

# **4**<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent & The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ December 24, 2023

#### **MASS TIMES:**

MON – FRI: 12:10 PM

SATURDAY: 12:10 PM

5:30 PM (Vigil)

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM

11:30 AM

6:00 PM

#### **CONFESSION TIMES:**

MON - FRI: 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

SATURDAY: 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

4:30 PM to 5:15 PM

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

11:00 AM to 11:30 AM

5:30 PM to 6:00 PM

#### PARISH OFFICE:

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#### A Word From Our Pastor

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent & The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ 12/24/23

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

Merry Christmas! Today we celebrate the birth of our Savior! Into the darkness of this fallen world the light of God has entered and offered salvation to each of us. Born today a mere baby, the King of Kings has come to save us from the tyranny of Satan and from death itself. Everything is different today because of one child born in the backwaters of the Roman Empire. That child would reclaim humanity for God and lead all who would follow Him to eternal life in heaven. We celebrate that today hope is born in a manger: darkness and despair no longer define our world. The Son of God has become man.

Let us recommit ourselves to following Christ. Soon we'll celebrate Epiphany, when the three wise men traveled to adore the infant Christ, and we too should spiritually journey to meet Christ and adore Him. We should marvel that God so loved us that He sent His Son to open for us the way to eternal life in God's own house. All we need do is follow. The path is set. And so let us be merry and joyful as we follow the blessed way open before us in the person whose birthday today we celebrate.

May you find many blessings this Christmas,

Fr. Boniface Endorf O.P.



#### Parish Office Hours

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 25, 2023 through Monday, January 1, 2024 for the Christmas Holiday.

#### **Weekly Collection**

December 11<sup>th</sup> – December 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Collection - \$16,928.05

Thank you for your continuous support.

#### 2023 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

#### **CONSIDER YOUR GIFT**

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has served the people and parishes of our 10 counties for 40 years. To date our parish has received: 49 pledges, totaling \$87,267.82 exceeding our goal of \$66,100.

#### Christmas Ballot 2024

We are taking a poll to see which Christmas Eve Night Mass, either 10:00PM or 12:00AM midnight, the Parish would like to attend in 2024. Ballots are available in the Narthex.

#### **Exposition Announcement**

We are so pleased to announce that we will begin to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday from 8am to 6pm. Please consider making a commitment to adoring our Lord during these times and make sure to ask others to join in. Our adoration chapel is brand new and we're working, with your help, to fill all the adoration slots. Please sign up with the QR code below.



#### WWW.PERPETUALADORATION.NYC

#### Catholic Center at NYU

#### Have a Merry Christmas! See you next year!

Our regular events and Bibles Studies have all wrapped up for the semester, and finals are underway! The Catholic Center will be closed from 23 December through 20 January.

We'll host an Open House for any **new or returning students** (and families!) on Sunday, January 21, 2024, starting at 12:45pm. Join us for 11:30am Mass that morning at St. Joseph's in Greenwich Village, and then we'll head over to the Catholic Center for the open house.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 23rd

Sunday, December 24th

9:00am † Joseph DeFeo
11:30am People of the Parish

5:00pm Topoko Irina

10:00pm † Lawrence and Concetta Lapolla

Monday, December 25th

9:00am † Fr. John McGuire, O.P.

11:30am † Colleen Carney

Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

12:10pm † Luis Miguel Castillo

Wednesday, December 27th

Thursday, December 28th

Friday, December 29th

12:10pm | † Joseph DeFeo

Saturday, December 30th

12:10pm † Charles E. Holder 5:30pm † Joseph DeFeo

Sunday, December 31st

9:00am People of the Parish 11:30am † Luis Miguel Castillo 6:00pm

#### **Parish Prayer Intentions**

John Brandt, Kate Beier, Bryan Sorahan, Jill Sutro, George Telesco, Kim Barreiro, †Felix Cruz, Natalie Nass, Joan Budson, Michael Budson, Ruth Mercandetti, Michael Kho, Lisa Holly.

If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the parish office to submit their name.

Names on the prayer list will remain for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the parish office, weekdays 8:00am – 4:00pm.

### This Week at St. Joe's

<u>Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup></u>

Jesus in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century | 7pm



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Catholics are obliged to attend Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent and for Christmas.

The Saturday 4th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass and the Sunday 9am or 11:30am Mass count for that obligation. The Sunday evening, Christmas Eve Masses, at 5pm and 10pm can count for Sunday or Christmas, but not both. The Christmas Day Masses, on Monday, count for the Christmas obligation. The bottom line: attend 2 Masses.

Saturday, December 23

5:30pm Fourth Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

Sunday, December 24

9:00am Fourth Sunday of Advent 11:30am Fourth Sunday of Advent 5:00pm The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil) 10:00pm The Nativity of the Lord (Night)

Monday, December 25

9:00am The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas at Dawn) 11:30am The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

