



# St. Joseph's

## Episcopal Church

July 21, 2024

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Rite II | Year B





# 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 | 664 (1982 Hymnal)

He brings my wand'ring spirit back  
When I forsake His ways,  
And leads me, for His mercies' sake,  
In paths of truth and grace.

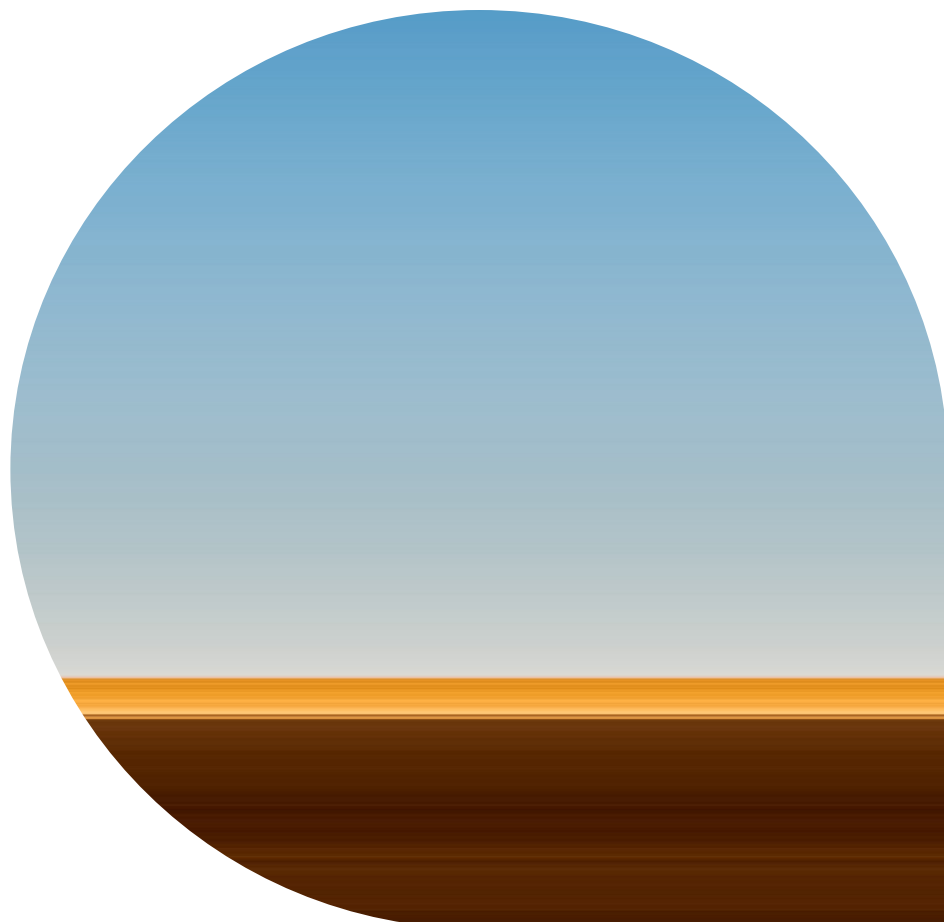
# WELCOME

*Officiant:*

The Rev. Canon Dr. Fred Vergara

*Voice of the People:*

Shirley Jones



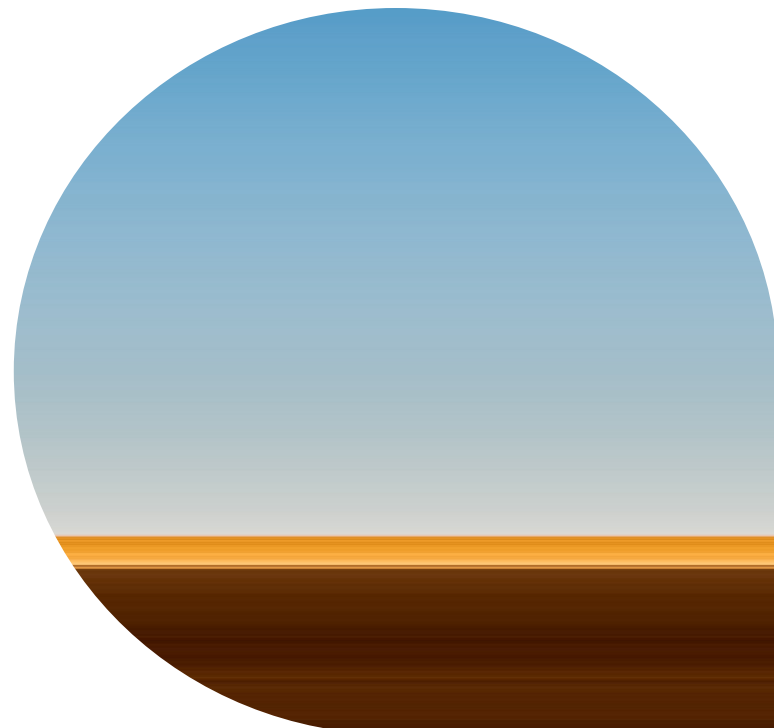
Prelude | 525 (1982 Hymnal)



# Opening Sentences

*Send out your light and your  
truth, that they may lead me,  
and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling.*

Psalm 43:3



# 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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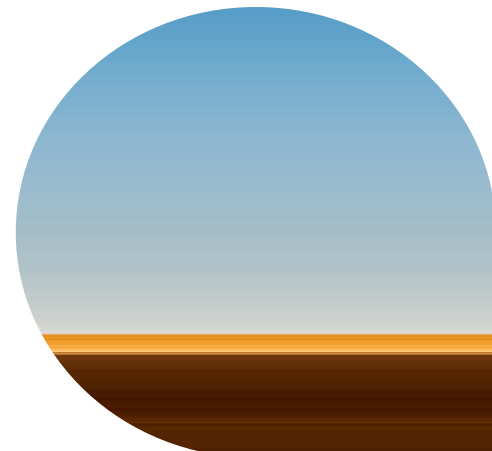


# The Invitatory

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 23 | Wyatt Jones-Johnson

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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# Psalm 23 | Wyatt Jones-Johnson

- <sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- <sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble  
me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

