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Mission Statement

St. Joseph Parish.... "is a vibrant faith community" committed to **seeking** a full Christian life, **sharing** an active Catholic faith, and **serving** others with love, grace and dignity.

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism: By Appointment
Reconciliation: Saturday 3pm
or By Appointment
Matrimony: Contact Pastor Six months prior

Anointing of the Sick & Visits

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ID # 55334

A Note from Fr... This week, the Church celebrates the 20th Sunday Ordinary Time. I'm a little nervous to write this because there are two themes in the readings that I want to touch on, and I need to pick one! Apologies in advance if this is what you hear again from the pulpit!

I think this week is one of the rare times when the first and second readings overlap. Both of them are about the same thing: the place of "outsiders" in God's covenant. This might seem really obvious to us today. If someone wants to be Catholic and they're willing to go through the steps, they can just become Catholic. But it didn't work that way for much of biblical history. You had to be born into the covenant to be a real Jew. A foreigner could join themselves to Israel, but they would be second class citizens forever.

Both the first and second reading change that whole dynamic. In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies that the foreigners will join themselves to the Lord AND serve as priests of God. That was a huge rupture to the way that Israel understood herself. Even a holy Jew had to be BORN a priest. It wasn't something you could choose, much less something a foreigner could choose. Isaiah is effectively telling Israel that they have to remember that their status as Chosen People is not for them alone. They were chosen so that they could bring the rest of humanity into God's family, not hoard it for themselves.

The second reading shows what this looks like in the real world. Romans is a letter more than a book. Paul was writing to address a real problem, not just teach theology. The emperor had expelled all the Jews from Rome because of their disputes about the Messiah turning violent. This was a problem for the early Church because the first priests, bishops, and deacons, and leaders of the Church were all Jewish! While they were gone, Gentiles had to fill in the void and get ordained as leaders. When the Jews came back to Rome, they found a Church that was very different from the one they left behind. Their first instinct was probably to say "Thanks for holding down the fort, we'll take over from here". The Gentiles thought that wasn't fair. Paul is trying to show them that God has called everyone to the Gospel, and yet Israel never lost its status as God's chosen people.

I think we might live to see a similar situation. The Church across the world is swelling with new converts, even people who were recently atheists. They are new to the faith, but they will become more and more of a majority as time goes on. On the other hand, cradle Catholics tend to be slipping away from the Church. We might live to see a very different composition of the Church, but this is not a bad thing! It also doesn't mean that we don't matter for sticking with it!

Fr. Rob

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, August 22

Lector

Susie Shelton

Communion Minister

**Cathy Gatson,
Katie Beauchamp**

Servers

Volunteer

Sunday, August 23

Lector

**Stacey Maslin,
Kellee Keesee**

Communion Minister

**Nick Comer,
Tina Flinchum**

Servers

Sharon V

Blessings for August: Mikayla Draper-2, Harry Fiefhaus-3, Joyce Sloan-3, Norman Elias-4, Suzanne Pica-4, Pat Poer-5, Rose Watt-5, Beau Grant -7, Micheal Draper-8, Suzie Smith-10, Leone Velaquez-10, Catherine Columbus-11, Chris Dodson-11, David McBride-11, Debbie Neil-11, Richard Dorsey-13, Susie Shelton-13, Holly Brown-15, Pat Monohan-16, Thomas Pickles-17, Bobby Timbrook-18, Everett Hurley-19, Pam Rice-21, Lisa Pohl-24, Ronald Allen-25, Amanda Mattingly-25, Willard Taulbee-25, Jeshua Lopez-26, Linda Rector-26, Saundra Caudill-27, Joseph Golinski-27, Lunelle Matthews-27, Savannah Thomas-28, Margaret Howard-31, Sharon Schaffer-31

Happy Birthday !



