

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Father Andrew Royals, Pastor

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

Office Assistant – Mrs. Pam McCutchen

Rectory Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Confessions:

Sunday:

7:15 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before and after 8 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.—Before 10 a.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.—Before 6 p.m. Mass

6:50 p.m.—Immediately following 6:00 p.m. Mass

Mon. thru Fri. (school days):

6:50 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.—Before & after 8 a.m. Mass

Mon. thru Sat. (non-school days):

7:15 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before & after 8 a.m. Mass

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.:

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. During Eucharistic Adoration

Sat.:

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.—Immediately prior to Mass

Baptisms: Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents must be practicing Catholics in this Parish or able to provide a letter of permission from the proper parish for Baptism here. Godparents, if not St. Joseph parishioners, must provide a letter that they meet the requirements: a practicing Catholic, at least 16 years old, have received Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion and, if married, in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Marriages: Please contact the Pastor prior to making wedding arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: Those hospitalized or home-bound to receive the Sacraments, call the Rectory.

Father's Thoughts

My Dear Parish,

The Third Sunday of Advent, this Sunday, has a special name: Gaudete (pronounced gow-DAY-tay) Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that translates in English as the command: “Rejoice!” It is a word that is repeated often throughout this Sunday’s Mass.

Sometimes, during a time of great preparation, it’s easy to lose sight of what it is we are preparing for. We can get caught up in the effort of buying presents, of cleaning the house, of making lists that we can forget the purpose of our work.

But the Church won’t let us forget what we’re getting ready for. Instead, still nine days away from Christmas, the Church encourages us to rejoice.

Just like the people who heard John the Baptist and became filled with expectation, we too should get our hopes up for what God wants to accomplish for us. The joy of Christ’s coming transforms our entire lives, even if we perceive it very little due to the business of holiday shopping or the trials of daily life. Whatever our state of preparation should be, we should hear the call to rejoice and make the most of this time to get ourselves spiritually prepared.

May this anticipation of the Joy that is to come fill us with a desire to hurry to make all the last minute preparation in our souls to receive Jesus when he comes.

With paternal affection,



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Mass Intentions for Dec. 17th through Dec. 23rd

Monday	8 a.m.	Deacon Hiram Haywood, Jr.
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Duffy
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Mary Rose Young
Thursday	8 a.m.	Joseph S. Johnson, Sr.
Friday	8 a.m.	Stephen Wathen
Saturday	8 a.m.	Mary Lucille Young
	5 p.m.	Moneta Jo Strickland
Sunday	8 a.m.	Joseph & Dennis Russell
	10 a.m.	Joseph Henry & Mary Elizabeth Thompson
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Mass Schedule for December 22nd and 23rd

	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Billy Benjamin	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Carolyn Chase	Sam Adams
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Bill Leonard	Francis, Braylon & Bryson, Owen & Liam

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially, Agnes Baker, Alan Burch, John Keaton, Baby Reagan & Baby Cayden Lyle, Sister Alice Theresa Wood, Max Long, Francis Nelson (Mole), Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), James Holt, Antoinette Nelson, Sandy Branson, Winnie Merson, Ann Young, Sara Custer, Thelma Russell, Gary Lewis, Yvonne Lennon, Elizabeth Adams, Bernadette Herbert and Thomas Lionel Herbert.

December 9th – Offertory \$3,920.00

School Support – \$625.00

Christmas Flowers – \$520.00

Immaculate Conception – \$1,729.00

Christmas Decorating

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 23rd, immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us! The more hands we have, the less time it will take! Refreshments will be provided. If you need school service hours, here's an opportunity!

Online Giving – St. Joseph's Church accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently from our website. You

can make secure donations via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply visiting www.stjosephmorganza.org.

Now on Mondays! Mother's Rosary Group – Join us for a weekly Mother's Rosary group. We will pray the Rosary with meditations focused on Mothers. Babies in arms & toddlers are welcome. We will meet each Monday at 10 a.m. in the Hall.

Father Drew will lead the Rosary each evening at 8:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church. All are welcome to join in prayer for our Parish, Pope Francis, all our Bishops and the entire Church, and our own special intentions.

Mother Catherine Academy News:

- Bingo every Saturday. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. \$5000 jackpot!

The Choir will practice on Monday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m. in the Church. New members are always welcome!

Mark your calendars now for the next St. Joseph's Events Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. We'll be looking at the upcoming year, gathering any new ideas and setting the calendar for 2019. Come one, come all and be prepared for some great fellowship, fun, and food! Questions in the meantime can be directed to Christine Komar at 301.904.0036.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship – All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of 1 Jan 2019) are invited to participate in the annual Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Competition. The event is FREE. The competition will be held at Mother Catherine Academy Gymnasium, Wednesday, 9 Jan 2019 from 6:30PM – 8:30PM. The snow date is 16th January (following Wednesday). Please arrive ½ hour early to complete registration. Registration will be at the door or in advance or the entry form can be downloaded at <http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=8159>. First place will be awarded to boys and girls of each age group. For more information please contact Leo Hoffman (240) 237-2949 or visit <http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=8159>.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Eucharistic Holy Hour – Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church from 4-5 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – Father Drew will lead the Rosary in the Church at 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 16th – Donuts & Coffee in the Hall after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Mass.

Tuesday, December 18th – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. CCD at MCA at 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, December 23rd – Decorating the Church for Christmas immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass.

Monday, December 24th – **Christmas Eve Masses** – 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25th – **Christmas Day Masses** – 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (a Holy Day of Obligation)** Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. and 12 Noon.



It's EASY and FREE to Register!

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Study: Anima- Session 2: Kenosis. Kenosis is a Greek word that means "emptying." In this session, we are introduced to the Person of Jesus, who emptied himself to become human in the Incarnation. Bishop Hying explains how the Incarnation is God's answer to our longing for a "God with skin on," a God who is near and intimate with our human experience. Jesus invites us to imitate this gift by allowing our own suffering to open our hearts to greater compassion and mercy for others. Go to DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Watch: Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary? When Catholics say Mary was immaculately conceived, they mean that at the moment of her conception Mary was filled with God's sanctifying grace. God protected her from sin throughout her life, but did it have to be this way? Trent Horn explains why it was fitting for Mary to be conceived without sin for her role as Mother of God. Go to CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS

Read: Mary: God's Yes to Man. Pope John Paul II's only encyclical on our Blessed Mother, with introduction by the Cardinal Prefect of the congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, and commentary by one of the world's leading Catholic theologians, Hans Urs von Balthasar. The Church's supreme magisterium and representative of the Church's most penetrating theological reflection combine to provide for all the faithful a rich and concise compendium of the Mother of the Redeemer. Go to SAINTS (available in EPUB)