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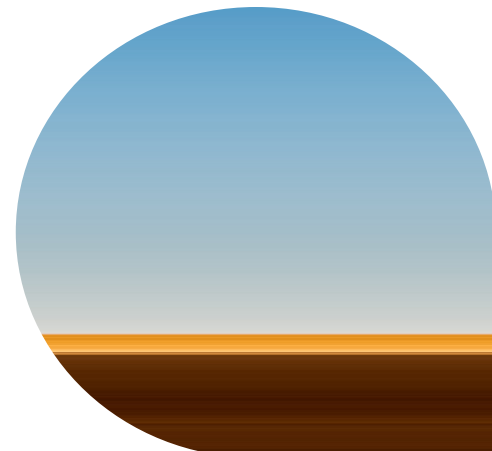
# Psalm 23 | Wyatt Jones-Johnson

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*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 | Kelia Harper

*A reading from the Book of Jeremiah, Chapter 23, verses 1 to 6.*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them,

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# The Old Testament | Kelia Harper

and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

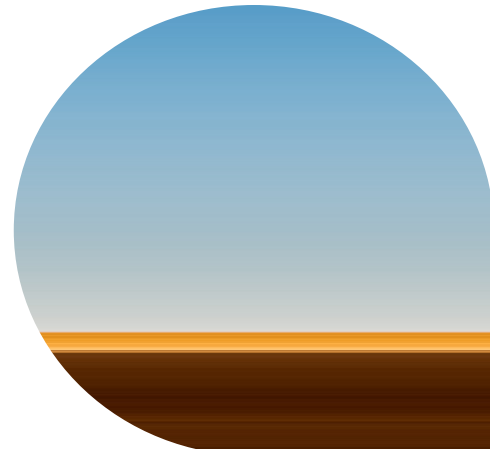
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# The Old Testament | Kelia Harper

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.



# Canticle 11 | The First Song of Isaiah

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*

and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*

deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, \*

and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, \*

and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

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# Canticle 11 | The First Song of Isaiah

Your gates will always be open; \*

by day or by night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*

The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*

ruin or destruction within your borders.

