

Weekly Newsletter

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022

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MASS TIMES:

MONDAY-SATURDAY: 12:10 PM SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:30 PM SUNDAY: 9:00 AM/ 11:30 AM/ 6:00 PM

CONFESSION:

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 11:30 AM-12:00 PM SATURDAY: 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM | 4:30 PM to 5:30 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

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Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

Advent begins! This season is one of watchfulness, vigilance, and prayer, as we await the coming of our Lord on Christmas. Let us spend this special time in spiritual practices—let us be spiritually watchful and vigilant. We won't notice Christ's coming if we aren't paying attention! Just as the three magi of Epiphany knew of Christ's coming only through diligently watching for signs in the heavens, so we too should keep our eyes on God to discern His coming. Let us be prepared with our lamps alight as Christ comes to call us to Himself—to bring us with Him to our true homeland in heaven.

Mass Tidbit

The proclamation of the Gospel is surrounded with much symbolism in the Mass. First, because the Gospel comes from Jesus, it is only ever proclaimed by the priest, who acts *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ Himself, proclaiming His Gospel to us. We all stand for the proclamation of the Gospel to show the dignity and importance of the Gospel.

While processing, sometimes with the incense and candle bearers, towards the ambo where the Gospel is proclaimed, the priest prays quietly this prayer: "Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel." The priest is preparing himself for the holy act he is about to undertake.

When at the ambo, the priest then says to the people "The Lord be with you" and they respond: "And with your spirit." As at the beginning of Mass, the people are requesting that the gifts of God that the priest received through the sacrament of Holy Orders, the sacrament that makes one a priest, will be active while he proclaims the Gospel, that he will proclaim it *in persona Christi.* In other words, we recognize the work of God especially present at this point in the Mass.

The priest then says: "A reading from the holy Gospel according to..." The Gospel is God's work of revelation, His book, and so it's always referred to as "the holy Gospel according to" Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John, rather than "Mark's Gospel." The people then respond "Glory to you, O Lord."

While introducing the Gospel, the priest makes the Sign of the Cross on the Gospel book and on his forehead, lips, and breast. The people do likewise on themselves. This links the Gospel in the book to our minds, mouths, and hearts, that it may dwell therein. The priest then incenses the book of the Gospels, marking its holiness and praying that our pious acts here may rise to heaven.

After proclaiming the Gospel, the priest states "The Gospel of the Lord" and the people reply "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ." The priest then kisses the book of the Gospels and prays quietly "Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away." Our salvation from sin and death rests on Word of God, the source of the Gospels, Jesus Christ.

God Bless,

Fr. Boniface Endorf O.P.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed **Thursday** *December* 8th In observance of the Holy day of the Immaculate Conception.

Weekly Collection

November 19th and November 20th

Collection Total - \$7,807

Second Collection-\$945

REMINDER Giving Fire Sign Up

We're asking everyone to reregister their online donations on GivingFire. You can go to the webpage or you can use the QR code located on the front page.

Giving Fire Direct Link https://stjosephgv.givingfire.com/

Second Collection Retirement Fund for Religious December 9th and December 10th

This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests – women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and His Church. Please join us in supporting this appeal and in praying for the Lord's blessings on our nation's elderly religious.

2022 Cardinals Annual Stewartship 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: 50 pledges, totaling **\$49,840** towards our goal of **\$73,500**

Saturday, November 26
Saturday, NOVEINDER 20
Matilda Smith (living)
Sunday, November 27
First Sunday of Advent
People of the Parish
Anthony Sonny Ruggiero
Loretta LaRusso (living)
Monday November 28
Tuesday, November 29
Wednesday, November 30
Saint Andrew, Apostle
Thursday, December 1
Friday, December 2
Saturday, December 3
St. Francis Xavier Priest
Mary Smith (living)
Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

Lynn Barr | Anna Basquez | Susan Bonn| Cardi B| Odilia Calvillo | Martha Catel |Margaret Cominsky | Anne Marie Couto |Cundiff Family | Shayla Decker | Colleen Eren | Elena Fratta | Carnena Ta Martin Fuered Angela Ionata |Frank and Angelina Jesselli| | Rhe Kennedy | Anne Kornacki | Dana Legat| Lieberman Family | Virginia Fuller- Busardo | McKendry Family | Alana Rose MelnikConstance Pradelli | Ramirez Family| Rosanna Ronin | John Thomas | Dan Schoenbrun| | Vince Syracuse| | Anthony Scorr | Sherman Family | Mary and Matilda Smith | Ventimiglia Family | Vertucci Family |

If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names. Names on the prayer list will remain for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, weekdays 8am – 4:00pm.

This Week at St. Joe's

Entrepreneur Group | Monday at 7pm

The November meeting will be this Monday, November 28th in McGuire Hall. Come join the group and bring your ideas and experiences. Whether you have your own business or you are looking to start one, we look forward to meeting you.

Jesus in the 21st Century | Tuesday at 7pm

Join for a weekly study of the Gospel led by Bishop Robert Baron's weekly video sermons.

Post-Cana | Wednesday at 7pm

For married couples to come together to grow in faith and fellowship.

Upcoming Events

Reform Wellness Advent Retreat | Saturday, December 10th An Invitation to Christ-Centered Wellness

Reform Wellness out of Long Island will be hosting its NYC Advent Retreat here in McGuire Hall. For more information and/or tickets:

https://www.reformwellness.co/an-invitation-to-christ-centered-wellness-nyc