

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be **NO DAILY MASS** Tuesday, January 14 - Thursday, January 16 as Father Roger will be at the Priests Assembly in Wrightsville Beach.

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S

The Ladies of St. Joseph's meet next Saturday, January 18 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join our parish fellowship!

Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)

As we journey together in faith, we are called to open our hearts to those in need and to the mission of the Church. The 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal is a unique opportunity for us to do just that. The theme for this year's appeal is "**Open Your Heart, Open a Door.**" When we open our hearts to Christ, we also open a door for others to encounter His love, His mercy, and His grace. Through your generous donations, you help support essential ministries, outreach programs, and the formation of future leaders in our Church. Please prayerfully consider making a gift again this year, and together, let us open the door to a brighter future for our community and beyond. Thank you for your generosity!



Stewardship

December 24, 2024 – January 1, 2025

11:00 AM (English) Mass

Offertory (Christmas) \$ 457.00
Offertory 1-29-24 \$ 1,024.00
Offertory 1-1-25 \$ 167.00
Holy Days \$ 25.00
Mass Intentions 1-1-25 \$ 10.00

1:00PM (Spanish) Mass

Offertory 12-24-24 \$ 606.00
Offertory 12-25-24 \$ 340.00
Offertory 12-29-24 \$ 597.00
Offertory 1-1-25 \$ 202.00

Total \$ 1,683.00 **Total \$ 1,745.00**

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

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The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 12, 2025

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

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Psalms 29: 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

"The Lord will bless his people with peace."

Acts 10: 34-38

Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22



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

SPIRIT FILLED and SPIRIT WILLED

"The Holy Spirit descended on Him in visible form like a dove." —Luke 3:22

On this last day of the Christmas season, we can receive in a new way the outpouring of the Spirit. Like Jesus, we must go to our Jordan and meet our St. John the Baptizer. There's a person and a place that the Lord has chosen to be instrumental in lavishing His Spirit on us (Ti 3:6). Like Jesus, we will have to deny and humble ourselves to be at the right place at the right time (Mt 3:15). We will struggle within to "let it be done" to us (Lk 1:38).

Let's resist our resistance to the Holy Spirit. The Lord wants to give the Spirit to us much more than we want to receive Him. If we would only want the Spirit more than we want our own way! Jesus, the Baptizer in the Spirit (Mk 1:8), is so quiet and gentle, "not crying out, not shouting, not making His voice heard in the street" (Is 42:2). It's so easy to brush Him off, stifle the Christmas Spirit, and miss the opportunity of a lifetime.



Yet, if we want to, we can hear Jesus breathing on us the words: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22). The Spirit descends quietly as a dove (Mt 3:16), noticeable only to those who want to notice.

"My point is that you should live in accord with the Spirit and you will not yield to the cravings of the flesh" (Gal 5:16). © Presentation Ministries

PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse	The Butrim Family	Phyllis Kubelka
Nery Fields	Gina Brooks	Stacey Riemer
Bill Barnett	Liz Becker	Darrin Pierres
Marilyn Malberg	The Daniels Family	Michael Kubelka
Jeanette Rivenbark	Geraldine Egner	The unborn
All those incarcerated	United States Leadership	
All those who suffer from addiction		

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

