



St. Joseph's
Episcopal Church

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Morning Prayer Rite II | Year C




St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

We welcome you to St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, *the church on the way*, with open arms and open hearts.

Please be reverent while we worship; we encourage you to fully participate in our service with responses and with song. Please use the chat to add your prayers, thanksgivings, and petitions—before the sermon—so we may include them in the service.

Prelude Hymn | 423 (1982 Hymnal)

A scenic landscape featuring a prominent mountain peak reflected in a calm lake. The sky is blue with wispy clouds, and the surrounding area is lush with greenery. The text is overlaid in a white, serif font, centered on the image.

Most blessed, most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious
Thy great name we praise.

WELCOME

Officiant:

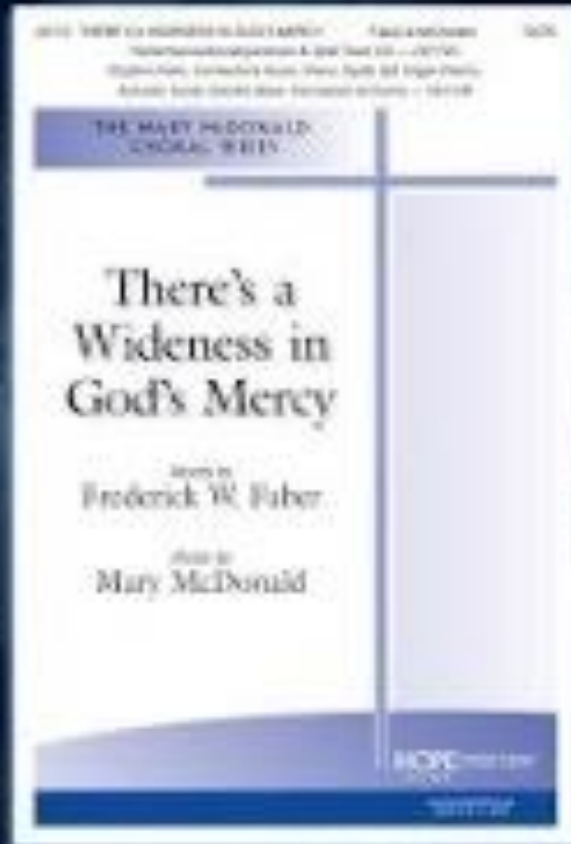
The Rev. Canon Dr. Fred Vergara

Voice of the People:

Shirley Jones



Opening Hymn | 469 (1982 Hymnal)



There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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Frederick W. Faber

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Opening Sentences

*Nations shall come to your
light, and kings to the
brightness of your rising.*

Isaiah 60:3



The Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



The Invitatory

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen. Alleluia.

The Invitatory

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

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The Invitatory

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand, *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!



Psalm 36:5-10 | Vanivy Delaney

⁵ Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

⁷ How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

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Psalm 36:5-10 | Vanivy Delaney

⁸ They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

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Psalm 36:5-10 | Vanivy Delaney

¹⁰ Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Lector Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:

People as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.



The Old Testament | Ivy Morgan

A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 62, verses 1 to 5.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

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The Old Testament | Ivy Morgan

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Canticle 9 | The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

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Canticle 9 | The First Song of Isaiah

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.



The Epistle | Hyacinth Hutchinson

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 12, verses 1 to 11.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

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The Epistle | Hyacinth Hutchinson

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy,

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The Epistle | Hyacinth Hutchinson

