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FACEBOOK: ST JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Julius Abuh
Father's Email	frjabuh@gmail.com
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper	Darla Carlock
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DRE	
R.C.I.A.	Mike Huffor
Coordinator of Youth Ministry (CYM)	
Director of Music	Jodi Swiderek

### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday Vigil Mass	4 pm
Sunday (English)	8 am and 10 am
Sunday (Spanish)	12:00 pm
Daily Mass (Tue -Fri) and 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	9 am

### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Mass at 9 am and 7 pm (Bilingual)

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 1 pm  
Bulletin items due Tuesday before 12:30 pm  
Call office to schedule facilities.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptismal preparation is required for parents who desire their baby / child to be baptized. Parents must be registered with the church. Forms and information are available in the office.

### **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DUE TO COVID PLS CALL**

Saturday 3pm Sunday 9:15 – 9:45 am or upon request  
Domingo 12:00 pm Spanish

### **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

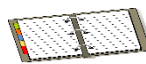
If one is seriously ill or having surgery, please call the parish office or the rectory for Anointing of the Sick. A Priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion will administer Holy Communion on a weekly basis to shut-ins.

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Couples should contact the Pastor a minimum of six (6) months in advance. Dates may not be set prior to the second meeting with the priest. The Diocese requires that couples attend an Engaged Encounter or Picture of Love Weekend.



**St Joseph the Worker**, as a happy faith community, welcomes you and your family with joyful hearts to our church. If you are not registered and want to belong to this happy family of worshippers, please stop one of the ushers or myself, Fr. Julius, and request a registration form. Or you may always call the office at (423) 442-7273.



### **A Week Ahead in our Parish**

Mon Aug 16- No Mass

Tues Aug 17 - No Mass

Weds Aug 18 - 9 am Communion Service

9:30am Rosary

Thu Aug 19 - No Mass

7 pm Rosary (MH)

Fri Aug 20 - 9 am Communion Service  
No Adoration

Sat Aug 21 – 4 pm Mass *People of the Parish*  
By:

Sunday Aug 22 - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Mass *no request made*  
By:

10 am Mass *no request made*  
By:

12:30 pm Mass (Spanish) *no request made*  
By:

Saturday/Sunday			Aug 14/15
Usher	4pm	8am	10am
	Donna T	Frank U	Ken Hay
Server	Steve/Cami	Gary K	
	Conrad K	Katie E	Andrew S
	Michael M	Ashton H	Alex S
Reader			Aadon S
	Barb C	Dottie E	Marvin D
		Donna H	Teri S
EMHC	Please check with Fr Julius before Mass		
Church Cleaning Mon. Aug 23 – Nancy M Jodi S			
Counters: Mike M		Susan	

### **ONLINE GIVING**

Visit our website at [www.sjtwrcc.org](http://www.sjtwrcc.org)  
click on the **Donate Now** button

First gathering: Sept. 16, 1992 Blessing of Building: May 25, 2001  
Consecration of Altar & Church January 12, 2003  
Canonically erected Parish May 1, 2006 Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

**August 7-8, 2021 Week 6**

Attendance: 312 weekly Need: \$ 4063

Offering	Online	week +/-	YTD
4322	0	+ 259	+ 7843

Capital Exp. 123 Capital Build Fund 115

Good Shepherd 362 Feed My Sheep 61

Thank you all who give so generously. God Bless you!



### *Pray for the Sick of our Parish*

Dale Bauer

Ron Eydt

Jeanne Huffor

Susie Ryan

Dennis Wilson

Mary Cornejo

Maria Figueroa

Alvaro Pina

Hugo Schielke

Charles Downs

Raymond Hinkle

Karen Ruggiero

Patty Swatzell

Any parishioner who is sick or having surgery, notify Fr. Julius or the office (privacy extended to those who request it).

**Event of Death:** notify the office if you would like the Parish to share your grief if a family member dies. Mass can be offered immediately or at a date convenient to the family.