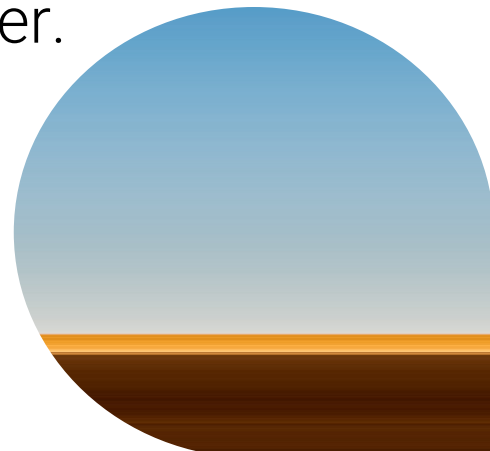
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*

and all your portals, Praise.

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# Canticle 11 | The First Song of Isaiah

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.



# The Epistle | Sandra Jones

*A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 2, verses 11 to 22.*

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

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# The Epistle | Sandra Jones

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

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# The Epistle | Sandra Jones

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

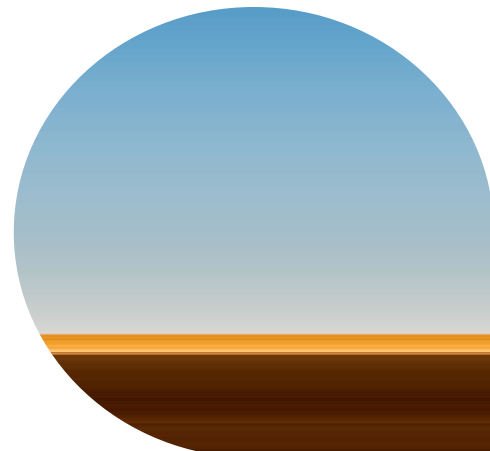
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# The Epistle | Sandra Jones

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.



## Gospel Hymn | 448 (1982 Hymnal)



# The Gospel

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, Chapter 6, verses 30 to 34 and 53 to 56.*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

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# The Gospel

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

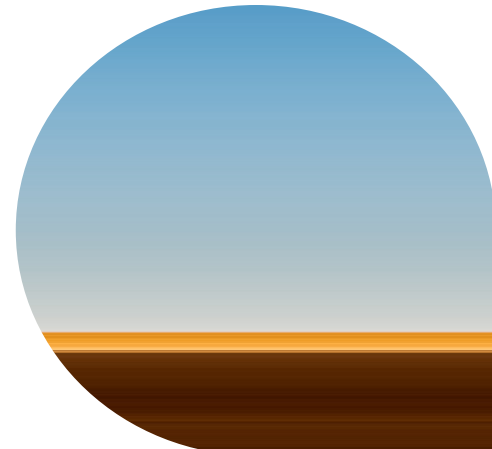
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# The Gospel

And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*Lector*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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



# Sermon | Prayer, Compassion, and Healing

The Rev. Canon Dr. Fred 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;

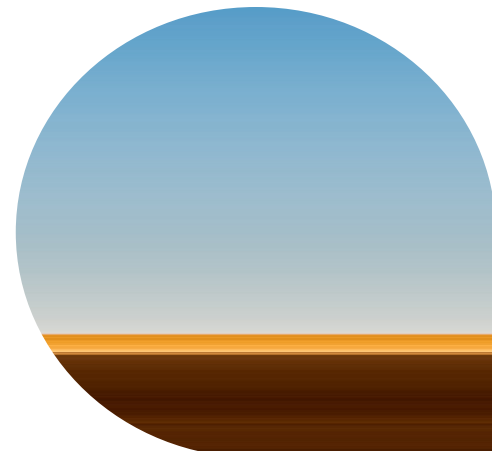
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

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, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

