

Prayer is Answering the Word of God

Isidore said:

‘Anyone who wants to be always united to God must pray often and read the Bible often. For in prayer it is we who are speaking to God, but in the readings it is God speaking to us.’

‘All spiritual progress is based on reading and meditation. What we do not know, we learn in the reading; what we have learned, we preserve by meditation. Reading the Bible provides us with a two-fold advantage. It instructs our minds, and introduces us to the love of God by taking our attention off vanities.’

‘None can understand the meaning of the Bible if they do not acquire familiarity with it through the habit of Bible reading.’

Augustine said:

‘Nourish your soul with Bible reading. It will prepare a spiritual feast for you.’

Jerome said:

‘Anyone who is assiduous in reading the Word of God becomes weary while reading, but afterwards is happy because the bitter seeds of the reading produce sweet fruits in the soul.’

‘Let us study while we are on earth that Reality which will stay in our minds also when we are in heaven.’

Defensor Grammaticus (ca. 7th century)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Holy Prophet Joel -- October 19th

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Sunday – October 19, 2025

Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>

Sunday October 19 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Theresa Caryk from Family)
Wednesday October 22 9:00 a.m.	(+Bishop Michael Kuchmiak from Friend)
Thursday October 23 9:00 a.m.	(+Bishop John Bura from Friend)
Friday October 24 9:00 a.m.	(+Cathleen Jacobsen from Ruth)
Sunday October 26 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+George and +Chrystyna Kinal from Family)

FIRST CONFESSION 2026 PREPARATION

Preparation for First Confession has begun and will last longer than it has in the past. Classes will still be held on Sundays. As is the tradition in our parish, First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (March 28, 2026). If you have children of First Confession age in your family (age 7+), who have not yet received the sacrament, please contact Olya Mulvey at olya.kroytor@gmail.com to register or learn more. All children must attend Divine Liturgy with their families on a weekly basis during their preparation. The FALL SEMESTER class schedule is as follows: October 26, November 2, November 9, November 16, December 7, and December 14.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AT ST. JOSEPH’S ON CAPITOL HILL

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29 AT 5:00 P.M.

Saint Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church on Capitol Hill will celebrate a special Mass for the People of Ukraine on Wednesday October 29 at 5:00 p.m. The faithful parishioners invite everyone to join them for this special Mass. St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church, 313 2nd Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20002.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2025 NOVEMBER 22 AND 23

We will hold our Christmas Bazaar this year on Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23. Please plan to volunteer to help on both Saturday and Sunday. We are looking forward to a great Bazaar! If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to call me, Zenowia Choma, at (703) 256-2679 or email me at zen.choma@gmail.com.

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Irene Nagurney, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, Chris Saboe, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Rose Wilson, Fr. George Worschak, and Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

JOIN US FOR FAMILY PUMPKIN DECORATING DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

LARGE CHURCH HALL

AFTER BOTH DIVINE LITURGIES