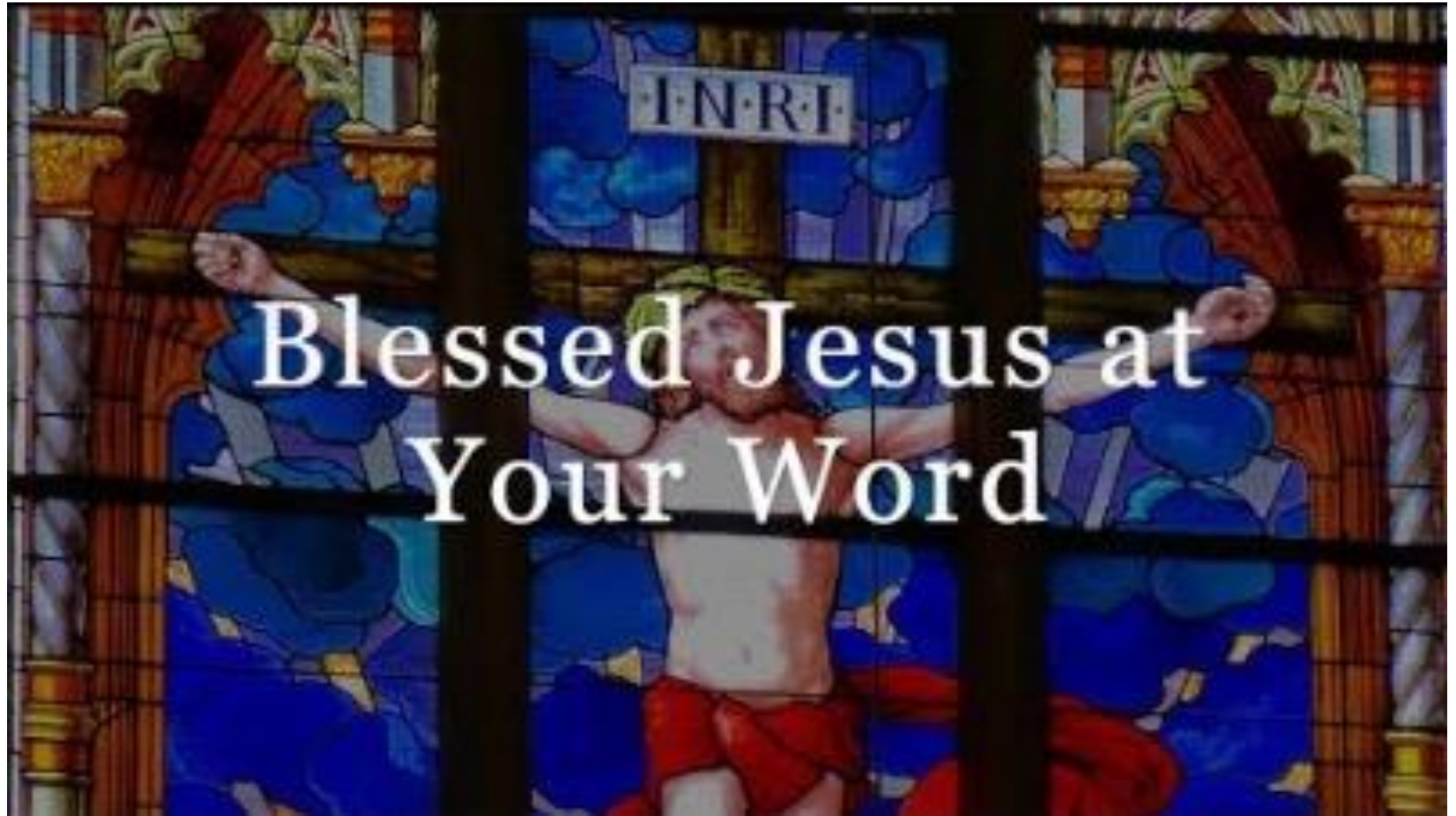
to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Hymn | 440 (1982 Hymnal)



Blessed Jesus at
Your Word

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 2, verses 1 to 11.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

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The Gospel

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk.

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The Gospel

But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**



Sermon

The Rev. Canon Dr. Winfred Vergara



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

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The Suffrages

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.



Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Our Parish

Almighty God, hear our prayer for this our parish family at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church of Queens Village. Strengthen the faithful, revive the inactive, restore the penitent and inspire us for mission. Grant to us all things necessary for our common life, provide for our ministries and bring us to unity of heart and mind, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by your adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Prayers of the People | Percival Jones

The glory of the Lord has been revealed that we might see and believe. Trusting in the Lord, let us pray, “Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light we see light.”

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Prayers of the People | Percival Jones

Blessed Lord, through the Spirit you have given to your Church varieties of gifts. Bind us together as your body and then use us, we pray, to show forth your great light.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world;
In your light we see light.

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Prayers of the People | Percival Jones

Blessed Lord, your righteousness is like the strong mountains and your justice is like the great deep. May all the peoples of the earth look to you for salvation.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world;
In your light we see light.

continued

Prayers of the People | Percival Jones

Blessed Lord, restore desolate lands. Renew your creation to bring forth life and growth.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world;
In your light we see light.

continued

Prayers of the People | Percival Jones

May we desire the common good. We pray, blessed Lord, that you will teach us to love each other. We thank you for the diversity with which you have gifted the human family and bless you for the hope of unity.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world;

In your light we see light.

