

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## ADVENT PARISH MISSION

Mon., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - Wed., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 PM Each Evening

## PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Tues., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

~7:30 PM (After Mission)



## Planning for Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family

Back-to-Back Mass Obligations | Two Obligations = Two Masses

### 1<sup>ST</sup> OBLIGATION

(Christmas)

(pick one from the right)

Friday, December 24

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

MIDNIGHT

Saturday, December 25

9:00 AM

5:00 PM

### 2<sup>ND</sup> OBLIGATION

(Feast of the Holy Family)

(pick one from the right)

Saturday, December 25

5:00 PM

Sunday, December 26

7:30 AM

10:00 AM

### **\*PLEASE NOTE\***

CHRISTMAS (December 25) falls on a Saturday this year and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The next day – Sunday, December 26 (**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**) – also has its own, distinct obligation that calls for us to assist at Mass again. Thus, we have the obligation and opportunity to assist at Mass **twice** over the three days between December 24-26.

The 5 PM Saturday evening Mass on Christmas Day can be attended to fulfill **either** our Christmas obligation **or** our Sunday obligation, but not both.

*Pastor: Fr. David Violi*

*Fr. David's direct email: frdavidvioli@gmail.com / Sacramental Emergency Number: 260-296-0511*

*Administrative Assistant/DRE: Michelle Paxton*

*Director of Sacred Music: Teresa Smith*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Delfin Rios +

### Sunday, December 19

#### - Fourth Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Andrea Grover +

### Monday, December 20

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, December 21

Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Flowers +

8:30 a.m. Confessions

### Wednesday, December 22

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Nancy Kreutzer +

### Thursday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Paxton/Marshall Families

### Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

8:00 a.m. Jerry & Mary Fisher Family

4:00 p.m. Bob/Mary Haecker + and

Trent Patterson +

6:00 p.m. Parish Family

Midnight Ed Bushee +

### Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Ronnie Burns +

### Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Gonzalo Riveros +

### Sunday, December 26

#### - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., December 20 - Late Advent Weekday - Is**

7:10-14/ Lk 1:26-38

**Tues., December 21 - Late Advent Weekday - St.**

**Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

- Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/ Lk 1:39-45

**Wed., December 22 - Late Advent Weekday - 1**

Sm 1:24-28/ Lk 1:46-56

**Thur., December 23 - Late Advent Weekday -**

**St. John of Kanty, Priest - Mal 3:1-4,23-24/ Lk**

1:57-66

**Fri., December 24 - Late Advent Weekday -**

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/ Lk 1:67-79

**Sat., December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord -**

**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17,22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or

1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6, Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/ Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is

52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14

**Sun., December 26 - The Holy Family of Jesus,**

**Mary & Joseph - Sir 3:2-6,12-14/ Col 3:12-21 or**

3:12-17/ Lk 2:41-52 or Year C: 1 Sm 1:20-22,24-

28/ 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24/ Lk 2:41-52

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 19, 2021

*A special “Welcome Home!” to all of our university students and servicemen and women who are home for the holiday. We look forward to rejoicing together in the Nativity of our Lord Jesus on Christmas Day!*

This weekend (December 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. Our focus is now shifting from the first to the second half of the **Advent season**, from preparing for the second coming of Christ (*the Parousia*) to rejoicing in the Incarnation itself. Though the time for our rejoicing is near, it is not yet here. As seen in today’s Gospel (Luke 1:39-45), we join in Our Lady’s pregnant expectation to welcome the Savior.

We still have several days of preparation ahead. This time is not only for trimming the hearth and setting the table for Christmas, but preparing our hearts for Christ. As part of this preparation as a parish family, we will have our **Advent Parish Mission** offered **every evening at 7 PM this Monday through Wednesday**. (*Each evening will also be live-streamed for those who cannot be with us in person.*) We will welcome a different speaker each evening to help us as we continue to prepare for Christmas Day.

In addition to our Parish Mission, we will also have our **Advent Penance Service this Tuesday evening (~7:30), with individual reconciliation offered** following the 7:00 PM Parish Mission that evening. Fr. Daniel Koehl, our mission speaker for the evening, Fr. Bill Sullivan, and myself will be available for Confessions as long as needed. We will also still have our **regular weekly times for confession** offered throughout the week on **Tuesday morning (8:30-9:00 AM), Wednesday evening (6:00-6:45 PM), Saturday afternoon (4:00-4:45 PM), or by appointment.**

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

We are planning and preparing to welcome not only our parish family for our Christmas liturgies, but also a number of visitors and guests. With our additional Mass times for Christmas, we hope to alleviate any overcrowding in the Church itself. If you see an individual that you may not recognize, please welcome them to the parish! May every guest joining us find in us such joy that they will be drawn irresistibly to come back and be with us each Sunday.