Thru 8/9

Total (Offertory Only)

Budget (Offertory Only)
Excess/(Short)

**Daily Mass and Adoration are in the chapel.
Friday daily Mass is in the church when
St. Agatha is in session.**



"During Eucharistic adoration you can look at Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You know that He looks at you and He looks at you with love. He often speaks to us gently, in stillness." + Pope Leo XIV **Join us for Adoration Fridays 9am-8pm in the Chapel.**

Bulletin for Sunday, August 16, 2026

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 18

12:00 pm

Tiffani Shulte

(Chapel)

Wednesday, August 19

12:00 pm

Richard Hayden

(Chapel)

Thursday, August 20

12:00 pm

Boo Nunan

(Chapel)

Friday, August 21

8:30 am

Josh Marquis (L)

(Church)

**Adoration in the Chapel
9am to 8pm**

Saturday, August 22

3:00 pm Confession

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm

Lee Poston III

(Church)

Sunday, August 23

8:30 am

George Campbell

8:00am Rosary

2:00 pm (Spanish)

"Pro Populi"

(For the People)

Choir Practice:

August 20 at 6pm

The Women of St. Joseph:

Upcoming Events:

September 11: Paint Party TBA

The King's Men:

St. Joseph Men's Group Upcoming:

**August 22 at 9:30 am Parish Office Building
Blue Room. Zach Carroll**

Senior Group:

**Senior Outing: Join us August 20 at
Ramsey's (Brighton Place) in Lexington
at 11:30 am.**

**RSVP to Tina Flinchum. If you need to carpool
meet at the church at 11am.**

**Senior Potluck Lunch in the Parish Hall on
September 7 at 11:30 am. All are invited to
attend.**

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:

Meeting September 8 at 7pm

SVDP Item of the Month: Laundry Detergent

**SVDP: Sign up for the Kroger Rewards
Program at www.kroger.com**

**ID # 55334 which benefits SVDP and
St. Agatha.**

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight: Matt Goulet

Next Meeting: September 8 at 7pm

This Month's Special Collections:

**First Weekend of the Month: St. Agatha
August 15/16 Seminarian Higher Education**

Parish Finance Council Members: Karen Ward,
Mary Clay and Tom Lynch

Parish Pastoral Council Members: John Stokes,
Janie Perales, Nick Comer, Shiela Medina,
Mark Bordas and Connie Stokes

**Link for This Weeks Daily Readings
can be found at,
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings>**

Parish Information:

The Cursillo Community invites you to attend one of our 2026 weekends, to be held at St. Peter Claver in Lexington:
Women's Weekend: August 27-30, 2026
Men's Weekend: November 5-8, 2026 For information: Contact Grace Wiemann at wiefam@icloud.com or 859-351-5995
Visit our website at <https://cdlex-cursillo.org> Speak to one of our local team members: Shiela Medina, Anna Hall

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 30

Fr. Robert Adams will be installed as the pastor of our parish at the 8:30am Mass. Bishop John Stowe will be our celebrant.

PARISH PICNIC will be at 3pm on August 30. Potluck style, bring a side or dessert to share. Knights to supply main dish. Parish to supply drinks, bounce houses, games and music. All are invited!!

Skip the Sip: Share the Blessing

Drop the cost of one cup of coffee in the wicker coffee cups in the back of church. Together we can find simple ways to help maintain our Parish. Thank you for your generous spirit!

Parish Music Minister Needed for Sunday Mass, Holy Days, Choir and Funerals for 5 hours a week. (Funerals are separate) If you or anyone you know is in need of a Part-time position please call the office.

Prayerfully Consider being a VOLUNTEER!!!

We are in great need of Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers, a Saturday Night Sacristan, Offertory Collection Counters, Coffee and Donuts and Altar Linen Volunteer (take home position). This parish does not run itself. It takes everyone and most positions take minimal effort. If you have questions about anything you may be interested in please call us 859-744-4917.



If you or someone you know is in need of our **Homebound Ministry** please contact the Church Office.



St. Agatha Academy News:

SAA Donation Spotlight: Elmers Glue, Tissue Boxes

Each month we will spotlight a school need that will help our parents and teachers. Items will be things that wear out or need to be replaced regularly at the expense of the parent or teacher. This is a small way to make a big impact. Items can be left in the back of church or dropped off at the school or parish office. Thank you for your generosity and support.



St. Agatha Academy enrollment for 2026-27 school year!

We accept CCAP for our preschool students as a means to assist you in paying tuition, and offer tuition assistance as well for grades K-8. Email Kathleen Thompson at stagatha@cdlex.org Or contact the school office at 859-744-6484 for enrollment information and to learn more about our faith-filled, Catholic classical education community.

Come discover what has made St. Agatha Academy so special since 1919!