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Prayers of the People | Percival Jones

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, blessed Lord.
Heal and restore those who are sick or weak in body, mind, or spirit.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world;
In your light we see light.

continued

Prayers of the People | Percival Jones

Blessed Lord, with you is the well of life. By water and the Spirit you accept us as members of your family. By the springs of your living water preserve us for life eternal.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world;
In your light we see light.

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Concluding Collect

Holy and Merciful God, open your ears to our call; listen to the cries of our hearts. Accept our prayers and answer them according to your good and perfect will. In the name of Jesus, the Lord of glory, we pray. **Amen.**



Prayers from the Congregation

- † We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries:
- † Wendy, Carol, Valerie, Anne and extended family give thanks to Almighty God as we celebrate the birthdays of Elizabeth Riley on Thursday, January 23rd and Alfred Samuel on Saturday, January 25th. We pray for God's continued blessings upon them.
- † The Jones Family gives thanks and praise to the Almighty in thanksgiving for Cole Jones-Banfield who celebrated his 17th birthday on January 14, 2025. God has blessed him to be smart, strong, kind, and full of love. We pray that God continues to guide him.

Prayers from the Congregation

- † The Jones Family gives thanks and praise to the Almighty in thanksgiving for Percival who will celebrate his birthday on January 22, 2025. Husband, father, grand-father, and mentor, we thank God for his presence and ask that he continue to be blessed with good health, happiness, and joy.

Prayers for Birthdays/Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand, Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most Gracious God, look with favor upon these your servants as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of Your grace and blessing, that they may continue to cherish each other and continue to grow in love and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Travelers

Heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation and whose presence we find everywhere: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care, protect them from any danger, and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers from the Congregation

We continue to pray for the people of the world affected by natural disasters, especially people in Los Angeles in the face of its wildfires; we pray for the 25 dead, the injured, and those made homeless.

We pray that the temporary ceasefire in Gaza, and occupied Palestine becomes permanent. We pray also for the ongoing war in Ukraine; the genocides in Palestine, Sudan, and the Congo; we pray for the people of the world affected by political unrest.

We pray for those who died in a South African mine. We pray for the souls of the massacred, for the hungry and thirsty, for the homeless, and the imprisoned. We pray for activists protesting injustice and fighting for liberation.

We pray for the political leaders of the United States; we pray that the rule of law endures, and for leadership with honesty, compassion, and mercy.

Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers from the Congregation

We continue to pray for Jennifer and her family following the fire that destroyed her family home. We also thank the congregation for their generosity in donating \$4000 to the Discretionary Fund that will be directed to Jennifer and her family. May God protect and bless them.

St. Joseph's prays for our Church leadership: Father Fred, Robert, Sandra, Roxanne, Coretta, Justin, Harold, Edline, Reginald, La Verne, Olidia, Jennifer, Angela, Nichola, and Jeffrey—as they continue to meet with the Bishop and his leadership team to secure a path forward for our church.

Prayer List

Adlai C.

Afua J.

Agatha D.

Alfreda

Alison B.

Anthony V.

Audia W.

Avril S.

Barbara L.

Beverly W.

Cessarine M.

Chandra R.

Christine

Clarence S.

Claudette G.

Cory T.

Crystal N.

Cynthia M.

Daisha D.

Daphne A.

Daphne P.

David T.

David W.

Delores

Deborah S.

Desmond G.

Desmond S.

Doreen R.

Dorothy M.

Eda D.

Edris B.

Fitzburt D.

Francine B.

Prayer List

George U.

Georgia D.

Harold J.

Hyacinth D.

Ivy J.

James H.

Jean G.

John L.

Joy S.

Judy

Julene K.

Kathleen N.

Keisha A.

Larry M.

Leighton G.

Leonard R.

Lois T.

Lorraine

Madeline

Marcia L.

Marcia

Maria A.

Marie

Marlon K.

Mary M.

Maureen T.

Melissa A.

Michael A.

Monica

Myrna & Eugene C.

Natalie B.

Nichola & Family

Nishah C.

Prayer List

Noel J.

Noel K.

Norma J.

Norma M.

Pat W.

Pat Z.

Percival C.

Peter T.

Renaë

Rosa S.

Rosalind M.

Rosalind P.

Rose C.

Rosemary C.

Rupert W.

Sade C.

Shirley J.

Simone

Sr. Sheila

Sowande

Teron

Verely P.