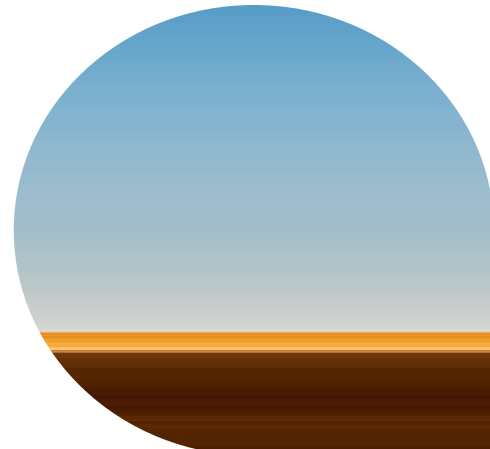


# Collect for Our Parish

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 adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# Prayers of the People | Joan Carrott

Brothers and sisters, the Lord is with us. The Almighty is compassionate and hears our prayers; so let us pray,  
“Compassionate Lord, have mercy on us.”

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# Prayers of the People | Joan Carrott

Loving God, through the waters of baptism you have accepted us as members of your household; through Christ Jesus you have made us your dwelling place. Have compassion on our weakness; work powerfully through your Church.

Compassionate Lord,  
**Have mercy on us.**

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# Prayers of the People | Joan Carrott

Lord Jesus, you proclaim peace to those who are far off and those who are near; you make strangers and aliens, citizens of your kingdom. We give you thanks for your welcoming, steadfast love.

Compassionate Lord,  
**Have mercy on us.**

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# Prayers of the People | Joan Carrott

Loving God, your covenant with your creation you will never break.  
Give us the will to live at peace with all you have made.

Compassionate Lord,  
**Have mercy on us.**

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# Prayers of the People | Joan Carrott

Lord Jesus, you look at the hungry and the poor with compassion. Fill our hearts with the same compassion. Inspire us to love and serve those with whom we share our communities.

Compassionate Lord,  
**Have mercy on us.**

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# Prayers of the People | Joan Carrott

Lord Jesus, in your presence is healing and strength. We bring to you our sick and suffering.

Compassionate Lord,  
**Have mercy on us.**

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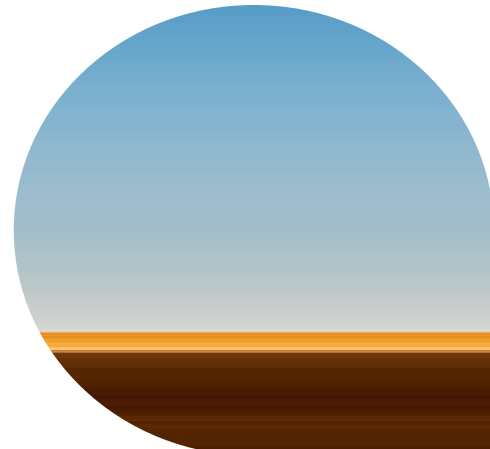
Loving God, we commend to you the dying and the dead. Bring them we pray into that heavenly country, where with apostles and prophets, they will live forever with Christ Jesus.

Compassionate Lord,  
**Have mercy on us.**

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# Concluding Collect

Holy Parent, in your tenderness and compassion, hear our prayers.  
May they be to you as a precious offering from the treasure of our  
hearts. We present them to you because you are faithful and your love  
endures forever and ever. **Amen.**



# Prayers from the Congregation

- † Today we welcome Lucien Addae Nurse as the newest member of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church and the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. We also welcome his family and godparents.
- † Happy anniversary to Dianne and Winston Grannum, who celebrated their 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 18<sup>th</sup>. In thanksgiving of this milestone, their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren made a donation to the Legacy Fund with this message: We pray God will continue to bless their marriage and we thank Him for another year of joyful memories He has blessed you with.

# Prayers from the Congregation

- † Wendy Riley gives thanks to Almighty God for His many blessings as she celebrates her birthday on Wednesday, July 24. She prays for God's continued blessings.

# 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, and catastrophes caused by climate change.

We pray for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, occupied Palestine. We pray for the souls of the massacred, for the hungry and thirsty, for the homeless, the imprisoned and the suffering. We pray also for the sick who cannot be treated at the hospitals that have been bombed.

We pray for the ongoing war in Ukraine, the genocides in Palestine, Sudan, and the Congo, the protests in Kenya, New Caledonia, across Europe, and unrest in Haiti.

We pray for activists protesting injustice and fighting for true liberation.