Volunteer Opportunity: We are looking for volunteers to join our Spaghetti Supper planning committee. Contact Miss Thompson if you can help be a part of this major fundraising event. stagatha@cdlex.org

Upcoming Events:

August 26-September 11: Charleston Wrap Wrapping Paper Sales
September 11: Blue Mass
October 29: Spaghetti Supper

Faith Formation:

Kathie Schweikart

August 20: Youth Group 6pm
August 22: 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Book Club 1:30 pm
August 23: OCIA 9:45am in the office blue room

ARE YOU or SOMEONE YOU KNOW ... interested in becoming Catholic contact Kathie .

Mass Intentions are available for the Months of November and December 2026 and the new year 2027. Ways to have a Mass said... drop a list of dates in the collection basket or in the parish mailbox. Call or email the office, Kathie or Jennifer. Simply drop by the office to schedule a Mass.

Children under 18 are not to be left unattended in the Parish Hall. Please treat the Parish Hall as you would treat your own home. It is a shared space by many. Blessings.

We would like to hear from you! If you have recently married, moved, had children, would like to be on our birthday list, had a family member pass away or need to register as a member of the Church, contact the office or email us with your updated information.

Join our text messaging system...Flocknotes is our way of communicating information to parishioners. Texting rates may apply. **Are you good at praying for others? We have an online prayer group.** Call the office if you would like to be added to either of these Flocknote texting lists.

Looking for an easier way to manage your donations? We have an Auto Withdrawal system for your Offertory Collections...Vanco Solutions manages the Donate button located on our website: www.stjosephwinchester.com (PCI Compliant). Click the Donate button and follow the prompts for Online giving. Thank you for your support.

If you have something that needs to be announced at Mass PLEASE email it to stjoseph@cdlex.org by Thursday at 5 pm!

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON AND OUTSIDE OPPORTUNITIES:

RETURN TO HIM: A Message of Hope for Divorced Catholics
"THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL AND HE WILL NOT TURN AWAY HIS FACE FROM YOU, IF YOU RETURN TO HIM." -2 Chronicles 30:9 God has a plan for our happiness in this life and in eternity. The time to begin the process is always the present! Please let us help you! Contact your local parish advocate with any questions you may have or email Fr. John List at jlis@cdlex.org or Mrs. Renata Babicz-Baratto at ribabicz@cdlex.org. or call at (859) 253-1993 and ask for the Tribunal Office. *Why do you wait? Return to Him as soon as possible!*

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Grace Marriage The program consists of four quarterly mini-retreats (9am-1pm on a Saturday) and is open to couples in any parish (and non-Catholic couples too!). For info and to register, see cdlex.org/grace-marriage.

Catholic Singles of the Bluegrass Second Saturdays Coffee are at 11 am at DV8 Kitchen in Lexington. All are invited to meet and learn about other events. For info go to CatholicSinglesoftheBluegrass@gmail.com



St. Bartholomew Feast: August 24
One of the Twelve Apostles. Probably a close friend of Saint Philip; Bartholomew's name is always mentioned in the Gospels in connection with Philip, and it was Philip who brought him to Jesus. May have written a gospel, now lost, it is mentioned in other writings of the time. May have preached in Asia Minor, Ethiopia, India and Armenia; someone did, leaving behind assorted writings, and local tradition says it was Bartholomew. Martyr. **Born:** Galilee **Died:** flayed alive at Albanopolis, Armenia; relics at Saint Bartholomew-on-the-Tiber Church, Rome, Italy; some relics in the cathedral in Canterbury, England; some relics enshrined in the Saint Thomas Cathedral Basilica in Santhome, Chennai, India

Ask A Franciscan: I am Glenn Beck supporter. On a podcast, he was discussing social justice, Marxism, and how the government is trying to absorb the churches and run them as the Communists do and part of our Church is tied into Marxism. What is it and how can we stop it? I can only say Glen Beck is way off the mark. Social justice was a concern of Jesus' followers for 18 centuries before Karl Marx was born. It remains a vital part of living out the Good News. Was Jesus preaching socialism when he told the parable about the Last Judgment (Matthew 25: 31-46) and identified those who will be saved as the ones who fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked or visited those who are sick or imprisoned? The Good News of Jesus Christ challenges every person to compare what he or she considers normal to Christ's teachings. Yes, Christians can have blind spots. Christians were among those who took the lead in the abolition of slavery. The same is true for exposing the physical, economic and political exploitation of children today. Was it socialism for the author of the Letter of James to write: "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (2:14-17). Was it socialism for Saint Paul to criticize the Christians in Corinth for bringing their social and economic divisions into the celebration of the Eucharist itself (see 1 Corinthians 11:17-32)? By the way, is the oldest liturgical abuse recorded in the New Testament. Yes, Communists have attempted to manipulate Christianity, but our best response to that is to live out Jesus' teachings more wholeheartedly - not to reject them because Marxists try to mimic them for their own purposes. For Jesus' followers, the best test of loyalty is faithfulness to his teachings as we find them in the New Testament. *Father Pat McCloskey, OFM*