Willacy & Maxfield family

Prayer List

You may speak aloud the names of those for whom you would like to pray.



Prayer for Healing

God of all power and wisdom, by the might of Your command, drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity; grant to your servants your healing touch so that their weakness may vanish and their strength renewed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



The Peace | 686 (1982 Hymnal)



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Offertory Prayer

Creator God, you made the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. You have blessed us with your abundant, abiding love so that we may be inspired to live generously. From your plentiful gifts, we give you our own first fruits, the gathering of our time, talent, and treasure. May they be a blessing to the world. **Amen.**



The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

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The General Thanksgiving

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.



The Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour our that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

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The Blessing

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

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Closing Hymn | 450 (1982 Hymnal)



Announcements



St. Joseph's Announcements

Jan. 19

Annual Parish Meeting 2025 | 11 AM

Open positions:

1 Warden (2 year term) | Reginald Byfield

4 Vestry Members (4 year term)

1 Vestry Member (1 year term)

Coretta Johnson

Hayley Gonzales

Justin Sinclair

Pearl Nurse

Olidia Gordon



St. Joseph's Announcements

- Jan. 22 Bible Study | How to Lead a Person to Christ
- Feb. 2 Commissioning of a New Vestry
- March 5 Ash Wednesday | 10:30 AM & 5 AM (Rectory)
- Mar. 16 Patronal Festival | 11 AM Sung High Mass with Chanting
- April 13 Palm Sunday
- April 17 Maundy Thursday | joint 7 PM service with St. Thomas
- April 18 Good Friday
- April 19 Easter Vigil | 7 PM at St. Thomas



St. Joseph's Announcements

- April 20 Easter Sunday | Egg Hunt at St. Thomas
- Apr. 27 St. Joseph's 155 Anniversary Banquet



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How To Lead A Person To Christ

Wednesdays starting January 22, 2025

8 PM EST on Zoom

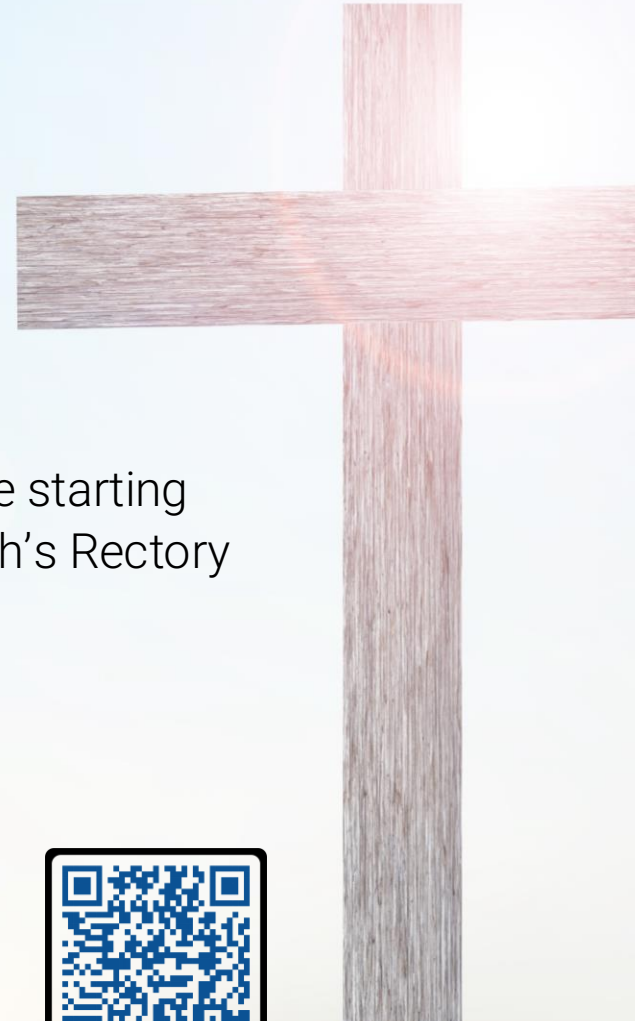
The Rev. Canon Dr. Winfred B. Vergara presents a ten session course starting Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 10:30 AM in person at the St. Joseph's Rectory and at 8 PM EST on Zoom.

[Join Here](#)

Meeting ID 863 6708 4332

Passcode 548000

This course is free but we will accept voluntary donations via Zelle to treasurer@stjosephqv.org or by scanning this QR code. You may also donate to our church through our website at



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