22

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Bernadette Kinzer +  
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

### Wednesday, August 23

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Irene Dedrick +

### Thursday, August 24

8:00 a.m. Dan Runyon +

### Friday, August 25

8:30 a.m. Peter Andrews

### Saturday, August 26

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*  
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Genevieve Lohmuller +

### Sunday, August 27

#### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Ed Bushee +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

This weekend (August 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Continuing the fourth great narrative from St. Matthew's Gospel, we hear of Jesus meeting the Canaanite woman (Matthew 15:21-28). As reflected in the Book of Deuteronomy (Deut. 20:16-18), Israelites viewed the Canaanites as hostile pagans and would not intermingle with them. This helps to emphasize the humility and faith this woman has to even approach the Lord.

The first time she cried out, Jesus did not even acknowledge her. The second time, He refused His disciples' request on her behalf. And, the third time, Jesus reminds her that He has come only for Israel and that she has no covenantal claim for that which she asks. ("*Dog*" was a common insult used by Israelites against Gentiles and others.) The fourth time, however, Jesus responds with compassion and answers her plea, healing this Canaanite woman's daughter.

Turning to the early Church Fathers to understand this passage, we see that St. John Chrysostom, the 4th Century Archbishop of Constantinople, highlights the Canaanite woman's perseverance and humility. He says that Jesus put the woman off three times so that, at the fourth time, He might crown her as He loudly proclaims "*O woman, great is your faith!*" As St. Peter would later write, our faith increases through trials (1 Peter 1:6-7).

Taken in the context of the entire fourth narrative of St. Matthew's Gospel and echoed in our second reading from St. Paul (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32), we see the truth of Jesus' message as revealed in and through His Church: **Salvation has come for all, Jew and Gentile alike**. Jesus responded to the Canaanite woman through her perseverance, humility, and faith. In the same way, He will respond to all those who approach Him in the same way, Jew and Gentile alike.

### CATHOLICISM EXPLAINED SERIES

Starting on **Thursday, September 7th, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall**, we will be beginning our **Catholicism Explained Series**. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, in joining the Catholic Church, or simply looking for good faith-based conversations, this series is for you! It is my hope that this is our biggest year yet for this series. Please invite any and everyone you know and consider joining us yourselves.

Our **Catholic Explained Series** doubles as our parish's **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)**. The OCIA Program is the primary way that adults seeking baptism in or conversion to the Catholic Church are prepared. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, but this time does not work for you, please contact me directly ([frdavidvioli@gmail.com](mailto:frdavidvioli@gmail.com)). If someone truly wants to enter the Church, we will do everything possible to help.

### ST. JOSEPH GIVING TABLE

Over the past few weeks, our **St. Joseph Giving Table** has been in full swing. This annual table is open for use by all. If you have any extra fruits or vegetables from your garden that you don't want to go to waste, you're welcome to put them on the table to share. Or, if you see anything on the giving table that you can use, you're welcome to take it home with you (*or eat it in the car on the way home from Mass!*). In this way, we help to make sure nothing goes to waste!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Next Saturday (August 26<sup>th</sup>), all of our parish families with children in K-12th Grade are invited to join us for a Pizza Dinner and Sundae Bar after the 5 PM vigil Mass in the Parish Social Hall. Families will have the chance to register, if they haven't already done so, for our Religious Education Classes (*starting in September*) and to meet our wonderful Catechists who will be helping with our religious instruction this year.

If you are interested in volunteering with our Religious Education Program, do not hesitate to contact Michelle in the Parish Office (824-1380). In addition to our Catechists, we can also use the assistance of aides in the classrooms to assist the Catechists each weekend.  
~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, August 21 - Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Pius X, Pope - Jgs 2:11-19/ Mt 19:16-22**

**Tuesday, August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Jgs 6:11-24a/ Mt 19:23-30**

**Wednesday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin - Jgs 9:6-15/ Mt 20:1-16**

**Thursday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle - Rv 21:9b-14/ Jn 1:45-51**

**Friday, August 25 - St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest - Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22/ Mt 22:34-40**

**Saturday, August 26 - Ru 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17/ Mt 23:1-12**

**Sunday, August 27 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 22:19-23/ Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20**



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, Margaret Pogue, and Richard Payne.

**EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES of ITALY**  
 A 10-Day Pilgrimage with Fr. David Violi  
**February 19-28, 2024**

Are you interested in the Pilgrimage to Italy?  
 Fr. David will have an informational meeting  
 on Wednesday, August 23rd at 7:45 p.m. in  
 the Parish Conference Room.



**Thursday, Aug. 24th—5:30 PM—Parish Conference Room**

**REMINDER!**

**Religious Education Registration Pizza & Sundae Bar**  
**Saturday, August 26th following 5:00 p.m. Mass**  
**In the Parish Social Hall**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **Sat., Aug. 19** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 19** - Parish Registration following 5:00 Mass in the narthex.
- **Sun., Aug. 20** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 20** - Parish Registration following 7:30 and 10:00 Mass in the narthex.
- **Tues., Aug. 22** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 23** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 23** - Italy Pilgrimage informational meeting - 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Aug 24** - Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Aug. 24** - *Ask Father* - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Aug. 25** - Mass 8:30 p.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 26** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 26** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 26** - Religious Education Registration Pizza/Sundae Bar - following 5:00 Mass in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Sun., Aug. 27** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., Aug. 29** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 30** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 30** - Finance Meeting - 7:45 p.m.
- **Thurs., Aug 31** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Sept. 1** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration - 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 2** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 2** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 3** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., Sept. 4** - Labor Day, Office Closed
- **Mon., Sept. 4** - Mass 9:00 a.m.

**Weekend of August 26/27 Weekend**



**5:00** Dan Lautzenheiser  
**7:30** Teresa Smith  
**10:00** Sam Smith



**5:00** Carol Butler  
**7:30** Ben Wagner  
**10:00** Dan Geimer



**10:00** Kevin/Jessica Seago



**5:00** Alex or Audrey Mechling, Melanie/Isaiah Bedwell  
**7:30** Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Charlene Felger  
**10:00** Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report**  
**for the Weekend of Aug. 12/13**

Adult Envelopes- \$2,511.00  
 Loose- \$257.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$227.34

Assumption- \$26.00

Votive Candles- \$102.50

Notre Dame Federal Credit

Union elevate Fund- \$7.54

**Total- \$3,131.38**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$1,599.66 behind our budget for the month of August.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$62.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!*

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:  
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**, September 1, 2023  
 (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
 Confession 5:00-5:45 p.m. / No 6:00 p.m. Mass  
 "Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus  
*Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.*



Join us for a Praise & Worship Holy Hour  
 Wed., September 6th from 6-7:00 p.m.  
 followed by Mass at 7:00.  
 (Confessions - 6-6:45)

Choir Practice begins Wednesday, September 6 following 7:00 Mass.  
 Call Teresa Smith, Director of Sacred Music at 260-824-1380 if you are interested in joining the St. Joseph Church Choir.

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**From Death To New Life**

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Laura (Schnerre) Berry, sister of Carol (David) Butler, who passed away Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

May God welcome her home,  
 fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.