

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

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, 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,

This is the last Sunday before Christmas. In the Readings at Mass, the Church has us consider the story of Our Savior's birth from the perspective of our very own Saint Joseph.

Saint Joseph is the father of Our Lord in every way except biologically. Our Lady conceives entirely by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is so that Jesus, the one to be born, "will be called holy, the Son of God". Saint Joseph's marriage to Our Lady is unique in this way. He is known as the Most Chaste Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is because Our Lady is ever Virgin. The uniqueness of their Marriage and the perpetual Virginity of the Our Lady help us understand that Jesus is truly God and truly man. Considering Saint Joseph's important role helps us to know Jesus better.

Saint Joseph is silent throughout the scriptures. But this doesn't mean he is inactive. His silence reveals instead a heart that keenly perceived the will of God. When we're noisy and too busy with unimportant concerns we can miss what God wants us to do. God expects us to be able to respond immediately when he calls us to follow him in the big things and the small things of everyday. By keeping a prayerful disposition—especially by taking time each day in silence to pray—we can be ready to hear God call us.

Saint Joseph is known as "a righteous man." This is a great way to be known. It's an encouragement for all of us who belong to the parish dedicated to his protection also to make sure that all of our thoughts and deeds outwardly reflect hearts that are truly righteous. Saint Joseph, in his righteousness was able to fulfill without fear God's plan for him to take the Virgin Mary as his wife and to guard and protect her Son whom he was to name Jesus. God has many good things for us to do. Saint Joseph's good example should inspire us to see the good things that await those who are faithful.

May our patron Saint Joseph guide us as we conclude our preparation for Christmas.

With paternal affection,

*Fr. Drew*

**Mass Intentions for December 23<sup>rd</sup> through December 29<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	8 a.m.	Tammy Lynn Guy
Christmas Eve	5 p.m.	Moneta Jo Strickland
	10 p.m.	Susie Howe
Christmas Day	8 a.m.	Mary Paula Thompson
	10 a.m.	Francis DeSales Nelson
Friday	8 a.m.	Deacon John Schumacher
Saturday	5 p.m.	Betty Penland
Sunday	8 a.m.	Tammy Lynn Guy
	10 a.m.	Eva Hall
	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.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

*Altar Servers*

*Lectors*

Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m.	Liam & Nigel, Bryson & Braylon	Brian Fenwick
Christmas Eve, 10:00 p.m.	Owen D'Aurora	Gladys Long
Christmas Day, 8:00 a.m.	Francis Gross	Henrietta Gross
Christmas Day, 10:00 a.m.	Sam Adams	Valerie Young

**Mass Schedule for December 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Altar Servers*

*Lectors*

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Owen D'Aurora	Valerie Young
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.		Christine Komar
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	James & John, Braylon & Bryson, William	Brian Fenwick

***December 15, 2019 – Offertory – \$4,726.00 Retirement for Religious – \$1,476.00***

***Other donations, including online – \$310.00***

Thank you for your generosity.

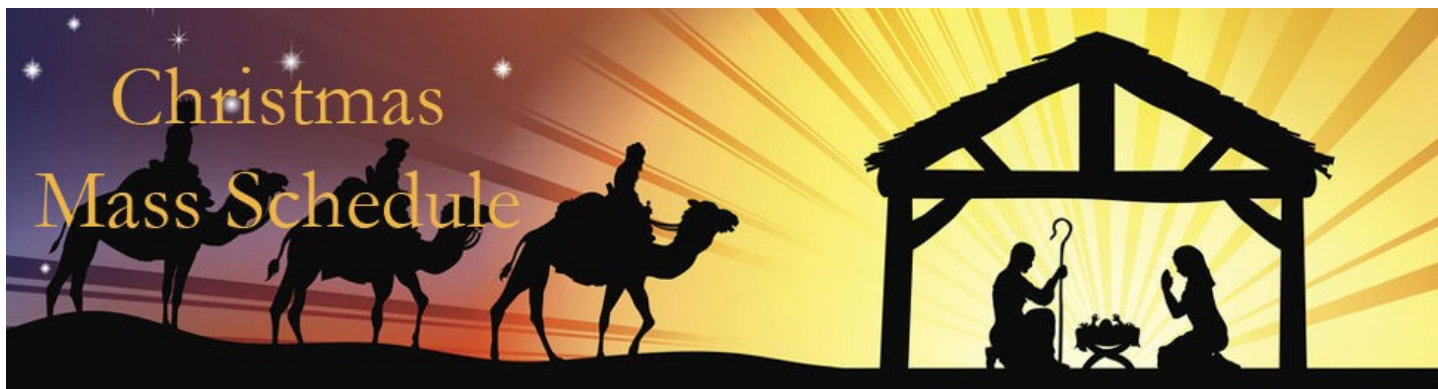
***Online Giving*** – St. Joseph's Church accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently from our website. You can make secure donations via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply visiting [www.stjosephmorganza.org](http://www.stjosephmorganza.org).

***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 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Hall.



*The Sodality would like to thank all our parishioners for their support of the Christmas Caring Program. This year we helped 25 families and 42 children. The generosity of the parish was overwhelming. Merry Christmas!!!*



## ***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.***

**Congratulations to the Audrey Somerville Scholarship Winners from  
Mother Catherine Academy!**



1<sup>st</sup> Place - Faith Hammett \$1500

London Depaquale \$150

Elizabeth Yanchulis \$100

William Wojt \$100

Jeremy, Jax and Khloe Despasquale \$50 each.

*Congratulations to each of the students!*

## ***Upcoming Events & Reminders***

***CCD classes will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at Mother Catherine Academy at 6:45 p.m.***

***Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>*** – Decorate the Church for Christmas immediately following 8 a.m. Mass.

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

***Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*** – Christmas Eve. Mass at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

***Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*** – 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.