

1st September 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saturday: Mass 11am; Vigil: 6.30 p.m.

Sun Mass: 9.30, 11 & 12.30; 6.30 pm

Mon-Friday Mass 8:30am

Every Saturday before Mass: Eucharistic Adoration: 10:30am.

Confession: Saturday: 11.30 – 12.30 & 5 – 6 p.m. or by appointment.

CCD starts 14/15 Sept : with the "Orientation day": Please parents, check lists on our boards and get infos from the CCD team.

Classes are full, we have a few places in Kindergarten, post-communion 1&2; Pre-Confirmation 1&2. None at all in pre-FHC, FHC & Confirmation classes

CCD teachers & coordinators' Meeting is Sat 7 Sept at 3PM, in Hall. Thanks for your participation.

First CCD classes are on 21/22 September.

Parish Information day: Sunday 8th September from 10 to 2pm: Information on the Parish and its different Ministries: Please Volunteer, many skills needed. In the Garden, weather permitted.

TALK on Communication Skills (all welcome): 5 September at 7.30pm

Swahili Mass: Sun 15 Sept 3pm

RCIA: Adults preparing for Sacraments of Initiation: Start is Thursday 12 Sept 8pm. Contact stjosephparis@orange.fr if you wish to receive Baptism, Confirmation, Full communion.

ALERT: Fr Martin's name is used in some scam received by some parishioners. Please be cautious on the email address origin; Fr Martin would use the church one or his email containing his own name, no other. Other hints to be cautious:

- Multiple use of the word "blessings".
- Fr. Martin title used.
- the subject line
- the setup technique and spelling mistakes
- DO NOT REPLY via email, class as scam and/or delete, Thanks in advance.

Baptism Preparation for parents of small infants: Sat. 7 Sept at 11am. starts in church with daily Mass.

Marriage Preparation Course: Registrations continue, course starts on line Sunday, 6 October from 4pm to 5:30pm. Applications for the Course to: stjosephparis@orange.fr
Next 5 sessions are Oct 20, Nov 3 & 17, Dec 1 & 15. Certificate given at the end.

Pastoral Council 12 Sept at 7:30pm will be held at St Joseph's

Collections now also available by credit card, see the Ministers at the end of Mass, back of the church, Thanks a lot.

NB: All "St Joseph ADP" donations (directly from our website or by cheque) are 66% tax refundable. \$ to "St Joseph's church" receipts on demand.

How to Be Pure Within

Oh! what need of a pure and humble mind has he who dedicates himself to be the place where the Holy Spirit works. Surely humility is ready to serve; it keeps far away all the arrogance of pride and it is eager to please the Holy Spirit through pureness of life. Since pride is the source of every sin and, on the contrary, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Ps 111:10; Prv 1:7), a wise humility carefully sees to it that this remedy confronts that evil. Therefore a humble fear, since it opposes the movements of lofty pride, does not allow the soul to be befouled by sin. He who is without fear will not be justified, because when access to the heart is overlooked, pride is not kept away from the innermost parts of the soul.

The virtue of humility expels the heart's pride through the spirit of fear and equally wears down the arrogance of the flesh by the remedy of a holy temperance. Humility is indeed the friend of the Holy Spirit and always prepares for him a spotless dwelling place, but an impure heart does not hesitate to offend him. Upon whom, says the Lord, shall my spirit rest, but on one who is humble and peaceable and who fears my words (cf. Is 66:2)? Surely where there is humility, there is peace, there is fear and reverence for the commandments.

Humility shows you, man, what you are, what you have been, and what you will be hereafter.... *Why are you haughty, dust and ashes* (Sir 10:9)? Why do you forget your own condition? Why do you not rather constantly remember that soon you will die? Why do you fix your gaze upon a world which is passing and which as it shakes and crashes constantly threatens its lovers with collapse? Deceitful indeed is its grace and worthless its beauty, for not only do these not bring a long-lived joy, but they fade quickly away into the torment of everlasting lamentation. The things which are transient are not to be loved, nor are the things which flee away to be embraced. Rather should devotion be given joyfully to those things which remain forever.... We should pant after the light of grace that the day of glory and honor may shine upon us.

Abbé Adam de Perseigne, Monk Cistercian abbey, 12-13th century. (Extract from Magnificat for Sunday 1 Sept 2024)