Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 11th
Advent Reconciliation Service
7:00 PM at St. Stanislaus

Tuesday, December 11th
Our Lady of Guadalupe
11:00 PM

Tuesday, 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)

8:00 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)

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Sunday, December 2, 2018
1st Sunday of Advent

We welcome all visitors!
Welcome to St. Joseph the Worker Parish. We are glad you chose to be with us today. If you are traveling, we pray for your safe journey home. If you live in this area, we hope you will return soon to worship with us.

Share in the Apostolic Mission of the Church
We, the parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a community of faith, being spirit-filled and empowered by our baptism, are called to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. United by our worship, our continued commitment to faith formation and our love for one another, we dedicate our time, talents, and treasure to the enrichment of our community and the greater glory of God.

Sacraments

Baptism: Parents must attend a preparation class prior to having their child baptized. Please schedule an appointment with Father Roger to discuss the procedure. Baptisms will be performed at 1:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month only.

Marriage: The marriage preparation program for the Diocese of Raleigh takes 6 months. Please contact Father Roger for an appointment.

1st Penance, 1st Eucharist, & Confirmation: Contact Father Roger for info.
Sunday, December 2
1st Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Psalm 25
1 Thes 3: 12- 4:2

Monday, December 3
Saint Francis Xavier
Isaiah 2: 1-5
Psalm 122
Matthew 8: 5-11

Tuesday, December 4
Saint John Damascene
Isaiah 11: 1-10
Psalm 72

Wed., December 5
Wednesday of the 1st Week of Advent
Isaiah 25: 6-10a
Psalm 23
Matthew 15: 29-37

Thur., December 6
Saint Nicholas
Isaiah 26: 1-6
Psalm 118
Matthew 7: 21, 24-27

Fri., December 7
Saint Ambrose
Isaiah 29: 17-24
Psalm 27
Matthew 9: 27-31

Sat., December 8
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Genesis 3: 9-15, 20
Psalm 98
Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12
Luke 1: 26-38

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)

**Mass Schedule**

Sunday, December 2
1st Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM English, 1:00 PM Spanish

Wednesday, December 5
Daily Mass at 8:30 AM; Adoration at 9:00 AM

Thursday, December 6
Daily Mass at 8:30 AM

Sunday, December 9
2nd Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM English, 1:00 PM Spanish

**Advent Candles**

Attention Parishioners: We have several sets of Advent candles available! These are the candles from our Advent Wreath in the church from previous years (and thus, they have already been blessed by Father). Please see Beth Yott if you are interested in any of the sets.

**Today's Meditation**

**THE NECESSITY OF ADVENT**

"May He strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus." —1 Thessalonians 3:13

Happy New Year! This is the first day of the Church's year and the beginning of the Advent season. "This holy season teaches us that Christ’s coming was not only for the benefit of His contemporaries; His power has still to be communicated to us all" (from a pastoral letter by St. Charles Borromeo). The purpose of Advent is to prepare us for a deep, personal, life-changing, world-shaking encounter with Christ this Christmas season.

For thousands of years, people have been preparing for Christ's coming and for almost seventeen hundred years have been celebrating Advent. The Holy Spirit has taught the Church that to prepare for Christ, we must:

- Pray the Mass with so much love that Mass becomes the center of our lives. Thus, we have the word, "Christ-Mass."
- Be immersed in repentance and express this by Advent Confession(s) (see Lk 3:3ff).
- Abide in God's Word (Jn 8:31) and share His Word. This is the origin of Christmas cards.
- Do penance, especially fasting. This is the connotation of the Advent color, purple.
- Do good deeds, especially almsgiving. This is the origin of Christmas gift-giving.

Christ is coming in a new way this Christmas. Get ready this Advent.

**Magnificat Subscriptions**

Magnificat subscriptions will be renewed in January. The cost is $36.00 per year. Please submit $36.00 by cash or check payable to St. Joseph Church to Beth Yott or place in offertory basket with Magnificat marked on the envelope.

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. Thank you so much!