



# Saint Joseph's Monastery Parish

3801 Old Frederick Rd. at Monastery Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21229

**We are a welcoming parish.** Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of St. Joseph's Monastery Parish.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot

**Tuesday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Thursday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

**Friday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

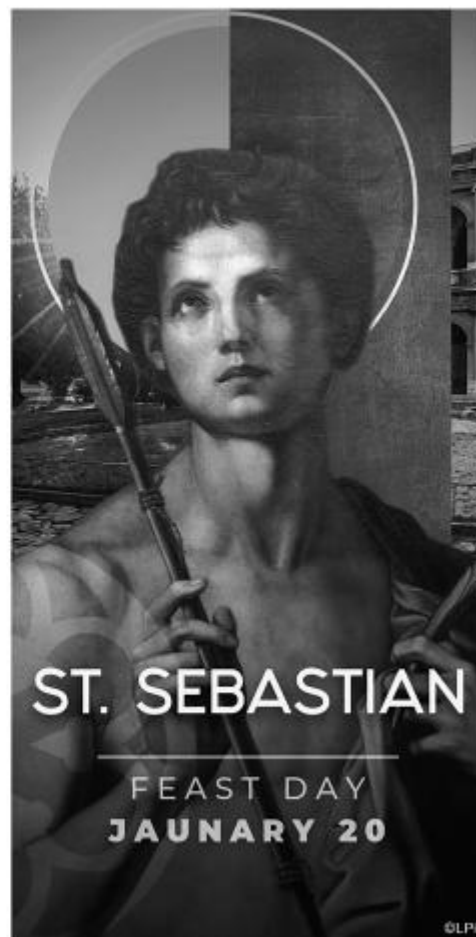
**Saturday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

As a young man marries a virgin,  
your Builder shall marry you;  
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride  
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)



## PSALM

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the  
nations. (Ps 96)



## SECOND READING

But one and the same Spirit produces all  
of these,  
distributing them individually to each  
person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)



## GOSPEL

Jesus did this as the beginning of his  
signs at Cana in Galilee  
and so revealed his glory,  
and his disciples began to believe in  
him. (Jn 2:11)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

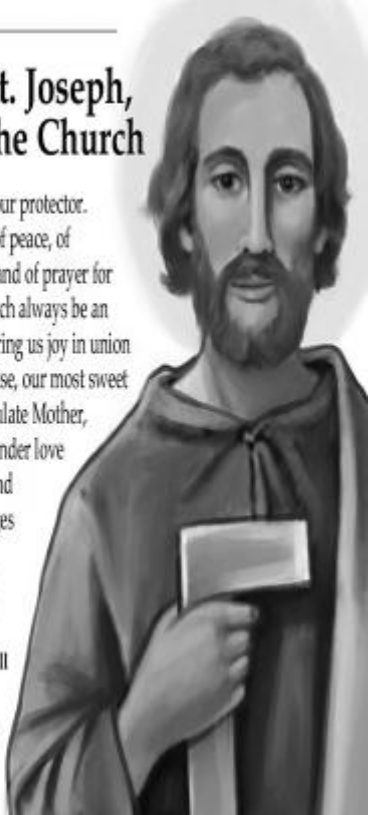


# PARISH INFORMATION

## Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of the Church

St. Joseph! Always be our protector.  
May your inner spirit of peace, of  
silence, of good work, and of prayer for  
the cause of Holy Church always be an  
inspiration to us and bring us joy in union  
with your blessed spouse, our most sweet  
and gentle and Immaculate Mother,  
and in the strong yet tender love  
of Jesus, the glorious and  
immortal King of all ages  
and peoples.  
Amen

—Pope St. John XXIII



### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael A. Murphy, x216 ..... Pastor  
Mrs. Gail Fischer, x226 GFischer@sjmp.org Religious Education  
Ms. Rebecca Obniski, x235 info@sjmp.org Director of Music

### PARISH STAFF

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Ms. Lisa Jacobs x214 LJacobs@sjmp.org Parish Secretary

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
251 S. Morley Street  
Phone-410 -566-0877 Fax-410 -233-4974  
E-mail: info@sjmp.org

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-12) (9:30 a.m.- 10:40 a.m.)  
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.. - 10:40 a.m.  
RCIA ..... 9:35 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.  
Mrs. Barbara Dawson: 443-844-1068 bid70x7@aol.com  
Mrs. Mary Homans 410-299-6187 marymargarethomans@gmail.com

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Pastor to be notified 6 months in advance of plan date.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements are made with the Pastor

### PASTOR

Father Michael Murphy



### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. &  
11:00 a.m. (Family Liturgy)  
Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. Monday-Thursday

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a family member is ill or anticipating surgery, please contact the Pastor to be anointed.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

To assure the safety of our parishioners and our parish office staff our winter related closings will be as follows: There will be **NO** daily mass if Baltimore County Schools are closed or delayed in opening. If Baltimore County Schools are closed, the parish office will also be closed. If Baltimore County Schools are delayed in opening the parish office will open at 10:00 am. Our primary concern is to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

We wish to welcome everyone to become an active member of the St. Joseph's Monastery Parish Family!

