

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Sept.  
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## CATHOLICISM EXPLAINED

HAVE QUESTIONS?  
WE'VE GOT ANSWERS.

Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Do you have questions about what Catholics believe?  
Are you interested in becoming Catholic?  
Do you want to learn more about your Faith?  
Join us for Catholicism Explained as we go in depth  
into what Catholics believe.

**Pastor:** Fr. David Violi

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**Administrative Assistant / DRE:** Michelle Paxton | **Director of Sacred Music:** Teresa Smith

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

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Join us on Monday, September 4th, for a special Labor Day Mass at 9:00 AM.

This weekend (September 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. This Friday (September 8<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is one of only three birthdays celebrated on the liturgical calendar, the other two being St. John the Baptist and (*of course*) our Lord.

Dating back to at least the Fifth Century, this feast day itself celebrates the dedication of a church built, according to tradition, over the home of St. Anne, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Spiritually, this day allows the Church to celebrate the very first rays of the dawn of redemption with the birth of the very Mother of God herself. Mary was born to be the mother of the Savior of the world and, through Him, the spiritual mother of all men as she is given to us by her Son upon the Cross. Make sure to celebrate this great feast in some way!

### PASTORAL LETTER TO PARISH SCHOOL-AGED FAMILIES

This past month, I offered my general pastoral guidance regarding the *Lifewise Academy* program being allowed in our public schools. I've since drafted a full letter diving into the background and reasons that led me to offer this guidance. This letter is being sent to all of our registered school-aged families and is now available on our parish website. Please note, at the request of several of our parents, this letter is a bit long so as to provide a thorough review of the concerns we've found with this program.

### SIXTH ANNUAL DAY OF CARING AND SHARING

Our parish has been asked to take the lead and help organize the sixth annual **Day of Caring and Sharing**. This yearly event pairs volunteers from various local groups to service projects that support a wide-range of needs within our community. Our Knights of Columbus have participated annually in this event and are now taking on a leadership role to help ensure that it continues for years to come.

Sign-up sheets for the various projects are out in the narthex. The "day" itself is actually three days, running from Sept. 14th through Sept. 16th, and helps to provide for the needs of many local charities, including the Boys and Girls Club, Hannah's House, and Forgotten Children. If you are able to volunteer for any of the projects, I encourage you to do so. This is a wonderful way to give back and show our parish's support to our local community.

### UPDATES ON SCHOOLING AND WORK WITHIN OUR TRIBUNAL

Recently, I've been asked a number of times if I have completed my studies. At the moment, I've completed all coursework and finished all necessary exams, including the canonical equivalent of the Bar Exam. I am still, however, working on my thesis. Given my responsibilities to both our parish and our diocesan Tribunal, I've had to moderate the amount of time I can put towards research and writing. Yet, I am still on track to finish my thesis this fall.

Once I complete my thesis, I will most likely be appointed as a judge within our Tribunal-system. It is my hope, though, that I can first serve, at least for a short time, as one of our Defenders of the Bond. This position serves in the Tribunal as an independent third-party within every annulment proceeding and argues for the validity of the marriage. Serving in this position will allow me the opportunity to gain greater insight into the full workings of our Tribunal-system.

In addition to my current role as an advocate in our Tribunal, I am also starting to "take the show on the road." Working together with our Tribunal staff, we are preparing a number of presentations for priests and parish staff to be given throughout the diocese in September and October. These presentations will help train priests and parish staff to better assist and accompany parishioners who are currently going through the marriage nullity process. (*As these presentations will be offered during the day, they will not affect our general parish schedule.*)

~Fr. David

### Saturday, September 2

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. Sara Houlihan +

### Sunday, September 3

#### Twenty-Second 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, September 4 Labor Day

9:00 a.m. Bernadette Kinzer +  
Tuesday, September 5

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration  
8:00 a.m. Steve Hickert +  
8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, September 6

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession  
7:00 p.m. Mary Ann Flowers +

### Thursday, September 7

8:00 a.m. Dean Betts +  
Friday, September 8

8:30 a.m. The Children of Tom & Becky Jackson

### Saturday, September 9

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 10 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Joan Scheidler +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 4 - Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - Labor Day - 1

Thes 4:13-18/ Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 5 - 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11/ Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 6 - Col 1:1-8/ Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 7 - Col 1:9-14/ Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest - Col 1:21-23/ Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 10 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ez 33:7-9/ Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20



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.



## Praise and Worship Holy Hour

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Church  
Confessions heard from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

## Knights of Columbus

September Meeting

Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM  
in the Parish Social Hall

Join us for the Rosary in the Church at 6:40 PM



# CATHOLICISM EXPLAINED

**Have Questions? We've Got Answers.**

Sessions Start on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-7:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.



Join our Religious Education Classes for the recitation of the Holy Rosary on Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 AM, led by Fr. David and our Youth Group. Following the Rosary, Fr. David will offer a special blessing for the new year.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **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** - Labor Day/ Mass 9:00 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 5** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 5** - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church / Meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 6** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 6** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 6** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Sept. 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 7** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Sept. 8** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 9** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 9** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 10** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 10** - Religious Education Classes Resumes from 8:30-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Education Center
- **Tues., Sept. 12** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 12** - GIRL's Night Out - Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

## Weekend of September 9/10 Weekend



**5:00** Mike Morrissey  
**7:30** Donna Geisel  
**10:00** Jay Crisp



**5:00** Carol Butler  
**7:30** Geoff Frank  
**10:00** Patti Clark-Johnson



**10:00** Tammi Helm, Rick Singer



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

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Aug. 26/27

Adult Envelopes- \$3,026.00  
Loose- \$122.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,809.07  
Assumption- \$10.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$125.00  
Votive Candles- \$79.00  
**Total- \$5,171.07**

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

We are \$1,239.42 behind our budget for the month of August.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$140.00

*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>



**Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday, Oct. 1st**  
**after 10:00 Mass**  
**Sign up sheets in the narthex.**

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### From Death To New Life



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Carolyn Butler, wife of the late Bob Butler and mother of Tony Butler, who passed away Saturday, August 26, 2023 and will be laid to rest, Saturday, September 2, 2023.

Tony's late father Bob, and Tony are members of our Knights of Columbus. Tony often serves at our Knight's Masses.

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.