

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

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.:

7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass (school days)

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass (non-school days)

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,

On the Second Sunday of Advent we prepare to conclude our novena to Our Lady. I hope this proves to be a prayerful beginning to the advent season for many people in our parish.

These next few weeks will pass by, as the holiday season frequently typically seems to, quickly and with much activity. By beginning this season in prayer we ask God to give depth to our hearts so that his coming may find us truly watchful and not easily carried away by distraction.

Many people have been able to participate so far in the evenings of our novena. Many others have felt more secure joining us from the safety of their own homes. But whether we are at home, in church or out and about, we must all carry with us that disposition which welcomes God into our hearts.

Tuesday, December 8th is not a day of Obligation this year and so we will have the normal Tuesday schedule of Masses in the Church. It is, still, a feast day which we should celebrate with great Joy.

May Our Lady find in her sons and daughters the preparation which her son desires for all of us.

With paternal affection,

*Fr. Drew*

**Mass Intentions for December 7<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	8 a.m.	David Scholten
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Mary Paula Thompson
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Robert Bailey, Sr.
Friday	8 a.m.	Norbert and MaryAnne Niehaus
Saturday	5 p.m.	Maurice Matthews and Carolyn Bowman Miller
Sunday	8 a.m.	Joseph Blaine Somerville, Jr.
	10 a.m.	Vernon Matthew Holt
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

**Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially** Annie T. Nelson, Gailann White, Steve Morgan, Joseph Tippett, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, Joseph Lee Somerville, John Campbell, Max Long, Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams.

**November 29<sup>th</sup> – Offertory \$2,206.00 Other donations, including online – \$1,940.00**

*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).

**Novena In Honor of Our Lady** – You, your family and your friends are invited to join us for a Novena in Honor of Our Lady: Sunday, Nov. 29th through Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM at St. Joseph’s, Morganza.

- 7:00 PM Exposition & Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- 7:05 PM Public Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary
- 7:25 PM Preached Meditation
- 7:50 PM Solemn Benediction

**Current Public Health Precautions** – When visiting St. Joseph's, please continue to be mindful of the following public health precautions as indicated by Archbishop Gregory and local health officials.

- Facial Covering - A limited numbers of masks are available at the Church
- Hand Sanitizing - Should you forget your own, we have some in the back of the Church
- Personal Distancing - Six feet separation remains the recommendation between households in attendance.
- Holy Communion Postponing - The distribution of Holy Communion will take place following the dismissal at the end of Mass.

**The archdiocesan website** in response to the corona virus is updated regularly with information, in English and Spanish, available at [adw.org/coronavirus](http://adw.org/coronavirus), which includes a link of live stream Masses and prayers available at [adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](http://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/). The Catholic Standard and the Spanish-language El Prego Nero newspapers are currently available online at [cathstan.org](http://cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](http://elpreg.org).

**As a reminder**, the dispensation issued by Archbishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect.

## *Upcoming Events & Reminders*

*Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>* – All wrapped gifts must be returned to the Hall today.