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OF THE LOVE OF JESUS. AFTER THIS, THERE  
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**ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD**



## **FORTY HOURS DEVOTION**

**MONDAY, NOV. 27TH**

**OPENING MASS - 7 PM**

**TUESDAY, NOV. 28TH**

**MASS - 8:00 AM**

**SUNG VESPERS - 6:30 PM**

**EUCCHARISTIC SPEAKER - 7 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29TH**

**CLOSING MASS - 7 PM**

**ADORATION ONGOING  
ALL DAY AND NIGHT**

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## Saturday, November 25

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Donnajeanne Wahman +

## Sunday, November 26

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Fr. Maurice O'Connell +

## Monday, November 27

### 40 Hour Devotion

7:00 p.m. Darwin William Robinson +

## Tuesday, November 28

8:00 a.m. James Lilley +  
6:30 p.m. Vespers  
7:00 p.m. Talk

## Wednesday, November 29

7:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the  
Knights of Columbus

## Thursday, November 30

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Flowers +

## Friday, December 1

8:30 a.m. Robert Scheidler +

## Saturday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Sophie Wormcastle +

## Sunday, December 3

### First Sunday of Advent

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Emily Butler +



**MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
**Mon., November 27 - Thirty-Fourth**  
**Week in Ordinary Time** - Dn 1:1-6,8-20/ Lk 21:1-4

**Tues., November 28** - Dn 2:31-45/ Lk 21:5-11

**Wed., November 29** - Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28/ Lk 21:12-19

**Thurs., November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle** - Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22

**Fri., December 1** - Dn 7:2-14/ Lk 21:29-33

**Sat., December 2** - Dn 7:15-27/ Lk 21:34-36

**Sun., December 3 - First Sunday of Advent** - Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - NOVEMBER 26, 2023

*Happy Thanksgiving! Welcome home to all visiting family this weekend and safe travels to all who will be traveling home. We hope you had a joyful visit and thank you for joining us in this Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, the Holy Mass.*

This weekend (November 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. Though this title has biblical roots (cf. *Isaiah 9:6-7; Revelations 19:13-16*), the celebration itself is a more recent addition to our liturgical calendar. Following the great horrors seen by the world after the First World War, Pope Pius XI instituted this feast day in 1926 for the last Sunday in October.

Pius XI correctly predicted that the attempt to “*thrust Jesus Christ and His holy law*” out of public life would only result in continuing discord among people and nations. As such, he desired that this solemnity would “*hasten the return of society to our loving Savior*” and to “*win over to the Lord those hearts that are bitter and estranged from Him*.” In this way, the King of Peace Himself can rule over and in every human heart.

In 1969, Pope St. Paul VI, in a desire to enhance the witness of this feast day, moved it to the last Sunday in the liturgical year and “upgraded” it from a feast day to a solemnity, the highest rank of a celebration in the liturgical calendar. By moving this day to the last Sunday in the liturgical year, Paul VI emphasized this celebration’s connection of Christ’s kingship with His second *advent*, or coming, to judge the world (*which is emphasized throughout the first half of Advent*).

Today, we see very clearly how peace still eludes us in the world. We only have to turn on any news station to see how social, political and economic orders are often shaken. Nations throughout the world continue in many ways to reject the light of the Gospel. In this annual celebration, we recognize how the world needs now, more than ever, our witness to Christ’s kingship. With Christ as King of our hearts, we can help to bring healing to a broken world.

## FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

This coming **Monday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**, we will begin our **Forty Hours Devotion** with an **opening Mass at 7 PM**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin immediately following Mass and will continue throughout the next two days. On **Tuesday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**, we will have our **daily Mass at 8 AM**, where we will have simple repossession of the Blessed Sacrament immediately prior to Mass. Exposition will resume immediately after our daily Mass.

On the evening of **Tuesday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**, join us in praying **sung Vespers at 6:30 PM** in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Following sung *Vespers*, there will be a **conference on Tuesday at 7 PM** offered by our eucharistic speaker, Fr. Daniel Steiner. Finally, we will conclude our Forty Hours with a **closing Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM**.

I encourage and invite you to come and spend time with our Eucharistic Lord throughout this devotion. The “time spots” that we filled are only meant to ensure that our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is never left unadorned. This means that you are welcome to come and spend any amount of time at any time of day with the Lord. He is here for you. Do not be afraid to come before Him in prayer and do not be surprised how He blesses you in these times.

