

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

**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. Tuesday (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

Tues., 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,

Do you have any suggestions when we should decorate for Christmas?

This is often a theme for lively discussions—when do you put your Christmas Tree up? Or, your Manger scene? Or your Christmas lights? And similarly, after Christmas Day—when do you take them back down again?

There are lots of different customs out there. Some of them are more traditional, some are more modern. Some have been rigidly set in place for countless ages, others move with the whims of the latest fashion.

It would be a shame if we let our own preferences ruin the holiday for others. And, just the same we shouldn't let others ruin our appreciation for the meaning of the season.

Inside the Church, that is, according to the calendar of the Church's Official Schedule for Divine worship—yes, there is such a thing!—there are a couple of helpful dates which mark the progression of the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Whether anyone chooses to decorate their homes, their living rooms and front lawns according to this calendar is, obviously, completely up to them.

This Year, the Third Sunday of Advent is December 12th. The "O Antiphons," prayers in the Church which focus directly on the birth of the Messiah start December 17th. Christmas Day is, obviously, the 25th. The Octave is January 1st. The Twelfth Day of Christmas is January 6th.

Of course, many folks may already be completely set up. Some folks like to go all winter long with the Christmas decor, as it keeps spirits bright throughout the cold months.

However you decide to decorate—the most important consideration is to Keep the Coming of the Savior at the Heart of the Festivities.

With paternal affection,

*Fr. Drew*

**Mass Intentions for December 13<sup>th</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	(Chesterton)	11:40 a.m.	Deacon Chester G. Chen
Tuesday	(Latin)	8 a.m.	Marion Cecil Tennyson
Wednesday	(Chesterton)	11:40 a.m.	Deacon Chester G. Chen
Friday		8 a.m.	Charles Greenwell
Saturday		5 p.m.	Robert Kidwell
Sunday		8 a.m.	Francis "Mole" Nelson
		10 a.m.	Melody Russell and Shawn Bailey
	(Latin)	6 p.m.	Pro Populo

**Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially** Becky Norris, Ann "Shuge" Young, Billy Joe Hill, Virginia Raulerson, Annie T. Nelson, Gailann White, Steve Morgan, Joseph Tippet, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, John Campbell, Max Long, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams.

**Monthly Contribution Schedule – December 2021**

December 5, 2021	Offertory	Building & Repair and Christmas Flower Offering
December 8, 2021	Immaculate Conception	
December 12, 2021	Offertory	School Support
December 19, 2021	Offertory	Retirement Fund for Religious
December 25, 2021	Christmas Offering	
December 26, 2021	Offertory	No Second Collection

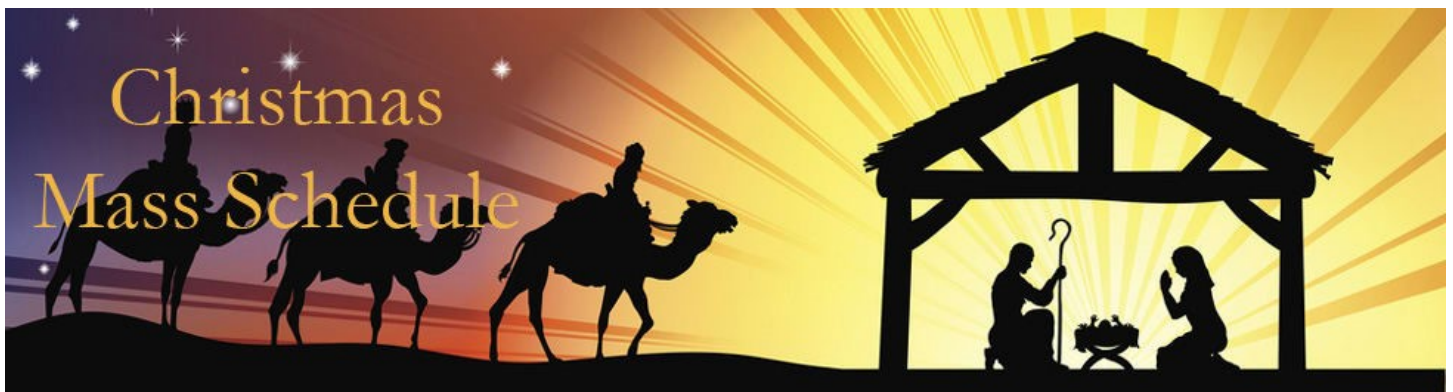
**December 5, 2021 Offertory – \$5,532.00**

**Building & Repair Fund – \$982.00 Christmas Flowers – \$1,000.00**

**December 8, 2021 Immaculate Conception – \$912.00**

*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).



**Christmas Eve Masses – 6:00pm and 10:00pm**

**Christmas Day Mass – 8:00am and 10:00am**



## **Upcoming Events & Reminders**

Donuts and Coffee in the Hall after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday. All are welcome!!

***Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>*** – All wrapped gifts must be returned for our Christmas families.

***Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>*** – Decorate the Church for Christmas, 10 a.m.

***Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>*** – The Rectory office will be closed. E-mails and phone calls will be monitored during this time. Office will reopen on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

***Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*** – **Christmas Eve.** Mass at 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

***Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*** – **Christmas.** Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

***Saturday, January 1, 2022*** – ***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*** Masses will be at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.