# 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

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 a new church building.

# Prayers from the Congregation

St. Joseph's continues to pray for all those who have died, may their souls rest in peace and rise in glory, and their memories be blessings to all who knew them. We pray also for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one—that they find comfort in the Almighty.

# Prayer List

Afua J.

Agatha D.

Alison B.

Anne A.

Anthony L.

Audi W.

Audley O.

Audrey A.

Avril S.

Azikiwea G.

Barbara L.

Beverly W.

Cessarine M.

Chandra R.

Charles K.

Christopher W.

Clarence S.

Claudette G.

Crystal N.

Daniela F.

Daphne A.

Daphne P.

David T.

Deborah S.

Desiree P.

Desmond G.

Desmond S.

Doreen R.

Dorothy M.

Dossie C.

Eda D.

Edris B.

# Prayer List

Edson J.

Eric L.

Eulalee P.

Fitzroy G.

Freddie M.

George U.

Greta P.

Gwendolyn W.

Harold J.

Heather G.

Hyacinth D.

James H.

Janelle A.

John E.

John L.

Jonathan N.

Joy S.

Julene K.

Justice D.

Kathleen N.

Keisha A.

Larie M.

Leighton G.

Leonard R.

Lois T.

M. Family

Marcia L.

Maria A.

Marilyn W.

Marina C.

Marlon K.

Marshall E.

# Prayer List

Mary M.

Maureen T.

Melissa A.

Michael A.

Michelle G.

Natalie B.

Nicola F.

Nishah C.

Noel J.

Noel K.

Norma J.

Norma M.

Orinthia S.

Marilyn W.

Pat W.

Pat Z.

Peggy D.

Peter T.

Rosa S.

Rosalind M.

Rosalind S.

Rose C.

Rupert W.

Ruth E.

Sade C.

Sheila S.

Shelly R.

Sonia B.

Sr. Sheila

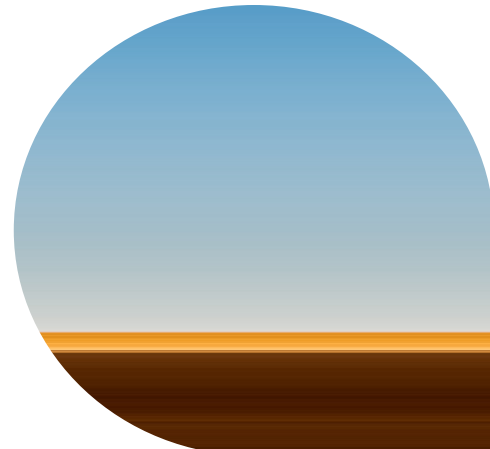
Verely P.

Willacy & Maxfield family

Yolanda E.

# Prayer List

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



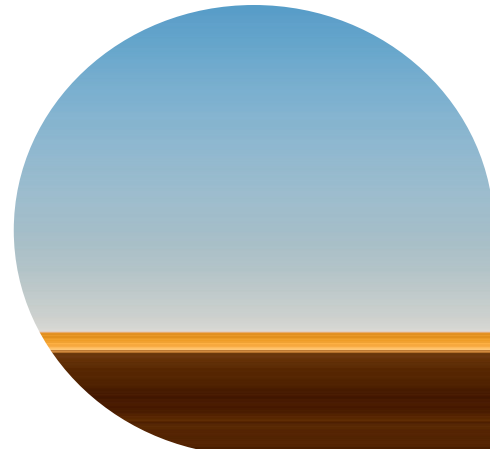
# Prayer for Healing

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.





