

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**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 see an ushers or Fr. Julius. Or call the office at (423) 442-7273.

## *Mass Intentions and Schedule*

**Monday, January 3-** no church

**Tuesday, January 4-** 9 am Mass Christine Grausso  
By: Rene Hertz

**Wednesday, January 5-** 9 am Mass Claire Barrie  
By: Rene Hertz

9:30 am- Rosary  
**Thursday, January 6-** 9 am Mass Virginia A. Grausso  
By: Rene Hertz

7 pm- Rosary (MH)  
**Friday, January 7-** 9 am Mass – Frank Grausso  
By: Rene Hertz

Adoration 9:30 am - Noon

**Sat., January 8-** 4 pm (Vigil Mass) *People of the Parish*

**Sunday, January 9- The Baptism of the Lord**  
8 am Mass Jeff McMillan  
By: Fr. Julius

10 am Mass † Edward William Heinemann  
By: Son

12:00 Mass (Spanish) none requested  
By:

If you wish to have a Mass said for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, complete a Mass Intentions information form or contact the office. Thank you.

Saturday/Sunday	January 8/9		
	<b>4pm</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>
Ushers	Donna T Steve/Cami	Frank U Gary K	Ken Hay
Server	Conrad K Michael M	Katie E Ashton H	Andrew S Alex S Aadon S
Reader	Jackie H	Donna H M Ouillette	Teri S Art S
EMHC	Please check with Fr Julius before Mass		
	Church Cleaning Mon. Jan 10 – Jodi S		
Counters:	Marlene	Susan	

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor **Rev. Dr. Julius Abuh**  
Father's email **Frjabuh@gmail.com**  
Fr.'s office email **pastor@sjtwrcc.org**  
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper **Darla Carlock**  
Office Assistant **Jean Schneider**  
Hispanic Ministry **Jose Aguilera Zavala/Diana Martinez**  
DRE **Jan Dye**  
R.C.I.A. **Mike Huffor**  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry (CYM)  
Director of Music **Jodi Swiderek**  
Knights of Columbus **Ed Harless**  
Women's Group **Barbara Callan**

### MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass **4 pm**  
Sunday (English) **8 am and 10 am**  
Sunday (Spanish) **12:00 pm**  
Daily Mass (Tue -Fri) **9 am**

### Holy Days 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**

### 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.

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

### **ONLINE GIVING**

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Click on the "DONATE NOW" button

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:**

**December 25-26, 2021      Week 26**

Attendance: 222      weekly Need: \$ 4063

Offering	Online	week +/-	YTD
2388	\$1415	- 260	+12,921

Christmas Collection: \$2564

Capital Exp. \$95      Capital Build Fund \$ 5 5

Good Shepherd \$189      Feed My Sheep \$92

Thanks to all who give so generously. God Bless you!

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

Dale Bauer	Mary Cornejo	Charles Downs
Ron Eydt	Maria Figueroa	Raymond Hinkle
Jeanne Huffor	Alvaro Pina	Karen Ruggiero
Bill Ryan	Hugo Schielke	Patty Swatzell
Dennis Wilson		

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 –** Baltazar Cortez, Robert Dickson, Juan Gonzalez, Carmen Hanczyk, Cassie Hanczyk, Angel Hernandez-Carrillo, Emanuel Lemus, Yanira Lopez, Bill Marquardt, Giovanni Medina-Vargas, Eloisa Mora, Gloria Munoz, Jesse Palmer, Rose Urban

**Happy Anniversary –** Ron & Peggy Howe

To add & remove from the list, please contact the office.



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



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

**Thought for the Week:** "What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God? ... Are you become foolish, O Wise Men ... Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise." - **St. Bernard of Clairvaux**



Our parish is preparing a parish directory this month. Photos will be taken January 18, 19 & 20. Register online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on appointment scheduling and enter tn170 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule an appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. Call the Church office if you need help.

**Two open positions on the Parish Pastoral Council for January 2022:** If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please call/email Fr. Julius at [Frjabuh@gmail.com](mailto:Frjabuh@gmail.com). (This is subject to Father's approval)



**The Good Shepherd Center Lottery**  
**Tickets** are \$50 each. Only 600 tickets are being sold. The prizes are \$5000, \$3000, & \$1500. Get tickets from Margaret Cummings (423-884-3882), Bill Marquardt (423-884-7227), or Jodi Swiderek (423-420-6609).

