## Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

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<td>Christmas Eve 5:00 PM at St. Stanislaus – Fr. Roger (with Youth Choir &amp; Incense to be used)</td>
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<td>Christmas Day 9:00 AM at St. Stanislaus – Fr. Gaston (incense to be used)</td>
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<td>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</td>
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<td>Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God 9:00 AM at St. Stanislaus (incense to be used)</td>
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<td>Epiphany of the Lord – No change to Mass schedule</td>
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<td>The Baptism of the Lord – No change to Mass schedule (Last Sunday of Christmas Time)</td>
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### 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.

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**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

**2nd 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.
Readings for December 9 – December 15, 2018

**Sunday, December 9**
*2nd Sunday of Advent*
- Baruch 5: 1-9
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

**Monday, December 10**
*Monday of the 2nd Week of Advent*
- Isaiah 35: 1-10
- Psalm 85
- Luke 5: 17-26

**Tuesday, December 11**
*Saint Damascus I*
- Isaiah 40: 1-11
- Psalm 96
- Matthew 18: 12-14

**Wednesday, December 12**
*Our Lady of Guadalupe*
- Zechariah 2: 14-17 or Rev. 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab
- Resp. Psalm: Judith 13
- Luke 1: 26-38 or 1: 39-47

**Thursday, December 13**
*Saint Lucy*
- Isaiah 41: 13-20
- Psalm 145
- Matthew 11: 11-15

**Friday, December 14**
*Saint John of the Cross*
- Isaiah 48: 17-19
- Psalm 1
- Matthew 11 16-19

**Saturday, December 15**
*Saturday of the 2nd Week of Advent*
- Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11
- Psalm 80
- Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13

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

**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 😊

**Offertory Envelopes**

To further reduce costs and waste, offertory envelope numbers above 50 will be changed to a lower number in the next year. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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**Today’s Meditation**

"Make ready the way of the Lord, clear Him a straight path." — Luke 3:4

Before Christ’s Christmas coming and His Second Coming, we need to make a highway in the desert. We need this highway so we can return to the Lord from the exile of sin and so the Lord can return to take us from our exile on earth (see 1 Pt 2:11) to our heavenly home. This desert highway is both for us (Bar 5:7) and the Lord to use (Lk 3:4). We are to use the highway first to get out of the exile of sin. Then Jesus will come on it to take us home from our exile on earth.

We construct and travel this highway by repentance — deep repentance, “a baptism of repentance” (Lk 3:3). By repentance, we fill in the emptiness of sin’s “death valley” and level mountains of pride and inflated egos (Lk 3:5). As we confess our sins, the Lord makes straight (Lk 3:5) our winding excuses, rationalizations, unrealistic denials, and self-deceptions. The rough, jagged, cutting, harmful edges of our selfish attitudes are made smooth through repentance, forgiveness, Confession, and reconciliation (Lk 3:5).

Make and drive the highway of repentance into Christmas and heaven.

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**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

On December 12 of each year, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, marking the day when, in 1531, the Blessed Mother appeared in Mexico to a 57-year old peasant named Juan Diego. According to the earliest reliable account of the story, Juan Diego was walking near what is now Mexico City (Tepeyac Hill) when he came upon an apparition of a “Maiden” who he soon came to recognize as the Virgin Mary. In trying to convince the archbishop of what he had seen, Juan Diego eventually was asked for a sign to prove what he had seen.

Upon returning to Mary and sharing this with her, Juan Diego was instructed to climb to the top of the hill to gather flowers to bring back to the bishop. Reaching the crest of the hill, Juan Diego found Castilian roses, which were neither in season nor native to the region. The Blessed Mother arranged the flowers herself in Juan’s tilma (a burlap-type cloak) and instructed him to open the cloak only upon return to the bishop.

When Juan Diego arrived back at the bishop’s residence and opened his cloak, the flowers fell to the floor and left on the surface of the tilma was the image that’s come to be known as “Our Lady of Guadalupe.”

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**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