Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 19th
Advent Reconciliation Service
7:00 PM at St. Joseph

Monday, December 24th
Christmas Eve
5:00 PM at St. Stanislaus – Fr. Roger
(with Youth Choir & Incense to be used)
8:00 PM at St. Stanislaus – Fr. Gaston
(with Adult Choir & incense to be used)
9:00 PM at St. Joseph – Fr. Roger
/incense to be used

Tuesday, December 25th
Christmas Day
9:00 AM at St. Stanislaus – Fr. Gaston
/incense to be used
9:00 AM at St. Joseph in English &
11:00 AM in Spanish – Fr. Roger

Sunday, December 30th
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
No change to Mass schedule

Tuesday, January 1st
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
9:00 AM at St. Stanislaus (incense to be used)
11:00 AM at St. Joseph in English &
1:00 PM in Spanish

Sunday, January 6th
Epiphany of the Lord – No change to Mass schedule

Sunday, January 13th
The Baptism of the Lord – No change to Mass schedule
(Last Sunday of Christmas Time)

Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM in English & 1:00PM in Spanish

Daily Mass: Wednesdays 8:30 AM (followed by Adoration) & Thursdays at 8:30 AM

For bulletin announcements and/or changes contact Agnes Fields via e-mail at agnesfields@gmail.com
(Subject: Bulletin) or text to (910) 431-0326 by 6pm Thursday.
Readings for December 16 – December 22, 2018

Sunday, December 16
3rd Sunday of Advent
Zephaniah 3: 14-18a
Resp. Psalm: Isaiah 12
Philippians 4: 4-7
Luke 3: 10-18

Monday, December 17
Monday of the 3rd Week of Advent
Genesis 49: 2, 8-10
Psalm 72
Matthew 1: 1-17

Tuesday, December 18
Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Advent
Jeremiah 23: 5-8
Psalm 72
Matthew 1: 18-25

Wednesday, December 19
Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Advent
Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25a
Psalm 71
Luke 1: 5-25

Thursday, December 20
Thursday of the 3rd Week of Advent
Isaiah 7: 10-14
Psalm 24
Luke 1: 26-38

Friday, December 21
Friday of the 3rd Week of Advent
Zephaniah 3: 14-18a
Psalm 33
Luke 1: 39-45

Saturday, December 22
Saturday of the 3rd Week of Advent
1 Samuel 1: 24-28
Resp. Psalm: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10
Luke 1: 46-56

For Daily Mass Readings you can also go online to:
* http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings
* http://www.ewtn.com/daily-readings
(includes Daily Mass video)

Stewardship of Treasure

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Thank you for your support.

Food Pantry

Please continue donating non-perishable food items (such as peanut butter, canned foods, pasta, rice, beans, etc.) to our ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY and help those in need! You can place your donations each Sunday before Mass into the wagon outside the church or (if the wagon is not out) inside the church’s gathering area. Thank you so much 😊

Please note the TIME CHANGE for Christmas Eve Mass: It is now going to be **9:00 PM** at St. Joseph (originally listed as 8 PM)

Today's Meditation

More Joy in Suffering than Enjoyments

"With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation." - Isaiah 12:3

As we near Christ’s coming this Christmas, the Lord commands us to "shout for joy" and to "sing joyfully" (Zep 3:14). In doing this, we are joining our heavenly Father, Who is singing joyfully because of us (Zep 3:17).

The Lord commands us not only to rejoice sometimes, but to rejoice always (Phil 4:4). This does not mean we rejoice over all things, but that we rejoice in the Lord under all circumstances. Because the Lord is our Joy and the circumstances are not, we can rejoice in the midst of "the distress of many trials" (1 Pt 1:6). By God’s grace and our faith in the Lord, sufferings do not rob us of our joy. In fact, we rejoice in the measure that we share Christ’s sufferings (1 Pt 4:13). This miraculous joy is the joy of Jesus and therefore complete joy (Jn 15:11). It is divine joy, "inexpressible joy" (1 Pt 1:8), Marian joy (see Lk 1:47), and the true joy of Christmas.

Therefore, "rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice!" (Phil 4:4)

Taking it Home:

- On this Gaudete ("Rejoice!") Sunday, reflect on what you are thankful for. This week, write down things in your life that cause you to rejoice. Then, thank God for those blessings.
- True Joy ultimately comes through following God’s will for our lives. It is only in obedience to God, who knows what is best for us, that we will find true fulfillment. In what areas of your life do you need to listen more carefully to God and follow His will more fully? Take action today!

The Discalced Carmelite Secular Order

Is God calling you to contemplative prayer? Has He given you the desire to pray for the Church and priests? St. Teresa of Jesus, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of the Child Jesus and many others through the Discalced Carmelite Order also had this call from God. Lay members in good standing with the Church are eligible to enter the Discalced Carmelite Secular Order. St. Joseph Discalced Secular Carmelite Community is meeting the first Saturday of each month at St Mark’s Church, Wilmington, from 10 a.m. until 1:00 pm and invites you to come visit. To learn more please contact: Theresa Bogue at 910-382-5559 or theresabogue@yahoo.com

St. Joseph Catholic Church is unable to receive any household items for donation until further notice.

Thank you for thinking about us.