

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

Good news! **The confessional is complete!** We finally have an appropriate place to offer the sacrament of confession– meaning no more fears about being overheard. We also wanted it done before Advent so that we can offer convenient confession times for you. **St. Joseph will now offer confession for 30 minutes before every Mass, including all of the Sunday Masses.** This is great news as you prepare for Christmas!

Speaking of **Advent**, the season is upon us. Although Christmas decorations are everywhere, the Christmas season doesn't officially start in the Church until Christmas day. Advent is the season that prepares us for Christmas. At Christmas we celebrate the coming of God as man– the birth of Jesus Christ. He is the long-awaited savior of us all. And we are given this season of Advent to prepare ourselves for His coming.

So how do we prepare? Use this time to pray, as an individual and as a family. In the back of the church are **free copies of the Magnificat**– this great magazine has daily prayers in it to get you started. Draw closer to Christ and grow in anticipation of His coming.

Also work to live a holier life– use this time to reflect on how we fall short of the ideal Christian life and make practical resolutions to grow in holiness. Confession helps greatly here. Confession not only forgives sin, but also strengthens us to do better going forward. If it's been more than a year since your last confession, then going soon should be on the top of your list– you cannot make progress in the spiritual life without the graces of confession.

If you go to confession this Advent, and faithfully pray with the Magnificat, then you will make great spiritual progress. There are many graces in this season. Take advantage of them!

God Bless,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P.

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Pastor



SECOND COLLECTION

**Retired Brothers and Sisters
December 8th & 9th, 2018**

Weekly Collection 

November 2018

3 rd & 4 th Mass Totals -----	\$5,539
10 th & 11 th Mass Totals-----	\$6,121
17 th & 18 th Mass Totals-----	\$6,788
24 th & 25 th Mass Total -----	\$5,554
Second Collection-----	\$2,381
WeShare -----	\$2,384
Faith Street -----	\$6,240
Grand Total-----	\$35,007

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for:

- Zoila Vallo
- Eileen Fleming
- Anne Darrow
- Paul Gallagher

If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names.

Names on the prayer list will be on for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, Weekdays 9AM – 5PM.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 12:10 pm Raymond Bina (Living)
- 5:30 pm Thomas Sabatelli

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 9:00 am People of the Parish
- 11:30 am
- 6:00 pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

- 12:10 am Peter James Johnson

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Saint John Damascene, priest and Doctor of the Church

- 12:10 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 12:10 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

- 12:10 pm Colleen Carney

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 12:10 pm

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UPDATE PARISHIONER INFORMATION

If you have not updated your parishioner information in the last two years, please log onto our website and update your information. Please be sure to include your sacraments and family information as well. We have a number of registered parishioners with outdated or no important information. If you are not sure you have registered as a parishioner, please call the office or email secretary@stjosephgv.nyc to check your status.

FLOCKNOTES

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HELP WANTED



We are in need of volunteers that are interested and willing to help us decorate the church for Christmas! Tentative dates for decorating are Thursday, December 20th and Friday, December 21st during the day. Please contact the parish office with your name and contact information through email or phone!

SECOND ANNUAL LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 3 pm

Please join us as we celebrate the start of the Advent season. The choirs of St. Joseph's Church will lead the celebration at our *Second Annual Lessons and Carols*.

Please invite your family and friends to this wonderful celebration!

TUDOR CHRISTMAS, CANDELIGHT CONCERT

Friday, December 7, at 7:30 pm

Tudor Christmas, Candlelight Concert presented by Canticum Scholare. This will be our **Sixth Annual Advent and Christmas Concert** at St. Joseph's Church and we are looking forward to having you join us. This year, we present sacred motets for advent and Christmas from the royal court of King Henry VIII. Works by Byrd, Taverner, Tallis, Sheppard and more. Join us in candlelight and come in from the cold as the whole audience is warmly invited to join in singing traditional Christmas carols with the Canticum singers! Suggested donation \$25 (at the door). www.canticum.org

ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA & CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

December 5, 12, 19

7:00-8:30pm

Music Room of Parish House

The traditional method of Lectio Divina, of reading, reflecting, praying the Word of God leads us to deeper understanding of the Scripture, growing relationship with Christ and culminates in Contemplative Prayer, the silent communion with God.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DAILY READINGS**

Sunday

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2;
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018**

"The days are coming, says the Lord, when I fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, at that time, I will raise up for David, a just shoot, he shall do what is right and just in the land....May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love for you."

The Holy Season of Advent has begun. A time of yearning, of expectation, of longing that things can be better. As the prophet told of God fulfilling His promise, may we participate in allowing that to happen today.

The advent time is brief, but offers a great opportunity to do two things. Consider what it was like before the coming of the Messiah, the chaos, the desire, the need for the Father to send someone.

Consider our time, when the same disturbing chaos dominates our thinking with wars, poverty, hate expressed in so many ways. The expected Messiah, would bring that injustice to an end, and will if we but seriously live these special days in prayer, reflection and signs of love and support of others. In this time of commercialism, may we pause to consider those who are hurting in any way, those who are poor, those who do not know our Savior.

