

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**MASS COMMINFO**

*"Glory to God in the highest"*  
LUKE 2:14  
ANGELS TO THE SHEPHERDS

*"You alone are the Holy One"*  
MARK 1:24  
UNCLEAN SPIRIT TO JESUS

*"You alone are the Lord"*  
1 COR 8:6  
PETER TO THE CORINTHIANS

*"You alone are the Most High"*  
GEN 14:18  
MELCHIZEDEK BLESSING BREAD AND WINE

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**GLORIA**

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## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

This weekend (September 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our readings help us to explore the theme of the suffering of the righteous. We are called to discard our usual standards for judging success in this world and adopt a radically supernatural outlook on life. When we look through the eyes of Christ, we often see that which the world considers as valuable is truly nothing more than mere straw.

In our commitment to follow after the Lord, we may never achieve any true position of authority or recognition in this world. But, what we gain in return is much more valuable than anything else: **God Himself**. We are invited today to make ourselves like the “children” of the earth—the unnoticed, the weak, the innocent, the marginalized—because it is in them that God reveals Himself present in a unique way.

We welcome Deacon Bruce Goodwin at all of our Masses this weekend. Den. Bruce is a son of our parish, having grown up in Bluffton, and was ordained as a permanent deacon several years ago for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, where he now lives. He and his wife, Jean, are in town to visit with family and enjoy our Street Fair festivities.

When a deacon assists at Mass, he is often vested in a dalmatic, which, similar to the priest’s chasuble, is a long tunic-like vestment. Configured through Holy Orders to Christ the Servant, the deacon stands next to and assists the priest throughout the liturgy. This ministry is focused in a special way on proclaiming the Gospel and serving at the altar.

As a part of proclaiming the Gospel, the deacon carries in the Book of the Gospels, proclaims the Gospel reading, and, at times, is invited to preach the homily. In addition, he also proclaims the Prayers of the Faithful, inviting us to turn toward the Lord in our need.

In service at the altar, the deacon prepares the altar during the Offertory and assists in the distribution of Holy Communion, particularly the distribution of the Precious Blood when it is offered. Finally, after the priest has imparted the closing blessing, the deacon offers the dismissal as we are sent out like Christ the Servant to minister to and be with those in need.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES - THE GLORIA

Having acknowledged our sinfulness before the Lord, we join in a prayerful cry that echoes throughout the Scriptures: *Lord, have mercy!* This ancient litany is the whole Body of Christ calling out to Christ the Head. It is each of us, together with the entire Church, imploring the mercy of Almighty God so that we may be made ready and worthy to enter into the mystery of the Sacrifice of Christ made present on the altar.

Our sinfulness reminds us of how much we need to be saved. We, in turn, are called to focus our gaze on Christ, who is the channel of God’s infinite love and mercy. From here, recognizing our Savior Himself, our lips move from cries of “Lord, have mercy!” to a hymn of praise: **The Gloria**. This hymn, affectionately known as the song of the angels, joins our voices with those of the heavenly choir of angels crying out in joy at Jesus’ birth.

**The Gloria** is the perfect response of the solemn confession of one’s sins and pleading for salvation to the uplifting and joyous gratitude for the gift of salvation Himself, Jesus Christ. The hymn itself incorporates verses from Scripture – words spoken by angels, spirits, the apostles, and ancient patriarchs like Melchizedek. We echo these words, perfected through the worship of those that have gone before us.

The words of **the Gloria** reflect the various dispositions we take on as we participate in Mass: (1) **Praise of God** – “*We worship you... we praise you...*”. (2) **Thanksgiving** – “*We give you thanks... for your glory.*” (3) **Atonement of sins** – “*You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*”; (4) **Petition** – “*Receive our prayer.*” In **the Gloria**, let us focus on these aspects of the prayer as we join with choirs of angels in singing “Glory to God in the highest.”