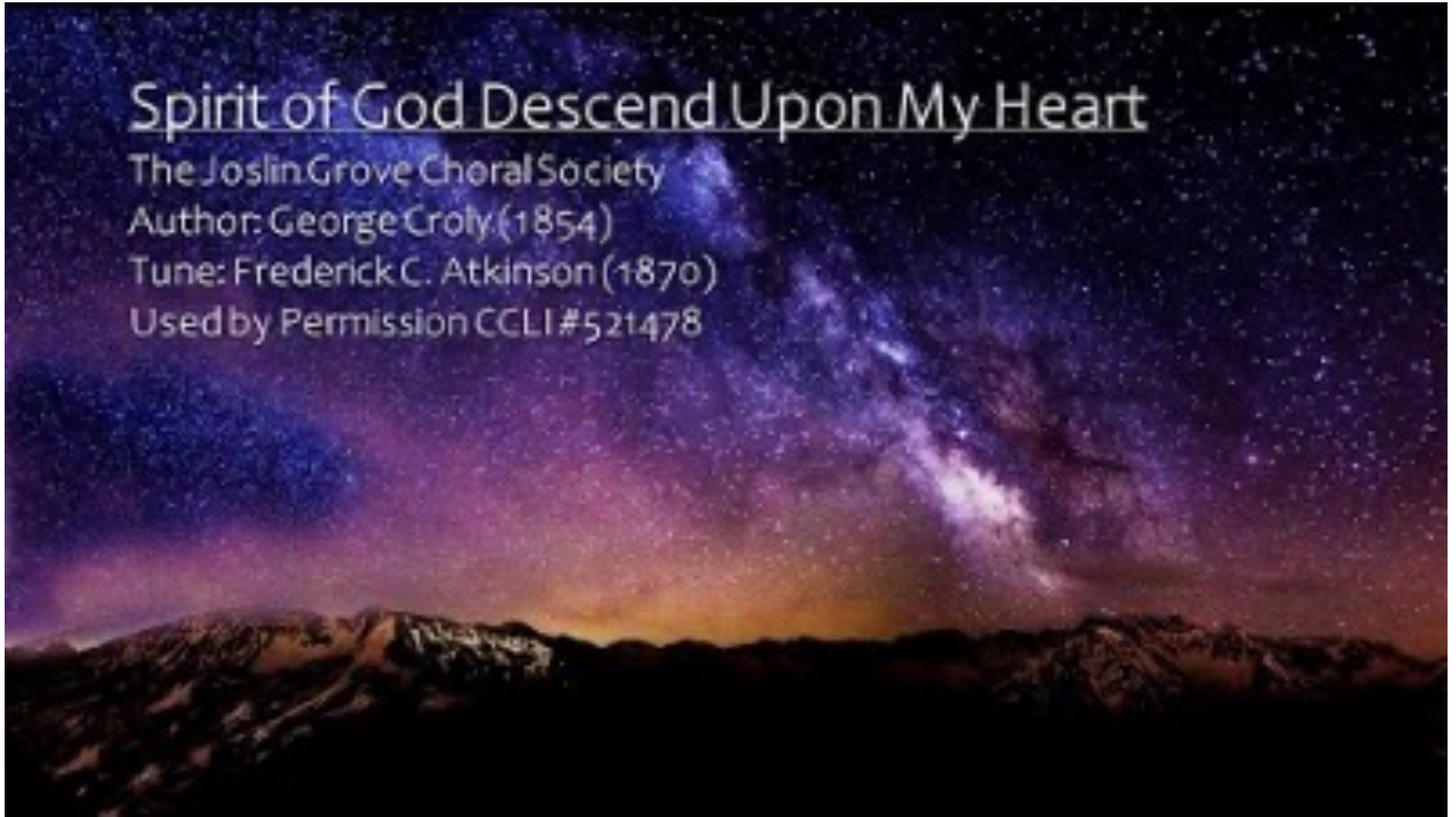
# Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

The Joslin Grove Choral Society

Author: George Croly (1854)

Tune: Frederick C. Atkinson (1870)

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# An Invitation to Support Our Ministry

When you are blessed by our ministry, we invite you to donate.