**Pope Francis has begun a process in which he wants every Catholic to advise him** - this will help direct the Catholic Church as it moves further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We begin here in our parish by asking each one of you to complete an anonymous survey designed to determine how you see the Church. Go to the survey at [synodsurvey.org](http://synodsurvey.org). Don't worry, there's help for those of you who do not have a computer. Please take the survey.



VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The COVID-19 pandemic has been tough on families, but with extra patience and faith, bonds can grow stronger, Pope Francis wrote in a letter

released on the feast of the Holy Family. “Marriage, as a vocation, calls you to steer a tiny boat — wave-tossed yet sturdy, thanks to the reality of the sacrament — across a sometimes stormy sea,” he told couples in the letter published Dec. 26.

Like the disciples who were foundering on the Sea of Galilee, couples must keep their eyes fixed on Jesus, he said. “Only in this way, will you find peace, overcome conflicts and discover solutions to many of your problems. Those problems will not disappear, but you will be able to see them from a different perspective.”

Reciting the midday Angelus prayer with visitors in St. Peter’s Square Dec. 26, Pope Francis said he had written the letter as a “Christmas gift” to married couples during the celebration of the “Amoris Laetitia Family” Year, a year dedicated to re-reading his 2016 exhortation on marriage and family life. In his Angelus talk, the pope commented on the day’s Gospel reading about a 12-year-old Jesus staying behind in Jerusalem and making Mary and Joseph frantic. “We see that even in the Holy Family things did not all go well: There were unexpected problems, anxiety, suffering. The Holy Family of holy cards does not exist,” he said.

When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple and ask him why he worried them so, he tells them, “Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” Mary and Joseph do not understand. “They need time to learn to know their son. That’s the way it is with us as well: Each day, a family needs to learn how to listen to each other to understand each other, to walk together, to face conflicts and difficulties.”

In his letter to families Pope Francis paid tribute to the strength and tenacity of couples as they face real difficulties together on the journey of life. Like Abraham, called by God to set out to an unknown land, he wrote, with the pandemic “we, too, have experienced uncertainty, loneliness, the loss of loved ones; we, too, have been forced to

leave behind our certainties, our ‘comfort zones,’ our familiar ways of doing things and our ambitions, and to work for the welfare of our families and that of society as a whole, which also depends on us and our actions.” The pandemic lockdowns, quarantines and periods of isolation “meant that there was more time to be together, and this proved a unique opportunity for strengthening communication within families,” the pope said. But that also demanded patience. “It is not easy to be together all day long, when everyone has to work, study, recreate and rest in the same house,” he said. When nerves are frazzled, try to put the needs of others first and re-read the hymn to love from 1 Corinthians 13 “so that it can inspire your decisions and your actions” and “the time you spend together, far from being a penance, will become a refuge amid the storms.” Pope Francis also told married couples, “Don’t be ashamed to kneel together before Jesus in the Eucharist, in order to find a few moments of peace and to look at each other with tenderness and goodness.” . . . .

“Children are always a gift,” the pope wrote. “They are thirsty for love, gratitude, esteem and trust.” Parents must pass on to their children “the joy of realizing that they are God’s children, children of a Father who has always loved them tenderly and who takes them by the hand each new day,” he said. “As they come to know this, your children will grow in faith and trust in God.”

Addressing engaged couples, Pope Francis said he knows the pandemic has been hard for those trying to plan a future together. “In your journey toward marriage,” he told them, “always trust in God’s providence, however limited your means, since at times, difficulties can bring out resources we did not even think we had. Do not hesitate to rely on your families and friends, on the ecclesial community, on your parish, to help you prepare for marriage and family life by learning from those who have already advanced along the path on which you are now setting out.”

The 85-year-old pope also expressed his affection to grandparents, especially those who are feeling isolated or alone. He urged families to make greater efforts to be with them or at least be in touch with them.

**By Cindy Woodon, Catholic News Service**