

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Anger (Mt 5:22)
Lust (Mt 5:27-28)
Judgment (Mt 7:1)
Greed (Lk 12:15)

in my thoughts,

CRUCIFY HIM!

in my words,

Gossip (Ro 1:29)
Insult (Mt 5:22)
Lying (Co 3:9)
Boasting (Js 4:16)

I CONFESS

24TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Theft (Ex 20:15)
Dishonouring
parents (Ex 20:12)
Using others
(Mt 22:39)

*in what
I have failed to do*

Apathy (Lk 10:29-37)
Sloth (Pr 15:19)
Indifference (Mt 25:41-46)

*in what
I have done,*

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

Saturday, September 14

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. Living & Deceased members
of the Geels Family

Sunday, September 15

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Carly Scott +

Monday, September 16

No Public Mass

Tuesday, September 17

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Donna Spear +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, September 18

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Robert Scheidler +

Thursday, September 19

8:00 a.m. Kelly Martin

Friday, September 20

8:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

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 +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 16 - Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs - 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 / Ps 40:7-10, 17 / Lk 7:1-10

Tues., Sept. 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor of the Church - 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a / Ps 100:1-5 / Lk 7:11-17

Wed., Sept. 18 - 1 Cor 12:31 —13:13 / Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22 / Lk 7:31-35

Thurs., Sept. 19 - St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr - 1 Cor 15:1-11 / Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 / Lk 7:36-50

Fri., Sept. 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs - 1 Cor 15:12-20 / Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15 / Lk 8:1-3

Sat., Sept. 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Ps 19:2-5 / Mt 9:9-13

Sun., Sept. 22 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 / Jas 3:16—4:3 / Mk 9:30-37

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

This weekend (Sept. 14th/15th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Over the past three weekends (*and continuing for two more*), our second reading has been taken from the Letter of St. James. Tradition holds that “St. James” is the Apostle known as St. James the Lesser, son of Alpheus (Matthew 10:3). As seen in the Acts of the Apostles, St. James served as the Bishop of Jerusalem before facing martyrdom in AD 62.

As we hear from the Letter of St. James, we may begin to see how it shows itself to be intensely practical. Offering short statements regarding the “basics” of living out a life in Christ, this letter serves almost as a New Testament form of “wisdom literature,” similar to that Proverbs or Sirach. Though unique among New Testament letters, the Letter of St. James is one worth revisiting quite frequently, especially in our own prayerful reading of the Scriptures.

ST. FRANCIS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

With the final tally in, the participants of our **St. Francis Summer Reading Program** read a total of 4,350 pages. Congratulations to our top three readers: **(1) Landen, (2) Louis, and (3) Peter**. Our three top readers will be given the opportunity to choose from several prizes in the Parish Office.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY

It is with great joy that we can now announce that the altar at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery has been completed. Earlier this week, a crucifixion scene was secured atop the altar (pictured here). This crucifixion scene, the final piece of the altar to be installed, serves as a beacon of hope, reminding us of the eternal life won for us by the victory of Jesus’ Passion.

A special **“Thank You”** to both *The Monument Center* and *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home* for their diligent work in bringing this project to completion and the family of Wayne “Bud” and Sharon Miller for their generous donation of the altar and statuary in memory of their parents.



INTRODUCTORY RITES—THE CONFITEOR

Having received the unique greeting at the beginning of Mass, *“The Lord be with you,”* we respond *“And with your spirit.”* This equally unique response acknowledges the presence and working of the Holy Spirit through the priest in virtue of his ordination. This response affirms that the priest is acting *in the person of Jesus (in persona Christi capitis)* and performs the sacred duties of the liturgy through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Having greeted one another, we now prepare to approach the Lord exactly as St. Justin Martyr recorded in the 2nd Century: *“Assemble on the Lord’s day, and break bread and offer the Eucharist; but first make confession of your faults, so that your sacrifice may be a pure one.”* Before approaching the altar of the Lord, we first acknowledge our own sinfulness and ask for God’s help in the Penitential Rite.

Participating in this rite with a true interior repentance can bring about one’s own conversion. Described by St. Thomas Aquinas in the 13th Century, the Penitential Rite is “an act proceeding from grace, in detestation of venial sin... as when one is moved fervently to God.” Though different from the Sacrament of Confession, this rite, when prayed fervently, can still move our hearts to conversion and bring about a desire to seek reconciliation with others.

The Penitential Rite itself has a communal nature to it. Though we do not name our sins in it, we are, nevertheless, admitting our guilt not only to God but to all those present. This highlights the social effects of sin, where sin affects not just our relationship with God but our relationships with each other.



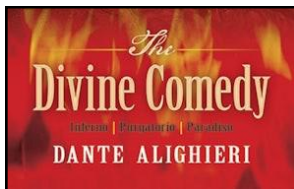
Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Richard Payne, and Al Gillig.

BOOK STUDY—*THE DIVINE COMEDY*

WHEN: Monday, September 23rd 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.



CATHOLICISM EXPLAINED

Our *CATHOLICISM EXPLAINED* Series will be on break this Thursday, Sept. 19th due to Street Fair. We will resume Sept. 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Our **G.I.R.L.'s Night Out** had a great first meeting this past week. All the women of the parish are invited to join them every second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Parish Conference Room.



It's not too late to pick up a book in the parish office and join them for their book study at their next monthly meeting on October 8th.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Sept. 14** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 15** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept 15**- Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 17** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 18** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 18** - Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass.
- **Thurs., Sept. 19** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 19** - No Catholicism Explained Class
- **Fri., Sept. 20** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 21** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **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.
- **Wed., Sept. 25** - Youth Group Bonfire (7-9 p.m.)
- **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.

Weekend of September 21st & 22nd



5:00 David Smith
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Jay Crisp (Adult Choir)



5:00 Marita Crawfis
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Ellie Coyne



5:00 N/A
7:30 N/A
10:00 Rick Singer, Jeff Miller, Tammi Helm



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
7:30 Philip/Angela/James Mayer
10:00 Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Luke Miller

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of September 7th & 8th

Adult Envelopes- \$4,380.00
Loose- \$261.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
\$565.82
Assumption- \$50.00
Votive Candles- \$546.26
Total- \$5,803.08

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$988.11** ahead of budget for the month of September.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$75.00

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>

Knights of Columbus



Days of Caring

Our **Knights of Columbus** will lead the **10th Annual Days of Caring** on September 26th, 27th, and 28th.

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.**

YOUTH GROUP- GRADES 7-12

Join us on Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. for Mass, followed by a bonfire, smores, and fellowship with your classmates until 9:00. All are welcome! Bring a friend!



VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE NARTHEX

Help make our Annual Parish Picnic a success; sign up to help!
"Alone we can do so little;
together, we can do so much." Helen Keller



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Constance (Connie) Nichter, wife of the late Ralph Nichter who passed away September 9, 2024 and was laid to rest September 13, 2024.

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.

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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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