

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 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,

Pope Francis announced this past week the beginning of the Year of Saint Joseph. From December 8th, 2020 to December 8th, 2021 the Holy Father encourages us to grow in our devotion to the saint who is already the patron of our parish.

The Pope's announcement came as a part of the commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of Pope Pius IX's declaring Saint Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church.

The Holy Father also published a letter with the title "Patris Corde" about Saint Joseph and the important role God chose for him as the protector and earthly father of Our Redeemer as well as the most Chaste Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He also granted special indulgences—even plenary indulgences to the faithful who perform certain deeds in honor of Saint Joseph during this holy year.

As the pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, I'm looking forward to speaking to you in more detail about the meaning of devotion to our patron. I will make sure you have a good understanding about what we can look forward to this year.

We will add the Litany of Saint Joseph immediately following the conclusion of mass every day as an effective way to express our piety to our patron.

May our patron, St. Joseph, protect us.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

<i>Mass Intentions for December 14th through 20th</i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Brenda Marie Russell
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Deacon John Walter Somerville
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Agnes Cecelia "Sis" Mattingly
Friday	8 a.m.	Mrs. Loretta Rossi, Mother of Msgr. Rossi
Saturday	5 p.m.	Joe, Dennis and Christine Russell
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mary Paula Thompson
	10 a.m.	Agnes "Molly" Weeden
	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.

***December 6th – Offertory \$2,989.00 Building & Repair – \$249.00
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – \$25.00 Christmas Flowers – \$331.00
Thank you for your generosity.***

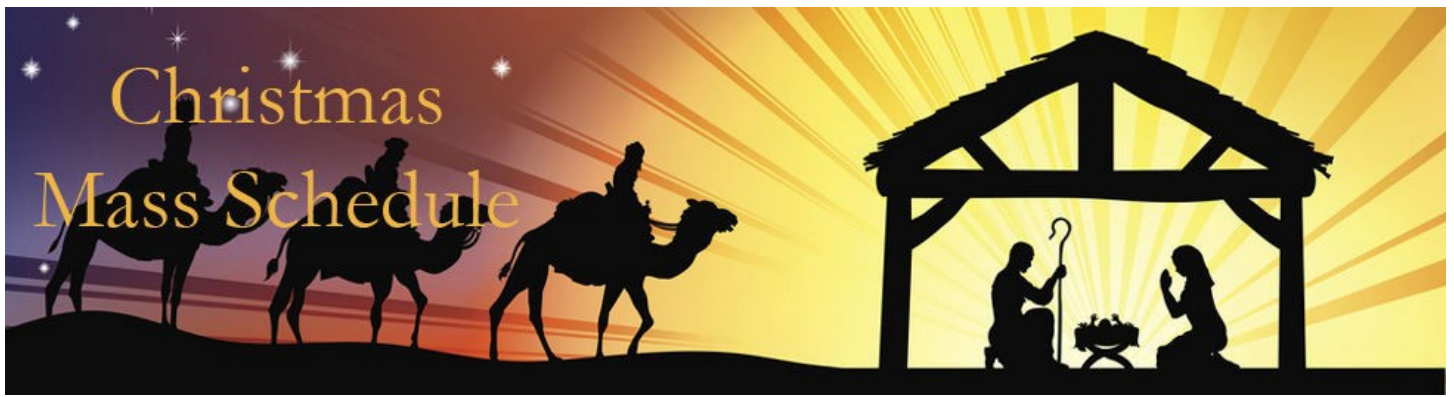
Online Giving – St. Joseph’s Church accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently from our website. You can make secure donations via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply visiting www.stjosephmorganza.org.

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, which includes a link of live stream Masses and prayers available at 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 and elpreg.org.

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



Christmas Mass Schedule

***Christmas Eve Vigil Mass – 4:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
and 12:00 Midnight***

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

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Tuesday, December 15th – All wrapped gifts must be returned to the Hall today.

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

Wednesday, December 23rd through Friday, January 1st – The Rectory office will be closed. Emails and phone calls will be monitored during this time.

Thursday, December 24th – **Christmas Eve.** Mass at 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight

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

Friday, January 1, 2021 – **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** Mass will be at 10:00 a.m.