## VESPERS AND THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

*Vespers*, also known as **Evening Prayer**, is one of the seven “hours” from the **Liturgy of the Hours**. This prayer is called the “official prayer of the Church” as it is prayed by priests and religious throughout the world. As a prayer of the Church, it is offered to God in the name and on behalf of all Christians. In *Sacrosanctum Concilium* of the Second Vatican Council, all the Faithful are encouraged to learn and join in this prayer. To learn how to pray the **Liturgy of the Hours**, join me on **Monday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM** in the **Parish Conference Room** for a brief presentation on this form of prayer.



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, Margaret Pogue, Richard Payne, and Shawn Baxter.



## PARENTS' DAY OUT

St. Joseph's G.I.R.L.'s Night Out is hosting a day of **free babysitting** on **Saturday, Dec. 2nd, from 9 AM until 1 PM**. The day will include games, crafts, cookie decorating, and lunch, and is **open for all children from 3 years old through Grade 4**. Please see the sign-up in the narthex.



Help bake *Christmas Cookies* for local **Grace & Mercy's Annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser**. Baking will be on Monday, Dec. 4th, at 4:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall. You're invited to bring your mixers, recipes, and ingredients to share!



Learn how (*and why*) to pray the ancient *Liturgy of the Hours* this **Advent** with Fr. David.

**Monday, Dec. 4th  
6:30 PM  
Parish Conference Room**

## PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Nov. 25** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 26** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 26** - Knights of Columbus Pancake and Sausage Breakfast after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses.
- **Sun., Nov. 26** - No Religious Education Class / Thanksgiving Break.
- **Mon., Nov. 27** - **40 Hour Devotion** - Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 28** - Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 28** - **40 Hour Devotion** continues / Sung Vespers 6:30 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. Talk
- **Wed., Nov. 29** - **40 Hour Devotion** continues / 7:00 p.m. Mass for the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus.
- **Thurs., Nov. 30** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 30** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Dec. 1** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Dec 2** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Dec. 2** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 2** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 3** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Dec. 4** - Bake cookies for Grace & Mercy Fundraiser in the Parish Social Hall - 4:30 p.m.
- **Tues., Dec. 5** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Dec. 5** - Knights of Columbus Meeting - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Dec. 6** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Dec. 6** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Dec. 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Dec. 7** - **Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass** - 7:00 p.m.
- **Fri., Dec. 8** - **Immaculate Conception** - A Holy Day of Obligation - Masses 7:00 a.m. / Noon / and 7:00 p.m.

## Weekend of December 2/3



**5:00** Mike Morrissey  
**7:30** Teresa Smith  
**10:00** Jay Crisp/Adult Choir



**5:00** Bruce Holland/ Knights of Columbus  
**7:30** Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00** Monica Harris



**10:00** Jeff Miller, Tammi Helm, Diana Cole



**5:00** Knights of Columbus  
**7:30** Jacquelyn/Phillip/James or Angela Mayer  
**10:00** Sam Smith, Charlie Andrews, Luke Miller

## St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Nov. 18 & 19

Adult Envelopes- \$2,302.00  
Child Envelope- \$10.00  
Loose- \$171.10  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$406.57  
Memorial Candles- \$20.00  
**Total- \$2,909.67**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**  
We are **\$470.19** ahead of our budget for the month of November.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$900.00

**Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish  
are greatly appreciated.  
Thank you!**

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:  
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>



## WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Emelia Renè Riley, daughter of Jon and Rachel Riley, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on Sunday, November 19, 2023 by Fr. David Violi.



## KARING FOR KIDS BLESSING TREE

All gifts for the **Blessing Tree** need to be **returned by Monday, Dec. 4th**, unwrapped and with the angel tag attached to the gift. *Volunteers to help sort and bag gifts can volunteer online at [www.karingforkids.us](http://www.karingforkids.us).*

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

December 7—Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM  
December 8— Mass at 7:00 AM  
Noon and 7:00 PM



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T - is it true?  
h - is it helpful?  
i - is it inspiring?  
n - is it necessary?  
k - is it kind?



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Saturday's: Noon-8pm

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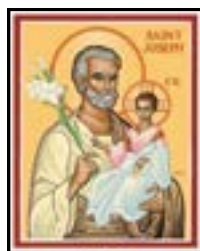
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