**Happy Birthday** – Madeline Albach, Sofia Gonzalez, Brandon Guzman, Brayan Guzman, Rigoverto Guzman, Susana Jimenez, Gary Lewinski, Sandra Martinez, Bo Maslanyk, Ruth Maslanyk, Alisson Mejia, Charles Mills, Adrian Mora, Maria Mora, Cecilia Robledo, Mario Zavala

**Happy Anniversary** – Robert & Nancy Goldberg, Jose & Maria Gomez

To add or remove a name from the list, please contact the office.



**Our Blessed Mother** has asked us to pray the rosary for world peace. Join us to recite the rosary together at **7:00 PM on Thursdays at the grotto.**

**Sizes for items for the Martinez's Family:**

**Father:**

Shoes -size 10

Pants - size 34 x 30

Shirts – size Large

**Mother:**

Shoes – size 5 ½ - 6

Pants – size 5

Dresses- size Medium



**Bible study begins in September:**

Date to be determined. Contact Marion Croker at 423-420-0135.

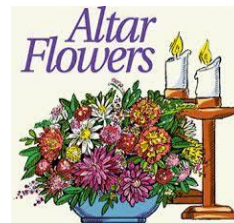
### **Thought for the week:**

"By looking at Mary's Assumption into Heaven we understand better that even though our daily life may be marked by trials and difficulties, it flows like a river to the divine ocean, to the fullness of joy and peace. We understand that our death is not the end but rather the entrance into life that knows no death. Our setting on the horizon of this world is our rising at the dawn of the new world, the dawn of the eternal day." ..Pope Benedict XIV



**Coffee & Donuts:** are served downstairs in the parish hall after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. All are welcome to join us.

**Volunteers are Needed:** Teachers are needed for our CCD classes for Sundays after the 10:00 AM Mass. Contact the office if you can help.



**Altar Flowers:** If you have a special occasion coming up, please consider purchasing flowers for the altar. We can place your intention in the bulletin. The cost is \$45. Call the office for scheduling.

**Readers & Altar Servers:** Please check the revised listing for your dates of service.

**The Good Shepherd Needs Volunteers!** They need volunteers to serve the food pantry, client intake, clothing distribution, administration, and drivers to pick up food on various days- a van is provided. For information call Tina Smith. M-Th, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM. The phone # is 423-420-8888. Mail donations to: Good Shepherd Center, PO Box 353, Madisonville, TN 37354.

**Knights of Columbus Yard Sale:** The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who helped to make their annual Yard Sale a great success.



VATICAN CITY (CNS): Pope Francis led the Angelus from the window of his studio overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Aug. 8, 2021. In his message, the pope said Jesus

is the "essential bread of life," the one who "makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us" and "He gives us the strength to love."

Pope Francis said: "Jesus wants to nourish the souls of those who are spiritually famished from the loneliness and anguish that come from life's difficulties." "What does he not want? To be relegated to being considered a side dish — he who is bread — to be overlooked and set aside, or called on only when we need him," the pope told pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square Aug. 8 during his Sunday Angelus address.

The pope reflected on the Sunday Gospel reading from St. John in which Jesus responded to those who doubted that he was the 'bread that came down from heaven.' "I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die," Jesus said. Commenting on the passage, Pope Francis said bread is a basic necessity, needed for survival, especially by the hungry who "do not ask for refined and expensive food, they ask for bread."

"Jesus reveals himself as bread, that is, the essential, what is necessary for everyday life; without him nothing works," the pope said. "He is not one bread among many others, but the bread of life," he said. Without Christ, Christians could only "get by" because he is the only one who can nourish their souls and only he "forgives us from that evil that we cannot overcome on our own." "He alone makes us feel loved, even if everyone else disappoints us; he alone gives us the strength to love and, he alone gives us the strength to forgive in difficulties; he alone gives that peace to the heart that it is searching for; he alone gives eternal life when life here on earth ends. He is the essential bread of life," the pope said.

The culmination of Jesus' mission as bread for all is revealed at the Last Supper, when Jesus knows that God "is asking him not only to give food to people, but to give himself, to break himself, his own life, his own flesh, his own heart so that we might have life," the pope continued.

