

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 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 8a.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 6p.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 8a.m. Mass (school days)

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before 8a.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,

“Let Heaven and Nature Sing.”

The Christmas Carol “Joy to the World” tells how we should feel this Christmas.

At Christmas we witness the union of God and Man in the birth of Our Savior, Christ the Lord.

What God has done in bringing us Jesus causes us to cry out. The angels sing in the heavens above the hills surrounding Bethlehem. The shepherds marvel at what they saw.

God is with us to save us. He comes to us because he loves us. The response of those who love in return is to sing for joy.

May the love of God who is pleased to dwell with us fill your families with the gift of his grace

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

Mass Intentions for December 21st through 27th

Monday	8 a.m.	Joseph Blaine Somerville, Jr.
Tuesday	8 a.m.	La-Vern O' Hora Holt
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Theresa Fanny Knight
Christmas Eve	4 p.m.	Susie Howe
	10 p.m.	James M. Niehaus
	Midnight	Michael Nelson
Christmas Day	8 a.m.	JoAnne Demshak
	10 a.m.	Daniel and Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mary E. Bowles
Sunday	8 a.m.	Bert & Mary Anne Niehaus
	10 a.m.	Joe Nelson
	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 Tippet, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, Joseph Lee Somerville, John Campbell, Max Long, Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams.

December 13th – Offertory \$6,350.00

Building & Repair – \$595.00

School Support – \$239.00

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – \$395.00

Christmas Flowers – \$385.00

Other donations, including online – \$2,538.00

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 Mass:
4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.***

***Sung Vespers: * 5:15 p.m.
Midnight Mass: * 12:00 a.m.
Sung Lauds: * 1:00 a.m.***

***Christmas Morning Mass:
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.***

****Vespers & Lauds will be chanted in Latin; Midnight Mass will be recited in Latin without any chant.
All other Masses, Christmas Eve & Morning, will be in English.***

Upcoming Events & Reminders

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.

Help Our Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 29th - January 31st, 2021, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org