### Saturday, September 21

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. Parish Family

### Sunday, September 22

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +

### Monday, September 23

*No Public Mass*

### Tuesday, September 24

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Dorothy Witwer +  
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

### Wednesday, September 25

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Sharon Hughes +

### Thursday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

### Friday, September 27

8:30 a.m. Beatrice Hickert +

### Saturday, September 28

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. Parish Family

### Sunday, September 29

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Carly Scott +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Sept. 23 - Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest** - Prv 3:27-34 / Ps 15:2-5 / Lk 8:16-18

**Tues., Sept. 24** - Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 / Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 / Lk 8:19-21

**Wed., Sept. 25** - Prv 30:5-9 / Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 / Lk 9:1-6

**Thurs., Sept. 26 - Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs** - Eccl 1:2-11 / Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 / Lk 9:7-9

**Fri., Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest** - Eccl 3:1-11 / Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 / Lk 9:18-22

**Sat., Sept. 28 - St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs** - Eccl 11:9—12:8 / Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 / Lk 9:43b-45

**Sun., Sept. 29 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Nm 11:25-29 / Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



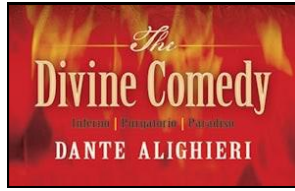


## BOOK STUDY—*THE DIVINE COMEDY*

WHEN: Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM

WHERE: The Parish Conference Room

Join as every other Monday as we journey through *The Divine Comedy* by Dante Alighieri. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend.



## YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL

GRADES 7<sup>TH</sup>—12<sup>TH</sup>

Join us on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 PM for Mass and a bonfire until 9:00 PM.

Bring a Friend!



### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Sept. 21** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 22** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept 22** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Sept 23** - Book Study - *The Divine Comedy* by Dante Alighieri - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Tues., Sept. 24** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 25** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 25** - Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass.
- **Thurs., Sept. 26** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 26** - Catholicism Explained - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Sept. 27** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 28** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 28** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 29** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept 29** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 1** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 1** - *Knights of Columbus* - Rosary 6:40 p.m. / meeting in the Parish Social Hall 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 2** - **Praise & Worship Holy Hour** - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 2** - Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass.
- **Wed., Oct. 2** - Parish Council meeting - 7:40 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Thurs., Oct. 3** - Mass 8:00 a.m.

### Weekend of September 28th and 29th



**5:00** Dan Lautzenheiser  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** David Smith



**5:00** Michelle Paxton  
**7:30** Carol Butler  
**10:00** Patti Clark-Johnson



**5:00** Laurisa Roper  
**7:30** Twilla Herr  
**10:00** Kevin Seago, Jacque Johnson, Monica Harris



**5:00** Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer  
**7:30** Angela Mayer, Charlene or Anna Lynn Felger, Annie Herr  
**10:00** Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of September 14th & 15th

Adult Envelopes- \$3,487.00  
Loose- \$492.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-  
\$527.46  
Religious Education Fees-  
\$870.00  
G.I.R.L.'s NIGHT Out Reimb.  
Books/Donation- \$618.61  
General Bequest- \$120.00  
**Total- \$6,115.07**

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40  
We are **\$1,986.78** ahead of budget  
for the month of September.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-  
\$1,190.00

*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>



Our **Knights of Columbus** will lead the **10th Annual Days of Caring** on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Volunteers from various communities will work together to provide services to help local charitable organizations.  
**To volunteer, please see the sign up sheet in the narthex this weekend.**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, October 1, 2024



**Become a Knight**

In Service to One. In Service to All.

All men in the Parish are welcome!

*Recite the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church,  
and meet in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 PM.*



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**PARISH PICNIC**  
following the 10:00 Mass



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 A  
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**THINK!**

T - is it true?  
 h - is it helpful?  
 i - is it inspiring?  
 n - is it necessary?  
 k - is it kind?

"Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."  
 - St. John Paul II



Before you speak....

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