

*The Vigil Mass of the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*July 22, 2023*



**I will open my mouth in parables,  
I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.**

***St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church***

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon** Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42
- Tue** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
- Wed** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9
- Thu** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17
- Fri** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23
- Sat** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Sun** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

**Dear Heavenly Father,**

**Thank You for giving each of us something that we can give back to You. Help us to give cheerfully knowing that, no matter how small our gift may seem, You can turn it into a miracle.**



**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

**Bakers and workers needed for our July 28<sup>th</sup> BINGO- If you would like to donate a baked item or make a monetary donation, please call the office and let us know what item(s) you will be bringing. If you wish to work at the event, please call and let us know. We would love to hear from you.**

<b>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS</b>	
<b>BINGO</b>	<b>July 28, 2023</b>
<b>Yard Sale</b>	<b>August 11, 12, 13 &amp; August 18, 19, 20</b>

Interested in reorganizing your basement? Trying to finally clean out that closet in the hallway? We'll be happy to take those unwanted items you've held on to all these years..... We are now accepting treasures of all types for our August yard sale. **Donations are gratefully accepted** - call us at 568-2411! Do you ever feel like you'd like to spend some time meeting other members of our community and volunteering at St. Joseph? Do you like meeting new people? We are looking for volunteers to help sort items for this major parish fundraiser. Sorting will begin after our July 28<sup>th</sup> **BINGO**. We would love to get to know you.



**A message from the Catholic Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky – the missionaries assigned to speak at St. Joseph and St. Eugene at all Masses August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023:**



The Diocese of Lexington is a designated mission diocese, serving 50 counties, with the geographic size of Maryland, Delaware and Rhode Island combined. We minister to the urban/suburban areas in and around Lexington, KY as well as 40 of the counties in the impoverished mountain region of Appalachia. There are 39,004 Roman Catholics in our diocese, comprising just 3% of the total population of 1.5 million.

While Catholics are low in number in Eastern Kentucky, the Church is known as a source of comfort for all who are in need of spiritual renewal and physical support. The diocese faces daily challenges to provide resources and personnel to effectively offer outreach ministries to this vastly hidden population.

While rich in culture, many of our Appalachian counties have been afflicted with persistent unemployment, addiction and poverty. Most recently catastrophic flooding has displaced thousands of families. Priests in the area must serve multiple parishes and often travel 35-40 miles one way over the mountains to celebrate weekend Masses. Ultimately, the Catholic presence in Appalachia would diminish without the generous response from outside assistance because these small parishes are not able to financially support themselves.

Many of our parishes in Eastern Kentucky serve as emergency assistance responders by providing rent and utility assistance, food pantries, and thrift stores. Providing this critical assistance to those in need is how we show the face of God to others. We do not serve people because they are Catholic, but we do it because WE are Catholic. These encounters provide an opportunity to share our faith and invite others on a journey with Christ.

Please remember the Catholic Diocese of Lexington in your prayers as we walk alongside those in poverty and addiction. Volunteer opportunities abound in the mission fields and financial support directly benefits the people we serve. If you feel called to get more involved, please contact us at 1310 West Main Street, Lexington, KY 40508 or (859) 253-1993 or online at [cdlex.org](http://cdlex.org).

**Are you looking for a special way to spend a summer day in air-conditioned comfort? The Knights of Columbus Museum located at 1 State Street in New Haven is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The exhibit: "Altars of Reconciliation" which explores the rich history of Native American Christianity runs through August 13<sup>th</sup> and "Rushnyky"; Sacred Ukrainian Textiles runs through September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Blessed Michael McGivney, Papal, Wall of History, St. Peter's Basilica, and Gift Shop are permanent exhibits. As always, admission and parking are free.**





The MISSION of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our VISION: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries

that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material, and emotional needs of our greater community.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Jul 22**      **The Vigil Mass of the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sat 4:00 pm**      **In Memory of Lois Simpson (15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
 by her Family

&  
**In Memory of Betsy (4th Anniversary) & Mark Zifcak**  
 by their Family

&  
**In Memory of Joseph A. Tundis**  
 by Mary Garipey & Tina Brunette

**Jul 25**      **In Memory of Marie Lavoie**  
**Tue 7:45 am**      by Ron & Pauline

**Jul 26**      **In Honor of Past & Present Members of the Rosary & Altar Society**  
**Wed 7:45 am**

**Jul 29**      **The Vigil Mass of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sat 4:00 pm**      **In Memory of Hugh F. Riordan (48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
 by his daughter Dorothy Salois

&  
**In Memory of Shirley Dinges (4th Anniversary)**  
 by her Family

**SANCTUARY LAMP** – Will burn this week for victims of violence throughout the world.



**PRAYER MINISTRY** - Would you like to join the “prayer warriors”? Do you know someone who could use a special prayer? Would you like someone to pray for you? If so, please call Pauline at 401-568-5644. *If your intention is of a serious or immediate nature, please call St. Joseph Rectory (568-2411) or St. Eugene Rectory (568-5102).*

**Due to vacation, the Financials for July 17<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> will appear in the July 29<sup>th</sup> bulletin.**

**UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

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| Aug 06 | Mission Co-Op Appeal      |
| Aug 13 | Monthly Parish Collection |
| Aug 15 | Assumption                |
| Aug 20 | Peter’s Pence             |

**ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



- The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is hosting the Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration for couples of the Diocese of Providence who are observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2023. The Celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 1 pm** at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence, and will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple, and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Richard G. Henning will be the main celebrant and homilist. If you are planning to attend, please call the Rectory 401-568-2411. *The office will obtain Father’s signature on the official registration form and submit it to the Diocese on your behalf.* In addition, you will be given important points regarding participation in the celebration for attendees’ names and anniversaries to be published in the Mass booklet, registration forms must be received by **September 15**.

**Prayer for Vocations**

Lord, you call us all by name to follow your path. You always bless Your Church and guide Your followers to become leaders who think of others before themselves. Mold us in the image of Your Son to respond to Your call as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay servants of the Gospel. Embolden us all to grow in knowing You, and allow this knowledge to open our hearts, minds, and souls to Your enduring call. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.





**Catholic Charity Appeal Update: OVER GOAL!**  
 The 2023 Catholic Charity Appeal has reached \$7,200,000 in pledges and one-time gifts, which is 103% of the goal from 18,875 donors! As a diocese, this is the second year in a row that the Catholic Charity Appeal has reached at least 102% of the goal.  
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