

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

January 22, 2017

"The Lord is my light and my salvation" Psalm 27:1

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrating 165 years of living faith since the foundation of our parish in 1851.

Proclaiming the Kingdom

Jesus begins his public ministry, proclaiming that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" and calling the first apostles. Here is what the Catechism has to say about this event in our Lord's life:

543 Everyone is called to enter the kingdom. First announced to the children of Israel, this messianic kingdom is intended to accept men of all nations. To enter it, one must first accept Jesus' word:

The word of the Lord is compared to a seed which is sown in a field; those who hear it with faith and are numbered among the little flock of Christ have truly received the kingdom. Then, by its own power, the seed sprouts and grows until the harvest.

544 The kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts. Jesus is sent to "preach good news to the poor"; he declares them blessed, for "theirs is the kingdom of heaven." To them—the "little ones" — the Father is pleased to reveal what remains hidden from the wise and the learned. Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst, and privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom.

545 Jesus invites *sinner*s to the table of the kingdom: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father's boundless mercy for them and the vast "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents." The supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice of his own life "for the forgiveness of sins."

To read the Catechism of the Catholic Church online, go to usccb.org and search "Catechism."

January 26: Saints Timothy and Titus

Having spoken at length on the great Apostle Paul, today let us look at his two closest collaborators: Timothy and Titus. Three Letters traditionally attributed to Paul are addressed to them, two to Timothy and one to Titus.

Timothy is a Greek name meaning "one who honors God." Whereas Luke mentions him six times in *Acts*, Paul in his *Letters* refers to him at least 17 times. One may deduce from this that Paul held him in high esteem. Indeed, the Apostle entrusted

Timothy with important missions and saw him almost as an alter ego, as is evident from his great praise of him in *Philippians*: "I have no one like him who will be genuinely anxious for your welfare."

Then, as regards the figure of Titus, we know that he was Greek by birth, that is, a pagan. Paul took Titus with him to Jerusalem for the so-called Apostolic Council, where the preaching of the Gospel to the Gentiles that freed them from the constraints of Mosaic Law was solemnly accepted.

In the Letter addressed to Titus, the Apostle praised him and described him as his "true child in a common faith." After Timothy's departure from Corinth, Paul sent Titus there with the task of bringing that unmanageable community to obedience.

If we consider together the two figures of Timothy and Titus, we are aware of certain very significant facts. The most important one is that in carrying out his missions, Paul availed himself of collaborators. Another observation concerns the willingness of these collaborators. The sources concerning Timothy and Titus highlight their readiness to take on various offices that also often consisted in representing Paul in circumstances far from easy. In a word, they teach us to serve the Gospel with generosity, realizing that this also entails a service to the Church herself.

*Pope Benedict XVI,
Papal Audience, December 13, 2006*



‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡

Saturday, January 21

5:00 p.m. For the newly installed leaders of our Country

Sunday, January 22 ***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

9:00 a.m. 2017 Pro Life March for Life

11:15 a.m. Intentions for the donors of the St. Joseph Legacy and Permanent Endowment fund

Monday, January 23 ***St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr***

8:00 a.m. Available

Tuesday, January 24 ***St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church***

8:00 a.m. For the Christmas Flower donors

Thursday, January 26 ***Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops***

8:00 a.m. Available

Friday, January 27

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Available

Saturday January 28 ***St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church***

5:00 p.m. Available

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Available

11:15 a.m. Available

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday January 28

5:00 p.m. Olivia, Max, Grace, Kirsten

Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Sam, Abby, Joseph, Laura

11:15 a.m. Ben, Will, Michael, Abigail, Sophia

LECTORS

Saturday, January 28

5:00 p.m. Jan Carrara

Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Jim Vandermillen

11:15 a.m. David Gillis

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, January 28

5:00 p.m. Carolyn Piatek

Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Lorraine Beaudoin

11:15 a.m. Dan Harrop

Please Note: For those of you who use our Parish Giving service please access your secured account to print your 2016 statement for tax purposes. The IRS will accept this printout as proof of your contributions to St. Joseph Church for the year. You will receive a statement for any contribution made directly to St. Joseph Church



Raffle Donations Needed for St. Joseph Feast Day Brunch

Sunday March 19th, 2017

One of the major components of our annual brunch is the Silent Auction, during which attendees bid on gift baskets that are filled with goods based on various themes — for example, Italian Basket, Beauty Basket, etc.

If you would like to donate a basket to this year's event or place an Ad in the Program Book please contact the rectory at 421-9137.



The 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal

Please consider how you will help the Church in Providence care for our brothers and sisters in need.

The first in-pew solicitations will take place
February 11th - 12th
February 18th - 19th



"LITTLE CHRISTMAS"

The "Little Christmas" Volunteer Brunch has been rescheduled for

Sunday February 5, 2017

Please RSVP by February 2nd



MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass Book for 2017 is now available. Please call the rectory at 421-9137 to

reserve anniversary or memorial Mass dates, or dates for special intentions



Choir Members
Welcome!

If interested please contact the Office at 401-421-9137 or speak with Donald Dame our Organist at St. Joseph's after Mass

AROUND THE DIOCESE:

PROVIDENCE — The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will visit several parishes in the Diocese of Providence from January 6 to January 30, 2017. All are invited to attend the various Masses, Holy Hours, presentations and veneration opportunities during this time. For a schedule of the visits, please visit: www.dioceseofprovidence.org or call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833 ext. 218.

PROVIDENCE — The Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, D.C., for the **44th Annual March for Life** — a peaceful and prayerful march to the U.S. Supreme Court. The cost for the overnight ride is \$80 per person and will be leaving R.I. on Thursday, Jan. 26 from various locations beginning at 7:30 p.m. Participants will visit the Verizon Center for the Youth Rally and Mass. There will be confession, rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations and a Mass for Life. For more information and to register, call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833 ext. 218.

BARRINGTON — Holy Angels Church will again be hosting the Women of Grace Study Program, "Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life" starting in late January 2017. The group will meet once a month on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. Discover the gift of authentic femininity, holiness of life, and God's awesome purpose and mission in the world today. For more information and to register, contact Roberta Morency 401-245-6623 or email robertamar30@hotmail.com.

Since 1966, the annual *Collection for the Church in Latin America* has stood as a tangible demonstration of solidarity within the Catholic Church across the

hemisphere. The proceeds of the Collection continue to provide opportunities to our brothers and sisters in Latin America who, while lacking financial resources, are rich in faith and love for Our Lord Jesus Christ.

January 29, 2017



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Envelopes	\$1,696.00	\$2,357.00
Loose:	\$ 30.00	\$ 237.00
Electronic giving	\$ 731.00	\$ 803.00
Children:	\$ 5.25	\$ 7.00
TOTALS:	\$2,452.25	\$3,292.00

Catholic University: \$379.00