

DECEMBER 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent

MASS TIMES:

MON – FRI: 12:10 PM

SATURDAY: 12:10 PM

5:30PM (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

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A Word From Our Pastor

First Sunday of Advent 12/3/23

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

Now we enter the Advent Season—and the beginning of a new liturgical year. Today we begin our preparations for Our Lord's coming at Christmas. It's good to have a spiritual plan in place—more prayer, fasting, etc., to help keep focused on what matters most this season. Also, this Advent will be the shortest possible because Christmas falls on a Monday this year, so Advent is really only about three weeks long. Use that time wisely—God gives many graces this season, take advantage of them.

This Friday is a Holy Day of Obligation: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is required to attend Mass either on the Vigil (Thursday night) or day of (Friday). We'll have a vigil Mass Thursday night at 7pm, and Masses on Friday at 12:10pm and 7pm.

This year Christmas is on a Monday. On the Saturday just before Christmas we'll have our normal 5:30pm Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent. On Sunday, Christmas Eve, we'll have our normal 9am and 11:30am Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent, and that Sunday evening we'll have a 5pm Christmas Vigil Mass and a 10pm Christmas Night Mass. On Christmas day, Monday, we'll have a 9am Christmas Morning Mass and a 11:30am Christmas Day Mass.

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. It's confusing, but the bottom line is to attend 2 Masses.

God Bless.

Fr. Boniface Endorf O.P.

Mass Tidbit:

Concluding the 2nd list of names in the Eucharistic prayer, we have:

Agnes: One of the most popular saints of the early Church, she died a martyr when only 12 years old. She took a vow a virginity and thus died a virgin martyr. She was beheaded in 304 AD under the persecution of the Roman Emperor Diocletian.

Cecilia: She is the patron saint of musicians and is usually shown with a musical instrument. Not much is known about her, but she died a martyr, most likely around 230 AD under the persecution of the Roman Emperor Severus.

Anastasia: Under the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian, Anastasia was tortured and martyred with her husband Publius on Christmas day 304 AD. Not much is known about her life.

Weekly Collection

November 20th - November 27th

Regular Collection - \$4,952.00

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2023 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

CONSIDER YOUR GIFT

Cardinal's The Annual Stewardship Appeal has served the people and parishes of our 10 counties for 40 years. To date our parish has received: 48 pledges, totaling \$87,212.82 exceeding our goal of \$66,100.

Christmas Gift Drive

This Advent Season, St. Joe's is once again partnering with the Missionaries of Charity and the Sisters of Life to bring gifts to those in need.

Missionaries of Charity: You can grab a gift tag from the tree to buy a gift for a specific person that they serve. Please return wrapped gifts by December 18th. The Missionaries of Charity are also collecting socks, gloves, hats, scarves for both men and women - we have a box in the narthex where you can drop off unwrapped donations.

The Sisters of Life have an Amazon Baby Registry and you can find the QR code below or on the flyers in the narthex. Please try to purchase gifts by December 18th. You can also drop off any new baby or maternity clothes (unwrapped) to the narthex or the parish office. Contact Nicole Bogatz at nicole@stjosephgv.nyc for questions.



Canticum Scholare: Candlelight Concert

Join St. Joseph's early music schola, Canticum Scholare, on Thursday, December 14th at 7:30 PM for a candlelight concert with Christmas carol singing. To Celebrate the 400th anniversary of the death of Renaissance composer, William Byrd, the Schola will perform the advent and Christmas motets by Byrd and his contemporaries. No ticket required. Suggested donation at the door of \$25. https://canticum.org/

Pray for our Catechumens!

This Sunday, we are celebrating the Rite of Acceptance at the 11:30 AM Mass. The Rite of Acceptance is an ancient Rite that recognizes the Catechumens decision to begin the process of becoming a member of the Catholic Church through Baptism and welcomes the Candidates, those who have been baptized in another faith, into the process of full communion with the Church. Please join us in praying for our catechumens: Nicole, Christine, Isabella, Robert, Emily and our candidates: Raj, Conor, Lei, Maryam, Kyrie, Paige, Nathan, and Nathaniel.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2nd

12:10pm † Luis Miguel Castillo

5:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday, December 3rd

9:00am † Anthony Visconti 11:30am † Thomas Joyce People of the Parish 6:00pm

Monday, December 4th

12:10pm † Luis Miguel Castillo

Tuesday, December 5th

† William G. Gast 12:10pm Wednesday, December 6th

12:10pm

Thursday, December 7th

12:10pm Alexander Gibson McKeveny

7:00pm (Vigil)

Friday, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10pm † Erin Rodrigues 7:00pm † Julia Dezafra Saturday, December 9th

12:10pm † Luis Miguel Castillo 5:30pm (Vigil) † Theresa Sabbatino

Sunday, December 10th

9:00am † Helen and Thomas Morgan 11:30am People of the Parish

6:00pm Roberta Clark

Parish Prayer Intentions

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

This Week at St. Joe's

Sunday, December 3rd
In Vino Veritas (Young Professional Meeting) | 7pm

Tuesday, December 5th

Jesus in the 21st Century | 7pm

Wednesday, December 6th
Post-Cana: Wedding Ministry 7pm

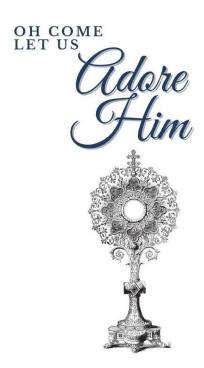
<u>Thursday, December 7th</u> Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Vigil) | 7pm

Friday, December 8th

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 12pm Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 7pm

Saturday, December 9th

St. Joseph's Young Professionals Advent Retreat | 8:30am



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