

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### **Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

8 PM Vigil Mass at St. Joseph in Spanish

5 PM Children's Mass at St. Stanislaus

8 PM Vigil Mass at St. Stanislaus



#### **Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

9 AM – Mass at St. Joseph in Spanish

11 AM – Mass at St. Joseph in English

9 AM – Mass at St. Stanislaus

#### **Wednesday, January 1 – Feast of the Solemnity of Mary**

10 AM at St. Joseph (Bi-lingual)

#### **HELP WITH BULLETINS**

Looking for a volunteer to help with the bulletins. \* Will provide template in Word format plus all resources needed to compile them. \* Will still print the bulletins from home and make sure they get to St. Joseph on Sundays before Mass. \* If you are willing to help, please email me [agnesfields@gmail.com](mailto:agnesfields@gmail.com) or text to (910) 431-0326. I truly appreciate it ☺

#### **LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S**

The Ladies of St. Joseph's meet on the SECOND SATURDAY of each month at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join our parish fellowship! Contact *Ellen Whitman* at (910) 620-6458 for more information.

### Stewardship of Treasure

December 15, 2024

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

Offertory \$ 506.00

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

Offertory \$ 694.00

Lady of Guadalupe (12/11) \$ 1,319.00

**Total \$ 506.00**

**Total \$ 2,013.00**

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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**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 22, 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.



### Sunday Mass:

11:00 am in English  
1:00 pm in Spanish

### Daily Mass:

Wednesdays at 8:30 am  
Thursdays at 8:30 am

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please come spend some time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration begins at **3:00 pm every Wednesday** and ends at **7:00 pm**.



## 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

Micah 5: 1-4a

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

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

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45



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 Gospel passage today offers a glimpse into what it means to be truly blessed. In a world where blessings are often measured by material wealth or earthly success, Scripture gives us a deeper, richer understanding of this word.

**1. Blessed in Calling:** Elizabeth declares Mary blessed because she has been chosen by God for an extraordinary purpose—to bear His Son, the Savior of the world. Her calling, though unique, reminds us that true blessing begins when God calls us to be part of His divine plan.

Each of us has a calling. While it may not be as monumental as Mary's, it is equally significant in God's eyes. Whether we are called to lead, serve, teach, or encourage, the blessing lies in being chosen by God to fulfill His will.

**2. Blessed in Faith:** Elizabeth praises Mary's faith: "Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her." Mary's blessing was not just in her calling but in her response of faith. Despite the uncertainty and potential shame of her situation, Mary believed God's word without hesitation.

Faith is the foundation of true blessedness. It means trusting God's promises even when we don't see the outcome. It means surrendering our fears and uncertainties to the One who holds the future.

**3. Blessed in Relationship:** This moment between Mary and Elizabeth shows the beauty of a shared faith journey. Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, encourages Mary, affirming the greatness of what God is doing in her life. In their relationship, we see that true blessing is not experienced in isolation but in connection with others.



**Living a Blessed Life:** Ask yourself: Where is God calling me? Am I responding with faith? How can I bless others as part of my journey?

To live as "blessed" is to live in the fullness of God's grace, confident in His promises, and ready to share His love with the world. Let us embrace this deeper understanding and proclaim, like Mary and Elizabeth, the greatness of our God. © Peo Plaid

## PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse

Nery Fields

Bill Barnett

Marilyn Malberg

Jeanette Rivenbark

All those incarcerated

All those who suffer from addiction

The Butrim Family

Gina Brooks

Liz Becker

The Daniels Family

Geraldine Egner

United States Leadership

Phyllis Kubelka

Stacey Riemer

Darrin Pierres

Michael Kubelka

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 prayer list, and you feel they no longer need to be on it, please e-mail so that we may update it.