Hello! I would like to become a member of St. Joseph's Monastery Parish. Please send me a registration form as soon as possible.

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251 South Morley Street  
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**BULLETIN MASSES For  
January 15 23,2022**

**Saturday, January 15,2022**

**4:00 p.m.** Patricia James (D)

**Sunday, January 16,2022**

**8:30 a.m.** People of the Parish

**11:00 a.m.** Charlotte Casserly (D)

**Monday, January 17,2022**

**8:00 a.m.** No Intentions

**Tuesday, January 18,2022**

**8:00 a.m.** No Intentions

**Wednesday, January 19,2022**

**8:00 a.m.** In Loving Memory of  
Donald F. Bateman (D)

**Thursday, January 20,2022**

**8:00 a.m.** C. Godfrey Garvey (D)  
Birthday Remembrance

**Saturday, January 22,2022**

**4:00 p.m.** Mary J. Portera (D)

**Sunday, January 23,2022**

**8:30 a.m.** People of the Parish

**11:00 a.m.** James Casey (D)

**Bulletin Masses**

Please call the Rectory office to have your loved ones and friends remembered or honored in a Bulletin Mass. It is a great way to remember and honor your special dates and occasions.

**Faithful Departed**

**Question:** How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

**Answer:** We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

**PRAYER LIST :** Please remember those who are sick, in a nursing or convalescent home, the homebound and their families and caregivers by including them in our Parish Prayer Chain. Please call the Rectory 410-566-0877 to add them to our list. If anyone needs visitation, please call the Rectory 410-566-0877 with the names of anyone in the hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility or who is homebound.

Richard (Cancer) Nadine (Cancer). Tom M.( Special Intentions) Dick K. (Cancer) Peggy, Bob & Andy Moan (Special Intentions) Mara, Fadi, Yosif, Mara & Sally, Hanan ,Shawn , Alton (Special Intentions) . Cecilia W. (Special Intention) Barbara's Neighbor (Cancer) Larry J. (Good Health) Dareen McGloin (Good Health), Joseph Meyer (Good Health) & Family ,Karen Bowen (Fall & Surgery), Herman Williams (Fall) Peggy Day (Fall) Mike G. (Stroke) & Strength for the Family, Marian Erdman (Fall) Chris (Good Health) Pat B. (Good Health) Eugene M. (Covid recovery) Louis (Avon) Owens ( Good Health) Mary Dooley (Liver Condition) ,Chuck McNery (Cancer) Daniel Thomas (Cancer) , Tom Cornell (Cancer) Pat Bunke & Family (Cancer), Elaine M. (Cancer) , Joe Garbo (Good Health) Michael J. Lampieri (Special Intentions) John Jackson (Special Intentions Recovery from an Accident) Bill Thornberg ( Kidney Cancer) , Elaine (Good Health), Betty Ann (Stroke), Bernard (Good Health) Christine (Good Health) Julie (Good Health) Ted (Good Health) Cayden & Parents (Good Health) Mary Margaret Richards (Cancer), Maria (Good Health) ,Emma and Kathy (Special Intention), Kay (Fall & Good Health) ,Richard Melson (For Peace & Healing) Ann Cleaver & Sons (Special Intention) Gloria Ratliff (Surgery & Treatment) , Lyla (Good Health) Ernie (Surgery and Recovery) Dennis Dooley (Cancer) Trish K. (Good Health ) Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jesse and keep Jesse's Family in your prayers., Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carl and keep Carl's Family in your prayers, Mary Jean (Good Health) , Laura ( Good Health) Gary Frame (Good Health)

**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTIONS  
FOR JANUARY For true human fraternity**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

"The Bible is not just a beautiful book to keep on a shelf. It is the Word of life to be sown, a gift that the Risen Jesus asks us to accept in order to have life in His name." – POPE FRANCIS

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us—  
Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Registration: Submit your name, address, and phone number to [normayearick80@gmail.com](mailto:normayearick80@gmail.com)