Each of our Christmas liturgies will have a unique feature and will be live-streamed. Our **4:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass** will have the blessing of our Nativity Scene. Our **6:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass** will have music led by both our Choir and our new Children’s Choir. (*Prior to the 6:00 PM Mass, join our Choir at 5:30 PM in the Church to join in the singing of Christmas carols.*) Our **Midnight Christmas Mass** will be offered by candlelight. Our **9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass** will welcome Fr. Bill Sullivan as celebrant.

As a reminder, we do have the obligation and opportunity to join together in worship twice this coming weekend, both for our yearly Christmas obligation and for our normal Sunday obligation. The *Mass Planning Guide* on the front of this bulletin can help guide your decision on which **two** Mass times you will be planning to attend and participate in for **Christmas** and the **Feast of the Holy Family**.

If you are travelling for the holiday, know of our prayers for your safe travels, for a joyous visit wherever you may be headed, and that we look forward to your return so that we may gather together again as one parish family in worship of the Lord.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David




Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Doreen Ayres, Leanne Lee, Matt McFarren, Ryan Feedback, Dr. Doug Phillips, Gene Keys and Jean Johnson.

**Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday**  
**December 20, 21 & 22 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Penance Service Wednesday, December 22**  
**7:30 p.m. (following Mass)**

**Advent Parish Mission**  
 Preparing for Christmas *together*

**St. Joseph Church**  
**Christmas Mass Times**  
**Friday, December 24 - 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & Midnight**  
**Saturday, December 25 - 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.**



**Please Note:** The Parish Office will be closed December 24th, December 27th, December 30th, and December 31st.

#### PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., December 18 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., December 19 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., December 20 - Advent Parish Mission - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., December 21 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., December 21 - Advent Parish Mission - 7:00 p.m. / Penance Service - 7:30 p.m.
- Tues., December 21 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 - 6:30
- Wed., December 22 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Advent Parish Mission/Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., December 23 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., December 24 - Christmas Eve - Parish Office Closed
- Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Masses - 4:00 p.m. / 6:00 p.m. / Midnight Mass
- Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.
- Sat., December 25 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., December 26 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., December 26 - No Religious Education Class - Christmas Break
- Mon., December 27 - Parish Office Closed
- Tues., December 28 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., December 29 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- Thurs., December 30 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., December 31 - Parish Office Closed
- Sat., January 1, 2022 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., January 2 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., January 2 - No Religious Education Class - Christmas Break / Classes resume Sunday, January 9, 2022

#### WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 25/26



**5:00** Bruce Holland  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Jay Crisp



**5:00** **VOLUNTEER PLEASE!**  
**7:30** Steve Wagner  
**10:00** Marita or Catherine Crawfis



**5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Dale/Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00** Chris/Laurie Reifsteck & Todd/Anjie Hartman Family



**5:00** Alex/Aubrey Mechling or Volunteers  
**7:30** Angel/Zoe Soto  
**10:00** **Volunteers Please!**

Christmas Mass schedule as per sign up sheet

Join our Adult and Children's Choirs at  
**5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 24th for**  
**the singing of Christmas Carols.**  
 The 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass will follow.



#### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

##### December 11/12 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$4,227.00

Child Envelopes- \$2.00

Loose- \$160.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-  
 \$1550.76

Religious Ed. Fund- \$80.00

Immaculate Conception- \$716.00

All Saints Day- \$10.00

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of  
 God- \$10.00

Christmas Offering- \$10.00

Christmas Flowers- \$1,081.00

Hall Rent- \$100.00

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**  
 we are \$3,761.78 ahead of our  
 budget for the month of December.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$50.00

*Thank you for your gifts  
 to St. Joseph's!*

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#### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary J. Schmidt, sister of Ray (Chris) Hartman, who passed away Monday, December 13, 2021 and was laid to rest Friday, December 17, 2021.



May God welcome Mary home, fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.



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n - is it necessary?  
k - is it kind?

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