

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S

The Ladies of St. Joseph's will continue to meet on the **2nd 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



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

Stewardship of Treasure

December 31, 2023

11:00 AM (English) Mass

Offertory	\$TBA
Donations	\$ TBA
Mass Intentions	\$ TBA
Total	\$ TBA

1:00 PM (Spanish) Mass

Offertory	\$ TBA
Total	\$ TBA

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



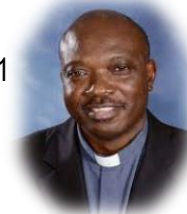
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The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 7, 2024

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!

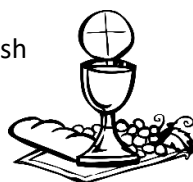
Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church. We are glad you chose to be with us today. If you are traveling, we pray for your safe journey home. If you live in this area, we hope you will return soon to worship with us.

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 60: 1-6

Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12



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

THE WISDOM OF ABANDONMENT

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." — Isaiah 60:3

Wise men and women, like the wise men of the first Christmas, prostrate themselves before Jesus, do Him homage, and give themselves to Him (Mt 2:11). This total abandonment is not a one-time experience, but a way of life — forever.

Wise men and women are great-souled individuals who begrudge nothing to God. They're not looking for the quickest Mass to fulfill their Sunday obligation. Rather, they consider it a privilege to worship the Lord as long as possible. Wise men and women don't ask if they have to go to Confession annually, but they rejoice in celebrating frequently the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Wise men and women consider it a privilege to share their faith in Jesus, especially in situations where they may be persecuted (see Acts 5:41; 13:52). Wisdom is not doing the minimum but always searching for new opportunities to surrender to the love and will of God. Wise men and women transcend their natural

inclinations to selfishness, laziness, and fear. They live supernaturally — by grace through faith (Eph 2:8)

The Lord wants to make you a wise man or woman.

Are you willing to become wise, to follow the star, to give all to Jesus?



Prayer: Father, on this Epiphany, give me the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom (Ps111:10).

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PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse

Jane Polera

George Spisak

The Harris Family

The Daniels Family

The unborn

All those who suffer from addiction

The Butrim Family

Gina Brooks

Bill Barnett

Denise Fields

All those incarcerated

United States Leadership

Phyllis Kubelka

Stacey Riemer

Liz Becker

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.