

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 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,

Merry Christmas!

The Sunday after Christmas is called the Feast of the Holy Family.

On Christmas Day Jesus became part of our family. His Mother wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in the manger. St. Joseph kept careful watch over his wife, the Blessed Virgin Mary and over the Christ child who was conceived by the power of the holy Spirit and whose birth was announced by angels. Jesus became part of the human family so that we could become part of God's family.

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we should be called the children of God. (1 John 3:1)

Family life is the place where we learn about God. As parents provide for and protect their children we begin to learn how much more perfectly God cares for us. As we witness the faithful love of Mother and Father for one another between siblings we learn how God expects us to care for each other. The presence of Jesus in the family of Nazareth makes it possible for every family to become a holy place where we can imitate the love of the Holy Family.

Oftentimes family life becomes difficult. It became difficult quickly for the Holy Family when they had to flee from King Herod's wrath and escape to Egypt. The difficulties that can overwhelm our families can be chances for us to rely, as Mary and Joseph did, all the more on God's protection and providence.

May the example of the Holy Family deepen our understanding and love for God. May it cause us to work with joy for the salvation of all our family members. May it fix firmly in our minds how God has blessed us with bringing us into his family.

On behalf of our entire parish family, Merry Christmas to you and your family!

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

Mass Intentions for December 30th through January 5th

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| Monday | <i>No Mass in the Church</i> | Mary Anna Clarke |
| Tuesday | <i>No Mass in the Church</i> | Petty Penland |
| Wednesday | 10 a.m. | Francis Wathen |
| Friday | <i>No Mass in the Church</i> | Jimmy Gray |
| Saturday | 5 p.m. | Mary Agnes Bailey |
| Sunday | 8 a.m. | Joe, Dennis and Christine Russell |
| | 10 a.m. | Tammy Lynn Guy |
| | 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 January 4th and 5th

| | <i>Altar Servers</i> | <i>Lectors</i> |
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| Saturday, 5:00 p.m. | James and John Ripple | Billy Benjamin |
| Sunday, 8:00 a.m. | | Carol Kieber |
| Sunday, 10:00 a.m. | Sam, Liam & Nigel, Francis, Owen | Henrietta Gross |

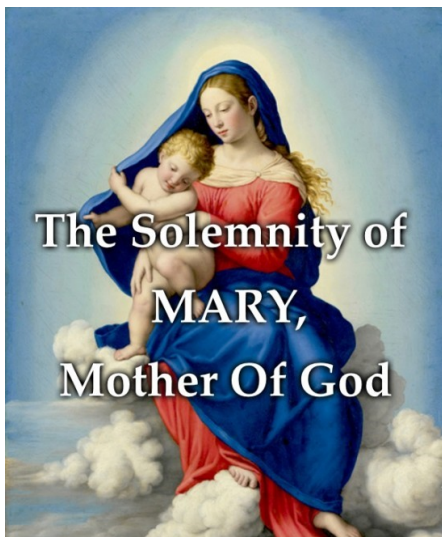
Collections will be posted soon. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

New altar server & lector schedules are available in the Sacristy.



Holy Day of Obligation

January 1, 2020

Mass will be at 10:00 a.m

Upcoming Events & Reminders

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

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

Monday, December 30th – No morning Mass in the Church.

Tuesday, December 31st – No morning Mass in the Church.

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

Friday, January 3rd – No morning Mass in the Church.