**Christmas Mass Schedule**

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| 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) |
| 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**  
*Last Sunday of Christmas Time*  
*No change to Mass schedule* |

**Sunday & Daily Mass Schedule**

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<td><strong>Sunday Mass:</strong></td>
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<td>Wednesdays 8:30 AM (followed by Adoration) &amp; Thursdays at 8:30 AM</td>
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There will be **NO DAILY MASS** on Wednesday, December 26.

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**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.

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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 23 – December 29, 2018**

**Sunday, December 23**
- 4th Sunday of Advent
  - Micah 5: 1-10
  - Psalm 80
  - Hebrews 10: 5-10

**Monday, December 24**
- Monday of the 4th Week of Advent
  - 2 Sam 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
  - Psalm 89
  - Luke 1: 67-79

**Tuesday, December 25**
- The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
  - Isaiah 52: 7-10
  - Psalm 98
  - Hebrews 1: 1-6
  - John 1: 1-18

**Wednesday, December 26**
- Saint Stephen, the First Martyr
  - Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59
  - Psalm 31
  - Matthew 10: 17-22

**Thursday, December 27**
- Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
  - 1 John 1: 1-4
  - Psalm 97
  - John 20: 1a, 2-8

**Friday, December 28**
- Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
  - 1 John 1: 5-2: 2
  - Psalm 124
  - Matthew 2: 13-18

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)

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

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Thank you for your support.

**Today’s Meditation**

**“MARY” CHRISTMAS**

“Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne.” - Micah 5:2

The person who knows more about Christmas than anyone else is Mary. She was chosen from all time to give birth to Jesus. She was attached to Him by His umbilical cord. She, with Joseph, cut the cord, held the Baby Jesus to her breasts, nursed Him, wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger (Lk 2:7).

Mary knows about Christmas in a way impossible for anyone else. Do you think you’ll have Christmas this year? Very few had the first Christmas and it’s questionable whether many more will celebrate the true Christmas this year. Yet the Lord would gladly send us Mary to guide us from materialism to the manger, from over-indulgence to gospel poverty, and from the pride of modern life (1 Jn 2:16, JB) to the little town of Bethlehem.

When Mary comes to visit you, let her guide you. At the sound of her greeting, be filled with the Holy Spirit of the true Christmas (Lk 1:41). Cry "out in a loud voice: 'Blest are you among women and blest is the Fruit of your womb. But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'" (Lk 1:42-43) "Mary" Christmas!

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**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 😊**

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Prayer before Christmas ...

“Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Lord Jesus. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love and lead all people closer to you. Amen.”

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~ 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)

~ There will be **NO DAILY MASS on Wednesday, December 26**