

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

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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, Tuesday, Wednesday (Latin) and Friday

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

Confessions:

Sunday:

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before and after 8 a.m. Mass

9:35 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.—Before 10 a.m. Mass

5:35 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.—Before 6 p.m. Mass

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

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. (non-school days):

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass

8:35 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. — After 8 a.m. Mass

4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sat.:

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

The Church is Open for prayer and adoration
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from
6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

We've reached the pink one!

Three of the four candles on the Advent Wreath are purple. One of them is Pink. Some call it "Rose" which perhaps sounds more dignified. For practical purposes I'll call it pink.

It's an exciting color. It's the color of cotton candy. It's the color of the sky at the horizon just before the sun comes up. It's what happens to the color purple when it's infused with a sudden charge of light and heat and glory—it becomes pink.

The light and heat and glory is the sudden thrill of knowing how close we are to the coming of the Lord. "Rejoice! The Lord is near!" Says the apostle. A Christian's attitude should always include the ingredient of rejoicing.

Rejoicing means that what we've long been hoping for is finally coming about. Rejoicing is the complete fruition of what we love and desire. We rejoice when we realize that the good things we've always wanted are actually happening.

The good things our souls have always wanted are freedom from sin and belonging to God's family. God made us for such joy and we've gone so long without it. But here, at this late stage of Advent, just as our focus turns to immediate preparations for Christmas, we find ourselves seized with rejoicing. Our God has come to save us!

The Latin word for this attitude that compels us to rejoice is "Gaudete!"

Happy Gaudete Sunday!

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

Mass Intentions for December 16th through December 22nd

Monday	8 a.m.	Daniel & Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Betty Penland
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Betty Penland and Payton Brenner
Friday	8 a.m.	Joseph Leonard Thompson, Sr.
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mary Blanche Pilkerton
Sunday	8 a.m.	Christine Marie Russell and Carolyn Ann Russell Weiler
	10 a.m.	Charles E. Dotson, Jr.
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Preston (Al) Tyer, Steve Morgan, Joseph Tippett, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, Joseph Lee Somerville, John Campbell, Agnes Baker, Max Long, Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams, Winnie Merson.

Mass Schedule for December 21st and 22nd

Altar Servers

Lectors

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	William Wojt	Gladys Long
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.		Sarah Richardson
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Sam, Liam & Nigel, Francis and Owen	Kathleen D'Aurora

Christmas Mass Schedule

Altar Servers

Lectors

Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m.	Liam & Nigel	
Christmas Eve, 10:00 p.m.		
Christmas Day, 8:00 a.m.		
Christmas Day, 10:00 a.m.		

Signup sheets are in the Sacristy.

December 8, 2019 – Offertory – \$4,909.00 School Support – \$785.00

Immaculate Conception – \$967.00 Other donations, including online – \$2,014.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Transportation for Homebound Parishioners – We are in need of volunteers to transport homebound parishioners to and from Mass. Please call the Rectory for more information.

Diet & Nutrition Discussion with Father Drew will be held on January 11th at 10 a.m. in the Hall.



We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Monday, December 23rd, immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us!



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass – 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass – 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Children's Bingo at Mother Catherine Academy – December 15th - Santa Bingo A holiday event for the children with many prizes from Santa Claus! Doors open at noon and lunch will be available for purchase in the kitchen from 12-1 PM. BINGO will start at 1 PM. Admission is \$5.00 per child. Only children may play the games.

New Year's Eve Bingo at Mother Catherine Academy – December 31st, doors open at 4:30 p.m., early birds start at 6:30 p.m., regular games start at 7:00 p.m. Guaranteed \$2020.00 jack pot. Two parts sunrise sunset for \$1,010.00 continue for cover all \$1,010.00. Everyone will receive a fleece blanket and ten dollar coupon you can use for bingo, food or pull tabs on any returning visit. Reservations are being taken. \$20.00 admission will reserve your seat.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Monday, December 23rd – Decorate the Church for Christmas immediately following 8 a.m. Mass.

Monday, December 23rd through Friday, January 3rd – The Rectory office will be closed. Emails and phone calls will be monitored during this time.

Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve. Mass at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas. Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – ***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (a Holy Day of Obligation)*** Mass will be at 10:00 a.m.