

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Christmas Schedule

#### At St. Joseph in Burgaw

**Sunday, December 24th**

Christmas Eve (Vigil)

Mass at 8:00 PM in Spanish

**Monday, December 25th**

Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

Mass at 9:00 AM in Spanish

Mass at 11:00 AM in English

**Monday, January 1**

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary

Mass at 10:00 AM (bi-lingual)

by Fr. Gaston



#### At St. Stanislaus in Castle Hayne

**Sunday, December 24th**

Children's Mass at 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve (Vigil) Mass at 8:00 PM

**Monday, December 25th**

Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

Mass at 9:00 AM

**Monday, January 1**

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary

Mass at 10:00 AM by Fr. Roger

If you would like a **2023 year end contribution statement** for tax purposes, please call **Andrew Geppert: 910.663.4302**

### LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S

The Ladies of St. Joseph's will continue to meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** of each month at **10:00 AM** in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 13, 2024. All are welcome to join our parish fellowship. Contact **Ellen Whitman** at **(910) 620-6458** for more information

### Stewardship of Treasure

December 17, 2023

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

Offertory	\$ 603.00
Priest Welfare & Retire.	\$ 25.00
Holy Days	\$ 30.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00
Maintenance	\$ 90.00
Flower Donations	\$ 10.00
Outreach/Aid for Poor	\$ 10.00

**Total \$ 788.00**

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

Offertory	\$ 452.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 452.00</b>

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** (Subject: Bulletin) or text to **(910) 431-0326** by 6pm Thursday

## St. Joseph Catholic Church



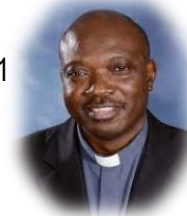
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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

### 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!

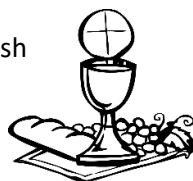
Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church. We are glad you chose to be with us today. If you are traveling, we pray for your safe journey home. If you live in this area, we hope you will return soon to worship with us.

## 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

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalms 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

*"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."*

Romans 16: 25-27

Luke 1: 26-38



## 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

### A "MARY," MERRY CHRISTMAS

**"Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be...?' " - Luke 1:34**

To have a true Christmas, to meet Christ at Mass in a new, glorious way during the Christmas season, we must have a "Mary" Christmas and love Jesus as Mary does. To have a "Mary" Christmas, we should:

- not fear (Lk 1:30),
- be filled with God's grace (Lk 1:30),
- have "the Holy Spirit...come upon" us (Lk 1:35),
- believe that "nothing is impossible with God" (Lk 1:37),
- rejoice in being the Lord's servants, that is, the slaves of the Lord (Lk 1:38),
- "let it be done" to us according to God's Word (Lk 1:38),
- trust "that the Lord's words" to us will "be fulfilled" (Lk 1:45),
- proclaim "the greatness of the Lord" and find "joy in God" our Savior (Lk 1:46-47),
- "be pierced with a sword" of sorrow (Lk 2:35),
- "do whatever [Jesus] tells" us and tell others to do the same (Jn 2:5),
- be at the foot of Jesus' cross (Jn 19:25), and
- together devote ourselves to constant prayer for a new Pentecost (Acts 1:14).

A "Mary" Christmas is a Christmas of faith, joy, self-sacrifice, obedience, evangelistic zeal, redemptive suffering, praise-filled worship, and constant prayer in the Holy Spirit.  
"Mary" Christmas!



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## PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse

Pam Saphara

George Spezak

The Harris Family

The Vandall Family

United States Leadership

All those who suffer from addiction

The Butrim Family

Gina Brooks

Bill Barnett

Denise Fields

The Daniels Family

All those incarcerated

Phyllis Kubelka

Stacey Riemer

Liz Becker

Marilyn Malberg

The unborn

Please e-mail [agnesfields@gmail.com](mailto:agnesfields@gmail.com) to have a loved one placed on our prayer list. If you have placed a loved one on our list and you feel they no longer need to be on it, please e-mail so that we may update our list.