The Eucharist, Pope Francis said, should reawaken in Christians the amazement of God's love for humanity and should be expressed through the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

And, he said, before meals, "it would be lovely, before breaking bread, to invite Jesus, the bread of life, to ask him simply to bless what we have done and what we have failed to do. Let us invite him into our home; let us pray in a 'domestic' style. Jesus will be at the table with us and we will be fed by a greater love."

**By: Junno Arocho Esteves**



The United Nations rights chief has expressed alarm over the rising violence and perpetration of human rights violations in

Afghanistan, saying they are having disastrous consequences on the people. UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet expressed her concern as civilian casualties continue to mount and reports of violations that may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity continued to emerge.

**Appeal for Ceasefire:** "Parties to the conflict must stop fighting to prevent more bloodshed. The Taliban must cease their military operations in cities," Bachelet stressed. She warned that "unless all parties return to the negotiating table and reach a peaceful settlement, the already atrocious situation for so many Afghans will become much worse".

After 20 years of war, which started as a response to the 9/11 attacks on the US, foreign forces are pulling out of Afghanistan following a deal between the US and the Taliban militants they removed from power back in 2001. The Taliban have pledged not to allow Afghanistan to become a base for terrorists who could threaten the West. But the manner and speed with which the Taliban are wresting control of territories from government troops, indicate the country is slipping into a worsening humanitarian crisis and civil war.

**Civilian Casualties:** The Taliban's sweeping takeover of at least 6 provincial capitals, 192 district administrative centers and attacks on other provincial capitals has struck fear and dread into the population. Reports by the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and the UN Human Rights Office, show that most of the civilian harm is being caused by ground engagements. Since the start of the May Taliban offensive, at least 241,000 people have been displaced, and the protracted fighting in the cities has resulted in damage to essential infrastructures like roads and bridges, and other civilian objects.

Fighting across the country, has claimed the lives of over 40,000 people since 2009 when UN reporting began. People have suffered enough. More than 1,000 people were killed or injured due to indiscriminate attacks against civilians in Helmand, Kandahar and Herat provinces in July alone.

**By Robin Gomes**

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

*From the Desk of Fr Julius Abuh*

*Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Grace and peace!*

On today's Holy Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother, we as Catholics understand that the Virgin Mary, body, and soul, was carried up to the celestial paradise. Thus, when her earthly life was completed, Jesus Himself came to gather her up and exalted her as Queen of Heaven. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 966). This celebration honors the feast of Mary's total release from death and decay, where she reigns with Christ forever.

In our First Reading, the author of Revelation may not have had Mary of Nazareth in mind when he described the "woman" in this narrative. He sees the "woman" as a symbol for the nation and people, Israel. She is pictured as giving birth, as Israel brought forth the Messiah through her pains. The Church sees this woman as symbolic of the Church, and the woman's offspring represents the way the Church brings Christ into the world. The dragon would represent the world's resistance to Christ and the truths that the Church proclaims.

In continuation of this thesis, St. Paul in his Letter to the Corinthians defends the teaching of the resurrection of the dead, an apt selection on the feast of our Heavenly Mother's Assumption into Heaven. In the Magnificat, the song that Mary intones in today's Gospel, Mary acknowledges that "the Almighty has done great things" for her. Besides honoring her as Jesus' mother, God has blessed her with the gift of bodily Assumption. God, who has "lifted up" His "lowly servant" Mary, lifts up all the lowly, not only because we are faithful, but also because God is faithful to the promise of Divine mercy.

Remarkably, Mary's Assumption gives us the assurance and hope of our own resurrection and assumption into Heaven on the day of our Last Judgment: this ensures to us that we, too, will one day join the Blessed Mother in giving glory to God. Mary, as supreme model of all virtues, points the way for all followers of Christ to imitate her fidelity and obedience to God's will. Since Mary's Assumption was a reward for her saintly life, we are reminded that we, too are to keep our bodies pure and holy.

In our current moment of significant adversity, where human despair and temptation are imaginable, we ask for the grace to pray to our powerful heavenly Mother who constantly intercedes for us to her Son, Jesus. Our task is to imitate her self-sacrificing love, her indestructible Faith, and her perfect obedience. Let us join the hosts of heaven to celebrate!

Happy Assumption of Our Blessed Mother!