# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)

The 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal is about more than just giving—it's about opening doors to new possibilities for individuals and families in our diocese. Through your generosity, we can continue to support programs that educate and form the next generation of Catholics, assist those struggling financially, and support the work of our priests and deacons. With the theme "Open Your Heart, Open a Door," this year's appeal encourages us to share the blessings we've received, so others can experience the love of Christ. Please consider making a gift again this year!



**DIOCESE OF RALEIGH** 

#### LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S

The Ladies of St. Joseph's meet on the **SECOND SATURDAY** of each month at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join our parish fellowship! Contact *Ellen Whitman* at (910) 620-6458 for more information.

#### **Stewardship**

January 12, 2025

11:00 AM (English) Mass		1:00PM (Spanish) Mass	
Offertory	\$336.58	Offertory	\$ 855.

Priest Welfare & Retire. \$ 20.00

Total

\$855.40 Offertory

\$ 356.58 **Total** \$ 855.40

> Thank you for your continued support! May God Bless you always and in all ways!

For bulletin announcements and/or changes contact Agnes Fields via e-mail at agnesfields@gmail.com (Subject: Bulletin) or text to (910) 431-0326 by 6pm Thursday

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, January 19, 2025

# **Share in the Apostolic Mission of the Church**

We, the parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a community of faith, being spirit-filled and empowered by our baptism, are called to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. United by our worship, our continued commitment to faith formation and our love for one another, we dedicate our time, talents, and treasure to the enrichment of our community and the greater glory of God.

# We welcome all visitors!

Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church. We are glad you chose to be with us today. If you are traveling, we pray for your safe journey home. If you live in this area, we hope you will return soon to worship with us.



#### Sunday Mass:

11:00 am in English 1:00 pm in Spanish

## Daily Mass:

Wednesdays at 8:30 am Thursdays at 8:30 am

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Please come spend some time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration begins at **3:00 pm every Wednesday** and ends at **7:00 pm**.



# **SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM:** Parents must attend a preparation class prior to having their child baptized. Please schedule an appointment with Father Roger to discuss the procedure.

RECONCILIATION: Immediately following Mass and by appointment.

<u>MARRIAGE</u>: The marriage preparation program for the Diocese of Raleigh takes 6 months. Please contact Father Roger for an appointment.

1ST PENANCE, 1ST HOLY COMMUNION, & CONFIRMATION:

Contact Father Roger for information.

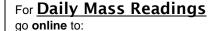
## **Today's Readings**

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

"Proclaim His marvelous deeds to all the nations."

1 Corinthians 12" 4-11 John 2:1-11



http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings

http://www.ewtn.com/daily-readings (Includes Daily Mass video)

# Today's Meditation

#### ON EMPTY?

"The wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told Him, 'They have no more wine.' "
- John 2:3 -

In John's Gospel, Jesus began His public ministry at a wedding feast where they had "no more wine." Likewise, many people begin to let Jesus work in their lives when they realize they are out of wine, love, strength, energy, ideas, or hope. In the weakness of our emptiness, God's power in us can reach perfection (2 Cor 12:9).

It is literally true that without Jesus we can do nothing (Jn 15:5). Of ourselves, we are always on "empty" in the important things in life. Life is an impossible situation. This gradually or at least eventually becomes obvious. We are doomed to despair. Who can save us? (see Rm 7:24)

Jesus alone is our Savior. "There is no salvation in anyone else, for there is no other name in the whole world given to men by which we are to be saved"



(Acts 4:12). So the most important thing in life is to give our lives and our emptiness totally to Jesus. We must take Mary's advice and do whatever Jesus tells us (Jn 2:5). Jesus is our only Hope.

We live in hope in His lordship over our lives. We express this hope through our obedience to Him. He will take us from our emptiness to the fullness of the wedding feast of heaven (see Rv 19:7). Thank You, Jesus!

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## PRAYER LIST

**Nick Hesse** Phyllis Kubelka The Butrim Family **Nerv Fields** Gina Brooks **Stacey Riemer Bill Barnett** Liz Becker **Darrin Pierres** Marilyn Malberg The Daniels Family Michael Kubelka **Ieanette Rivenbark Geraldine Egner** The unborn All those incarcerated **United States Leadership** All those who suffer from addiction

Please e-mail agnesfields@gmail.com to have a loved one placed on our prayer list. If you have placed a loved one on our prayer list, and you feel they no longer need to be on it, please e-mail so that we may update it.

