

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



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



Please come and join us to pray the **Rosary** every **Sunday** starting at **10:30 am**. We would also love to share this time with anyone that would like to

Stewardship

December 22, 2024

11:00 AM (English) Mass

Offertory \$ 870.00
Mass Intentions \$30.00

1:00PM (Spanish) Mass

Offertory \$ 581.25
Holy Days \$ 102.00

Total \$ 900.00

Total \$ 683.25

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

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The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 5, 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 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

WISDOM DOES NOT CONTRADICT ITSELF

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house, found the Child with Mary His mother." —Matthew 2:10-11

The wise men found the infant Jesus in a house some days after Jesus had been born in a stable. Their coming may have occurred around the time of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, forty days after His birth when Simeon prophesied that Jesus was both "a Light for revelation" and "a Sign that will be contradicted" (Lk 2:32, 34, RNAB). Possibly the wise men were wise because they did not contradict Jesus, the Sign that will be contradicted.

Because they believed the star of Bethlehem was announcing the birth of the King of the Jews, the wise men followed the star, prostrated themselves before Jesus, and "presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Mt 2:11). The actions of the wise men did not contradict Jesus. However, Herod, after having said he would offer Jesus homage (Mt 2:8), contradicted himself and tried to murder Jesus (Mt 2:16).

We too contradict Jesus and ourselves when we say:

- * we believe in God, but we don't tell others about Him,
- * we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion, but we don't allow Holy Communion to transform us,
- * the Bible is the Word of God, but we don't read it daily, and prayer is communicating with God, but we don't set aside a daily prayer time.

There may be other contradictions in our lives. Yet the wise men and women are not contradictory; they are prostrate in worship of Jesus.

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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.