Deadline: February 8, 2022



**January 1 & 2, 2022**  
**Mass Attendance 150**

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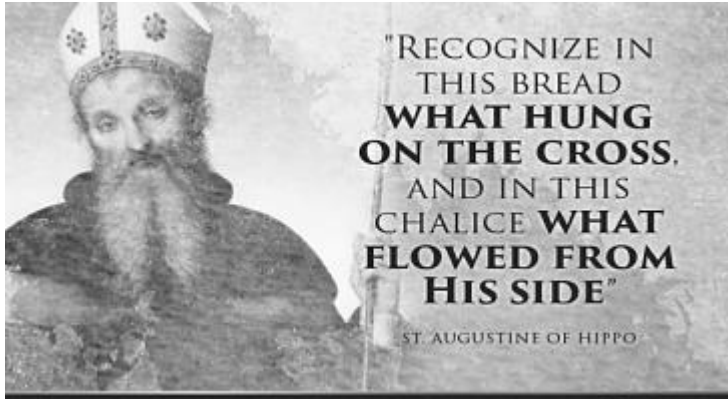
If you have had any changes to your name, address, email or marital status, please call or email the Rectory or fill out an updated registration form. Registration is very important to the Parish. Thank you!

**BLOG WITH THE CHURCH WINDOW INFORMATION** Follow Ann Severance at <https://reflectingthedivine.com/>  
Ann has put together a great resource on the beautiful windows in our Church. Thank you Ann !





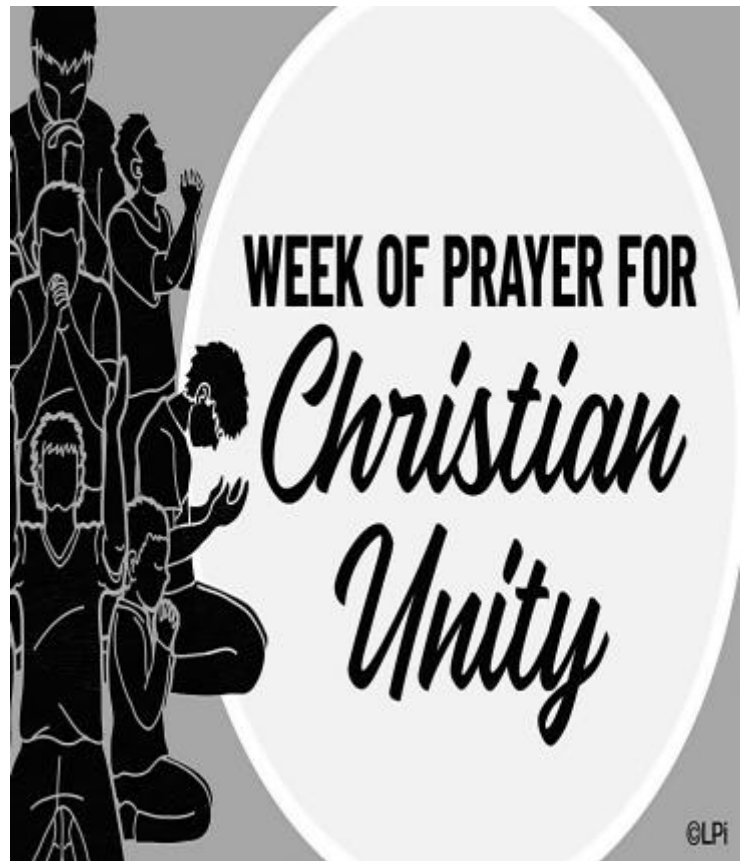
The Year of the Eucharist, will refocus the faithful on the central teaching that the Eucharist is truly Christ's body and blood. Christ instituted the Eucharist on the night of the Last Supper when he said, "Take and eat; this is my body." (Matthew 26:26)



**Prayer**

O Lord God our Father, increase our hope in you and let us know at all times that you are walking with us, watching over your people. Open our eyes to your Spirit, and encourage us in our faith, so that we may confess that Jesus is Lord, and worship and rejoice in him as the Magi did in Bethlehem. We ask you these blessings in the name of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life." —U.S. Catholic Bishops



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY  
JANUARY 18–25, 2022**

God of every nation, creator of every human life, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God, has been made manifest in human history by becoming one of us and one with us. Born in a stable, born in homelessness, he is our King and Lord. The Magi bore witness to the Light of hope coming into the world as they faithfully followed the star, coming from foreign lands in the East, until arriving in Bethlehem of Judea.

The solidarity of God with created humanity in this gift of Epiphany calls us to a life of solidarity with the homeless, the refugee, the weakest and the rejected. We are all human beings worthy of redemption and prepared by that redeeming love to the glory of your Kingdom. Help us, O gracious Lord, to do this in unity and peace.

As we who bear the name of Christian, from the days of the church at Antioch, hold a special place in our hearts for the ancient Christian communities in the land we call holy, remind us to continually respond to our baptismal promises to you, who said through your Spirit at the Jordan, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Help your Church, merciful One, to be a light for unity within itself and a beacon of hope for all humanity. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit reign as One God for ever and ever. Amen.



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