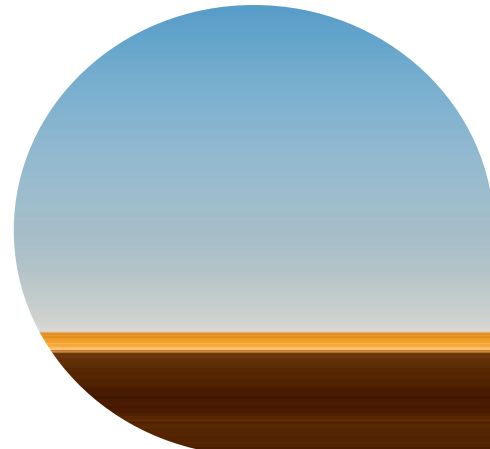


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# Offertory Prayer

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.**



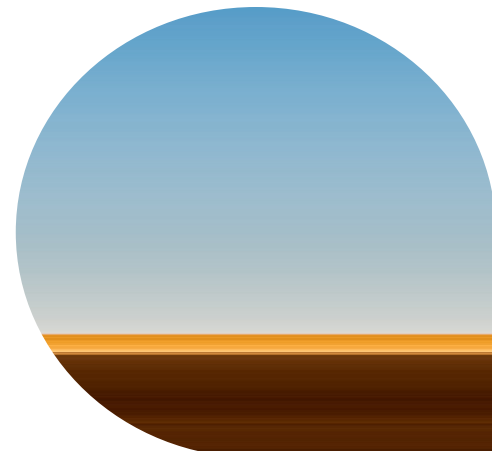
# The General Thanksgiving

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.



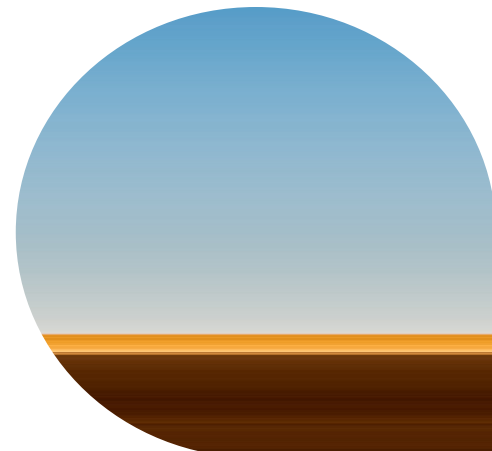
# The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

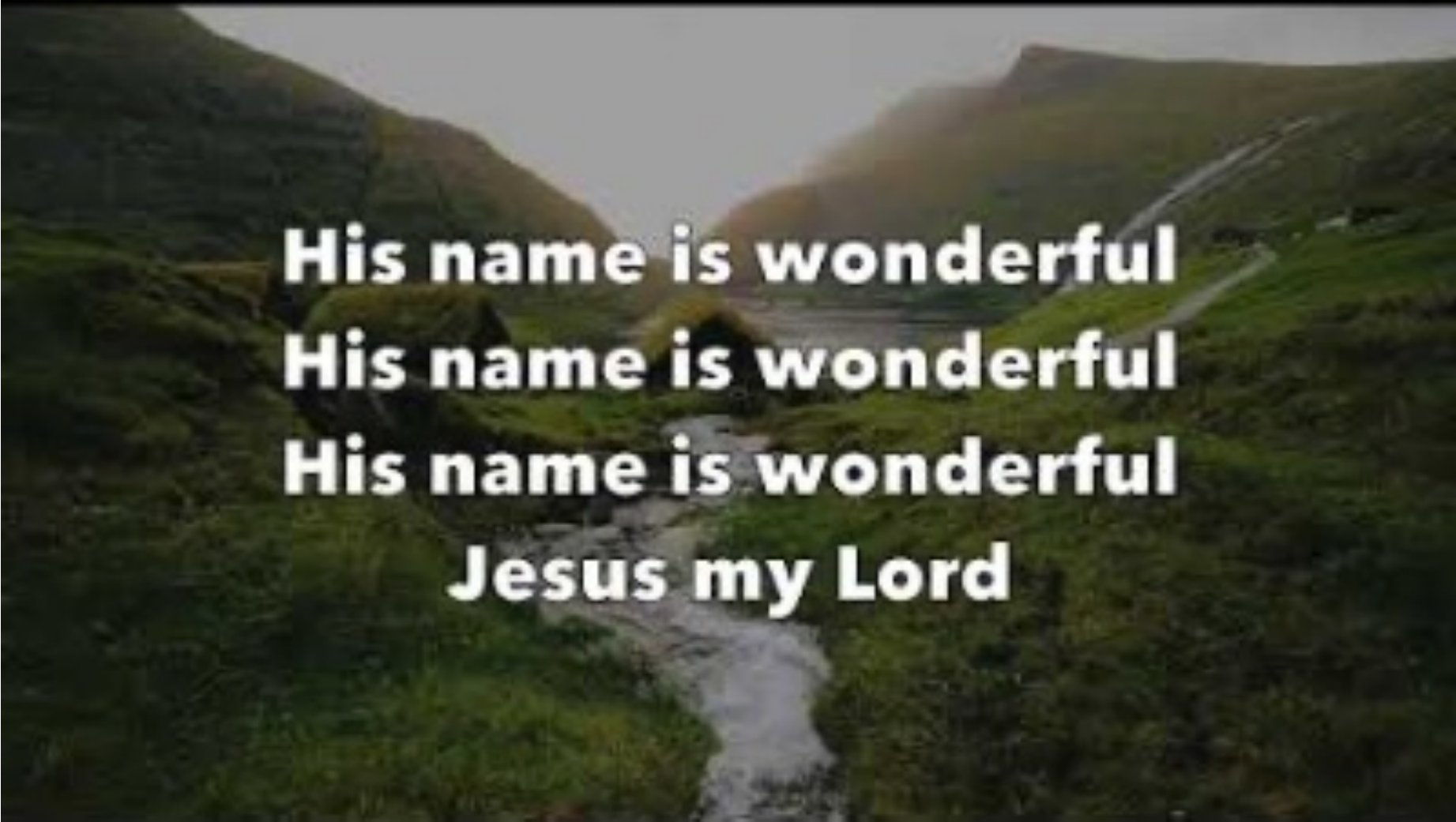
People Thanks be to God.