Información de comunidad Español

Esta semana, la Iglesia celebra el vigésimo domingo en Tiempo Ordinario. Estoy un poco nerviosa de escribir esto porque hay dos temas en las lecturas que quiero tocar, ¡y necesito elegir uno! ¡Disculpen de antemano si esto es lo que vuelven a escuchar desde el púlpito!

Creo que esta semana es una de las pocas veces en que la primera y la segunda lectura se superponen. Ambos tratan sobre lo mismo: el lugar de los "forasteros" en la alianza de Dios. Esto puede parecernos muy obvio hoy en día. Si alguien quiere ser católico y está dispuesto a seguir los pasos, simplemente puede volverse católico. Pero no funcionó así durante gran parte de la historia bíblica. Tenías que haber nacido en el pacto para ser un verdadero judío. Un extranjero podría unirse a Israel, pero serían ciudadanos de segunda clase para siempre.

Tanto la primera como la segunda lectura cambian toda esa dinámica. En la primera lectura, Isaías profetiza que los extranjeros se unirán al Señor Y servirán como sacerdotes de Dios. Eso fue una gran ruptura con la forma en que Israel se entendía a sí misma. Incluso un judío santo tenía que NACER sacerdote. No era algo que pudieras elegir, mucho menos algo que un extranjero pudiera elegir. Isaías, en la práctica, le está diciendo a Israel que deben recordar que su estatus como Pueblo Elegido no es solo para ellos. Fueron elegidos para poder integrar al resto de la humanidad en la familia de Dios, no para acapararla para ellos mismos.

La segunda lectura muestra cómo se ve esto en el mundo real. Romanos es más una carta que un libro. Pablo escribía para abordar un problema real, no solo para enseñar teología. El emperador había expulsado a todos los judíos de Roma debido a que sus disputas sobre el Mesías se volvieron violentas. Esto fue un problema para la Iglesia primitiva porque los primeros sacerdotes, obispos, diáconos y líderes de la Iglesia eran todos judíos. Mientras estaban fuera, los gentiles tuvieron que llenar el vacío y ser ordenados como líderes. Cuando los judíos regresaron a Roma, encontraron una Iglesia muy diferente a la que dejaron atrás. Su primer instinto probablemente fue decir: "Gracias por mantener el fuerte, nosotros nos encargamos de aquí". Los gentiles pensaban que eso no era justo. Pablo está tratando de mostrarles que Dios ha llamado a todos al Evangelio, y sin embargo Israel nunca perdió su estatus como el pueblo elegido de Dios.

Creo que podríamos vivir para ver una situación similar. La Iglesia en todo el mundo está creciendo con nuevos conversos, incluso personas que recientemente fueron ateas. Son nuevos en la fe, pero se convertirán cada vez más en mayoría con el tiempo. Por otro lado, los católicos de cuna tienden a alejarse de la Iglesia. Podríamos vivir para ver una composición muy diferente de la Iglesia, ¡pero esto no es algo malo! ¡Tampoco significa que no importemos por mantenernos firmes!

Padre Rob



Únase a nosotros para la adoración los viernes de 9am a 8pm en la capilla.

Contacto la oficina de la iglesia o hable con Deacon John or Padre Rob ie para registrarse en nuestra parroquia.

GUARDA LA FECHA: 30 DE AGOSTO

El P. Robert Adams será instalado como párroco de nuestra parroquia en la Misa de las 8:30 a.m. El Obispo John Stowe será nuestro celebrante.

EL PICNIC PARROQUIAL será a las 3 pm el 30 de agosto. Al estilo comida compartida, lleva un acompañamiento o postre para compartir. Caballeros para proveer el plato principal. Parroquia para ofrecer bebidas, casas inflables, juegos y música. ¡Todos están invitados!

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