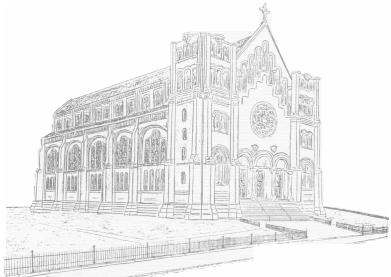


December 18, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: 10 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 12:15 p.m.

Holy Day Masses: 12:15 p.m.



CHURCH OPEN

Mondays thru Fridays: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

One hour before Sunday Masses

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Baptisms

Call the Parish Office for Information. Parents and Godparents need to attend instruction for sacrament prior to date being established, presented by Sr. Claire, DC.

Weddings

Contact priest at least six months prior to planned wedding date. After contacting priest, contact the wedding director, (x141) to reserve the time and date for your wedding.

Ministry to Sick Please call the church office if your loved one is hospitalized or shut-in and unable to attend Mass for the *Anointing of the Sick* for healing and to receive communion.

New Parishioners Welcome to St. Joseph Church. If you wish to become a member of our parish family, please complete one of the registration forms on the table in the rear of the church. You can turn in the completed form to the receptionist in the church office.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022



10:00 am Myrtle Weaver +; Ramon Lloren +; Rosalie Blady +; Dori Soroe +; Carolyn Gassiot +

8:30 am *Parishioners of St. Joseph Church living and deceased*

Monday, December 19, 2022—

12:15 pm Jim Schreier +; Ruffin Mitchell, Jr. +

Tuesday, December 20, 2022—

12:15 pm Blaise Misce; Brian D'Alfonso

Wednesday, December 21, 2022—St. Peter Canisius

12:15 pm Pat Bassett +; Casey Trepin +

Thursday, December 22, 2022—

12:15 pm Frank Dress +; Brad D'Alfonso

Friday, December 23, 2022—St. John of Canty

12:15 pm John Lawyer +; Catherine Hymel +

Sunday, Dec 18, One in Faith #963

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wed.: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thurs: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1-8; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-16; Ps 89:2-29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: *Masses for Vigil, Midnight, Daytime*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS , WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Mason Abbott, Anthony Blaise, Clarke Bordelon, Lawrence & Mamie Brown, Donald & Gail Canatella, Steve Orkus John & Cindy Caron, Ellen Carty, Sue Dakote, Joseph Delay, Jeff & Mary Duet, Albert Evens, Terry Eggleston, Linda Elwood, Heather Faircloth, June & Mark Eiserloh, Frances Fiegler, Shirley Gaither, John & Kathleen Gebbia, Roselyn Hansen, John Hakanson, Jim Karam, Bill Kroetz, Nowell Lacking, Ken & Bette Kussman, Landy Lanza, James Leung, Ingrid Hernandez Troy Martinez, Karen McCoy, Donna Moore, Frank Morales, Sr. Maura O'Donovan, Mark Owen; John & Sylvia Powell, Audrey Lupiba, Joyce Randolph, Cindy Reynolds, Tina Roderfeld, Bernie Saul; Pippy Sanders, Niru Santos, Anthony, Donnie and Jennie Satcher, Louise Sonnier, Mel Schiro; Fr. Tom & Virginia Stehlík, Diedra Steibing, Yolanda Steptoire, Ingrid Hernandez, Jane Tonglet, Fritz Tripkovich, Corliss Truhill, Georgiana Prevost, Martha A. Treen, Marion Vaughn, Siena Acker, Gerard Vallet, Warren Webster, Ozzie Welch, Mary Willis, Lynn Williams, Deborah Graciana.

The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, “What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?” This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ.

This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life. Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus’ arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don’t then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did?

Las Posadas (December 16–24)

Of the many Latin American traditions for the celebration of Advent and Christmas, the tradition of *Las Posadas* seems to be the best known. It originated in the last half of the eighteenth century when the boisterous *Misas de Aguinaldo* were no longer celebrated in Mexico. To replace these Masses, the laity celebrated in their own homes by taking what had been dramatized in the churches: the journey of the Galilean immigrants, Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, looking for an inn (*posada*) in Bethlehem. Like the “O Antiphons” of the liturgy, these *posadas* were celebrated on nine consecutive nights.

The journey of Joseph and Mary from inn to inn sadly continues every day in the fearful and tired steps taken by so many immigrants and refugees today. Like the Holy Family, Latin American families look for hospitality with the hope of finding a new life for their sons and daughters. Unfortunately, many respond just like the people of Bethlehem, closing their door, rather than opening their heart in welcome. We know firsthand what Joseph and Mary experienced two thousand years ago. We have to ask ourselves: When will the human heart change? When will we open the doors of our heart to our Lord whose coming from age to age seems so hard to recognize?

Maranatha: Come Lord Jesus!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve **4 pm** Midmidnight Mass (Music begins at **11:30 pm**)

Christmas Day **10 am**

Saturday, Dec. 31 **4 pm** Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Sunday, Jan 1 **10 am** Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

No Sunday 8:30 Mass on 1/1/2023

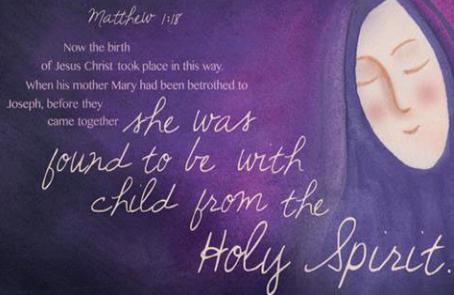
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Christmas Decorating and Dinner, All are invited to sign up next Sunday December 11 or December 18 to meet, decorate, and share a meal on Friday, December 23, as we prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Decorating begins at 5pm with dinner at 7:30 pm.

The St. Louis **Cathedral Choir Christmas Concert** will take place on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 5:30 PM, followed by Christmas Caroling in Jackson Square.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, “God is with us” (Matthew 1:18-24).

GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

Pope Francis' December Intention

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle this week is lit to pray for the eternal rest of **Theresa Hamrick**. To reserve the Sanctuary Candle in memory of someone or for a special intention, call the church office at (504) 522-3186). The offering is \$15 for one week. The offering for Mass intentions is \$5.00.

CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Archdiocese of New Orleans continues to make the Hot Line available for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the Church. The Hot Line continues to be available; the number is (504) 522-5019. In continuing our commitment to support and to heal, we invite and encourage individuals who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Archdiocese to call our Hot Line and your message will be received confidentially by a mental health professional. Anyone can make a direct call during regular business hours to the Victims' Assistance Coordinator at (504) 861-6253.

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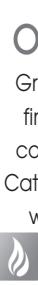
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