

ANNOUNCEMENTS

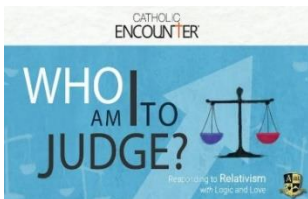
LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S

The Ladies of St. Joseph's will meet this Saturday, December 9 at 11:30 AM for a special Holiday Luncheon in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in joining, please contact **Ellen Whitman** at (910) 620-6458 for details.



Friday, **December 8**, we celebrate the Feast of the **Immaculate Conception**. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**! Mass will be at **St. Stanislaus at 6:00 PM** (no Mass at St. Joseph).

Adult Religious Formation Group



Starting **January 31, 2024**, this 8-week study group will be held at St. Joseph's Hall. There will be two classes per week, both on **Wednesdays**, one at **10 a.m.** and one at **7 p.m.** Minimum of 3 participants needed to hold each class. No charge for class. If interested, please text **Rick Walsh** at **215-815-7518**.

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**.



Stewardship of Treasure

November 26, 2023

11:00 AM (English) Mass

Offertory	\$ 497.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Priest Welfare & Retire.	\$ 25.00
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 20.00
Flower Donations	\$ 30.00
All Soul's	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 602.00

1:00 PM (Spanish) Mass

Offertory	\$ 672.00
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 147.00
Total	\$ 819.00

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

St. Joseph Catholic Church



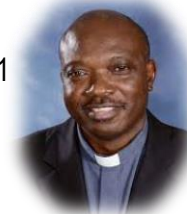
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First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 3, 2023

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!

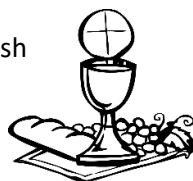
Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church. We are glad you chose to be with us today. If you are traveling, we pray for your safe journey home. If you live in this area, we hope you will return soon to worship with us.

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

Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

Psalms 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 33-37



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

In this gospel reading, we hear Jesus telling us to be watchful and to be alert for His coming. We know He had already come more than two thousand years ago but before He went back to His Father on Ascension Day, He promised that He would come back but He did not mention the day or time. Yet we may not be alive when He comes back. For our life on earth is only temporary. Sooner or later, we will leave our earthly body and go to the other world. That is why there is a really a need to prepare for any eventuality. In other words, whether we are alive when Jesus comes again or we die today or tomorrow, we must be ready to meet Him face to face.



So let's get familiar with Jesus now. It is not yet too late. Let's know Him and His precepts for it will be an anomaly if we have heard of Him but refuse to believe and follow Him. To be familiar with Him means to listen to His words every day and to live a life according to His will. Much better, let us live in faith that He is always with us and in us. For in truth, He never left us because He has sent His Spirit to be with us.

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This 1st Sunday of Advent is also the beginning of the **new liturgical year** when we transition into a **new liturgical cycle**. On the first Sunday of Advent in 2023, we'll transition from cycle A to cycle B.

PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse

Pam Saphara

George Spezak

The Harris Family

The Vandall Family

The Daniels Family

United States Leadership

All those who suffer from addiction

Joshua Butrim

Gina Brooks

Stacey Riemer

Bill Barnett

Liz Becker

The unborn

All those incarcerated

Denise Fields

Marilyn Malberg



Please e-mail 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.