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*



## Closing Hymn | His Name is Wonderful



**His name is wonderful  
His name is wonderful  
His name is wonderful  
Jesus my Lord**

# *Announcements*





# St. Joseph's Announcements



## **FREE SUMMER MEALS**

**FOR KIDS AND TEENS!**

**MONDAYS-FRIDAYS, JULY 8-AUGUST 30  
FROM 1-2PM**

Queens Public Library, along with the NYC Department of Education, will provide FREE lunches for kids and teens all summer long.

Summer Meals are open to all children, 18 and younger. Enrollment is not required and there is no cost. Meals will be provided Monday through Friday from 1pm to 2pm. Queens Public Library's Free Summer Meals program will run from Monday, July 8 through Friday, August 30.

Visit [QueensLibrary.org](https://QueensLibrary.org) or scan the QR code for a list of participating library locations.





# St. Joseph's Announcements

## BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW SCHOLARSHIP

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Scholarship is available to students who are college bound in the fall. The deadline is August 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in applying, please contact Justin Sinclair.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The date for Sunday School Registration is September 15<sup>th</sup> and classes begin on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Wendy Riley with questions.



# St. Joseph's Announcements

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| July 21 | <b>Baptism Sunday</b><br>Lucien Addae Nurse (grand-nephew of Pearl Nurse)  |
| July 28 | <b>Family Sunday</b>   |
| Aug. 21 | <b>Seniors' Picnic</b>   |
| Aug. 23 | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Errol C. Byfield Scholarship &amp; Fundraising Dinner</b><br>Additional information provided by Norma Byfield |
| Aug. 24 | <b>Back to School Giveaway</b>   |
| Aug. 25 | <b>Annual Boat Ride/Family Sunday</b>  |
| Sept. 4 | <b>Wednesday Mass &amp; Teaching Returns!</b><br>10:30 AM & 8 PM "How to Pray Effectively"   |



# St. Joseph's Announcements

## GIVING

St. Joseph's reminds you that you may contribute to the Legacy Fund in celebration of birthdays and anniversaries, special blessings, milestone sacraments like baptism and confirmations, and to commemorate memorials. You may also make planned gifts such and bequests of cash, stocks, IRAs, life insurance proceeds, and from charitable trusts. Proceeds from the Legacy Fund go towards the future of our church. Please contact Treasurer Coretta Johnson with questions. Thank you!

*End of Announcements*





# St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Canon Dr. Winfred Vergara, Interim Priest-in-Charge

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