

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday, November 23rd**

- Bi-lingual Mass at 9:00 AM at St. Joseph
- English Mass at 10:30 AM at St. Stanislaus

### *ADVENT* **COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES**

**St. Stanislaus** will have their Communal Reconciliation Service at **7:00 PM** on **Tuesday, December 5th**.

Here at **St. Joseph**, we will have our Communal Reconciliation Service at **7:00 PM** on **Tuesday, December 12th**.

### **Room At The Inn**

**Room At The Inn** is a Catholic agency that operates housing and programs for single, pregnant women and single mothers with children suffering from homelessness throughout NC. Please visit our website for more information about our ministry at [roominn.org](http://roominn.org)

**We are in need of \$25 gift cards for Christmas.**

If you would like to donate a gift card in support of the mothers and children we serve, please mail to:

**Room At The Inn,  
PO Box 13936  
Greensboro, NC 27415**



### **Stewardship of Treasure**

**November 5, 2023**

#### **11:00 AM (English) Mass**

Offertory \$ 730.00  
Priest Welfare & Retirement \$ 140.00  
Mass Intention \$ 10.00

**Total \$ 880.00**

#### **1:00 PM (Spanish) Mass**

Offertory \$ 536.00  
Priest Welfare & Retirement \$ 149.00

**Total \$ 685.00**

Thank you for your continued support!  
May God Bless you always and in all ways!

For bulletin announcements and/or changes contact **Agnes Fields** via e-mail at [agnesfields@gmail.com](mailto:agnesfields@gmail.com) (Subject: Bulletin) or text to **(910) 431-0326** by 6pm Thursday

## St. Joseph Catholic Church



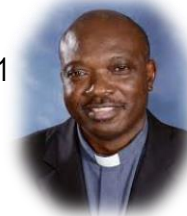
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**Thirty-Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, November 12, 2023**

### **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.

## We welcome all visitors!

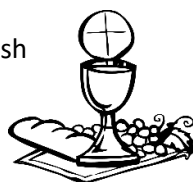
Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church. We are glad you chose to be with us today. If you are traveling, we pray for your safe journey home. If you live in this area, we hope you will return soon to worship with us.

## Mass Schedule

**Sunday Mass:** 11:00 am in English and 1:00 pm in Spanish

**Daily Mass:** Wednesdays at 8:30 am

Thursdays at 8:30 am



## 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.

**RECONCILIATION:** Immediately following Mass and by appointment.

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

**1ST PENANCE, 1ST HOLY COMMUNION, & CONFIRMATION:**

Contact Father Roger for information.

## Today's Readings

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

*"My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God."*

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

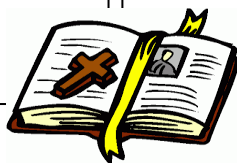
Matthew 25: 1-13

For Daily Mass Readings  
go online to:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>

<http://www.ewtn.com/daily-readings>

(Includes Daily Mass video)



## Today's Meditation

**"I do not know you." - Matthew 25:12**

At first reading, the wise virgins may appear selfish when they do not share their oil with the foolish virgins (Mt 25:8-9). However, some things cannot be shared. For example, a marathon runner must prepare for a long time to get in condition for a marathon. If a person were to approach a long-distance runner and say: "Give me some of your endurance," the runner would rightly respond: "I cannot give that to you. That kind of endurance is only gained through long training and daily discipline."



Likewise, the spiritual "shape" required to be "ready to greet [the Lord] when He comes again" is something that cannot simply be handed from a person who is spiritually mature to a person who is not. Our relationship to Jesus, the Bridegroom (Mk 2:19), is similar to a marriage. A marriage relationship is cultivated and developed by daily communication, sacrifice, and love. Spouses who do not attempt to grow in love for each other might one day look at their spouse and proclaim: "I do not know you" (Mt 25:12).

Now is the time (2 Cor 6:2). Start today to get to know Jesus more deeply. Spend at least five extra minutes each day this week in prayer with the Lord. Then spend ten extra minutes a day next week reading the Gospels. Come to know Jesus (Phil 3:10).

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## LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S

The Ladies of St. Joseph's will meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** of each month at **10:00 AM** in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested to join the fellowship, please contact **Ellen**

**Whitman** at **(910) 620-6458** or e-mail [ellenpwhitman@yahoo.com](mailto:ellenpwhitman@yahoo.com)

## PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse

Pam Saphara

George Spezak

Stacey Riemer

The Vandall Family

Bill Barnett

United States Leadership

All those incarcerated

Joshua Butrim

Gina Brooks

Marilyn Malberg

The Harris Family

The Daniels Family

Liz Becker

The unborn

All those who suffer from addiction



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