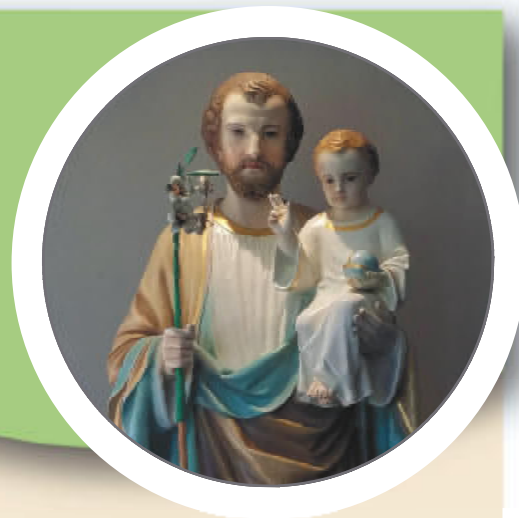


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Mass Schedule:

Saturday 8:15 am & 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am &
5:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday 8:15 am

Wednesday 5:30 pm

Thursday, Friday 8:15 am

Holy Day Mass: TBA, See Mass Intentions

Confession: Saturday 4:00 pm-5:00 pm &
on request

Religious Education

PSR (Children) Sundays 9:45 am

RCIA Thursdays 5:30 pm

Baptism: Preparations program required,
contact parish office for information.

Confirmation: Two-year program, ninth
and tenth grade.

Marriage: At least six (6) months notice
required in advance of proposed wedding date.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

23RD Sunday in Ordinary Time



23rd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphthal!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO :

Tuesday Night Bible Study will resume on Sept 7th @ 6pm

THE SHARE YOUR FOOD collection is this weekend. Non-perishable food items donated will be given out by SVDP to help feed the hungry in our community. There is a brown wicker hamper in the vestibule for your donations which can be made any weekend. Your help is sincerely appreciated.

Celebrate this month of October with a gift for the person who loves you—your spouse. Make time for one another by focusing your attention on each other during the next Marriage Encounter Weekend. Step forward during this month to a renewed commitment to your spouse. October 15-17 at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman. For more information or register online at www.wmme.org or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607

Let us know about a special event that is happening in your life, 50th or 25th Wedding Anniversary, Marriage, Baby, call or e-mail the church office, we would love to celebrate it with you.

BINGO PRIZE DONATIONS: *If you would like to donate a bingo prize, there will be containers in the vestibule for you to put them in starting this weekend. These can be prizes for children and adults. Thank you for your generosity! Also, if you'd like to be a BINGO caller, please let me know! We can use any and all! Debbi Nerstad, 256-366-3917*

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY
SEPT 11TH & SEPT 12TH 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:30 pm	8:30 am	11:00 am
Ordinary/Extraordinary Ministers		
Father Joseph John Foust	Father Joseph Sondra Koskey	Father Joseph Deacon Greg
Greeters		
Donnie Burns	Cathy Johnson	Chris Gremillion
Rick Nerstad	Nick Pieroni	Chris Tant
JP Stewart	Glenn Smith	Joshua Kilpatrick
Altar Servers		
Gavin Murphy-Rollings	Jolie Mauter	Sam Kilpatrick
Lectors		
Doug Hakenewerth	Lisa Dupuis	Brayden Austin
Gift Bearers		
Clemons Family	Wallace Family	Mckinney Family

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TOM & LYNN MOORE



MASS INTENTIONS:

Monday, September 6

8:15 am Emily Veselka

Tuesday, September 7

8:15 am Lisa Dupuis

Wednesday, September 8

5:30pm Kim Kroeger

Thursday, September 9

8:15 am Carolyn Armstrong

Friday, September 10

8:15 am +Olga Newell

Saturday, September 11

8:15 am

5:30 pm +Jack & Sandy Robertson

Sunday, September 12

8:30 am +Patricia Mitchon

11:00am +Freddie Franck

The Altar flowers are for the Glory of God,

Financial Stewardship:

OFFERTORY	DONATIONS	2021 BUDGET
Aug 29, 2021	\$ 4,119	\$ 6,588
Year to Date	\$ 219,723	\$ 230,580
BUILDING FUND & SJS Scholarship Assistance	DONATIONS	2021 BUDGET
Aug 29, 2021	\$ 2,525	\$ 1,502
Year to Date	\$ 44,582	\$ 52,570



Scripture for
Sept 12, 2021
Isaiah 50:5-9a/131
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Canned food collection by children for offertory

To volunteer to serve at Mass,
contact our Liturgical Assistant,
John Foust, at
johnfoust@stjosephflorence.org or call
256-483-8774. Mass Intentions & Altar
flower donations are
scheduled through the Parish Office.



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for more information.

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SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday 9/19/21 from 12:00pm-
4:00pm
Parish Picnic
We Look forward to seeing everyone**

**REMEMBERING IN PRAYER, OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS,
FAMILY, AND FRIENDS:**

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September 5, 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.



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