

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IS WORTH MORE THAN  
A THOUSAND YEARS  
OF HUMAN GLORY.”

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## FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

MON., DEC. 2<sup>ND</sup>

OPENING MASS - 7:00 PM  
HOMILIST - FR. BOB GARROW

TUES., DEC. 3<sup>RD</sup>

EVENING PRAYER - 6:30 PM  
SPEAKER - 7:00 PM  
FR. NATHAN MASKAL

WED., DEC. 4<sup>TH</sup>

CLOSING MASS - 7:00 PM

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 1, 2024

### Saturday, November 30

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. June Gazdik +

### Sunday, December 1

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Raymond Helm +

### Monday, December 2

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, December 3

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Al Gillig +  
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

### Wednesday, December 4

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Robert Scheidler +

### Thursday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Margaret Pogue +

### Friday, December 6

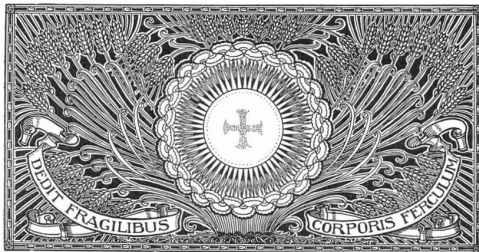
8:30 a.m. Mary Porrata Doria +

### Saturday, December 7

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. Ron & Sally Smith Family

### Sunday, December 8

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Missy Pax +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Dec. 2 - First Week of Advent -** Is 2:1-5 / Ps 122:1-9 / Mt 8:5-11

**Tues., Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest -** Is 11:1-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 / Lk 10:21-24

**Wed., Dec. 4 - St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church -** Is 25:6-10a / Ps 23:1-6 / Mt 15:29-37

**Thurs., Dec. 5 -** Is 26:1-6 / Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a / Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Fri., Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop -** Is 29:17-24 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Mt 9:27-31

**Sat., Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church -** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Ps 147:1-6 / Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sun., Dec. 8 - Second Sunday of Advent -** Bar 5:1-9 / Ps 126:1-6 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

This weekend (November 30<sup>th</sup> / December 1<sup>st</sup>), the Church begins a new liturgical year and celebrates the **First Sunday of Advent**. Though entering a new liturgical year, the theme of our readings remain the same as the past few weekends: *The Last Things*. Before we prepare to celebrate the *First Coming of the Lord* in the Nativity at Bethlehem, we take the first two weeks of **Advent** to prepare for His coming again in judgment.

The *First Coming of the Lord*, which has already happened in time, is best celebrated by preparing ourselves and our hearts for the Parousia, the *Second Coming of the Lord* at the end of time itself. Though our readings may seem a bit frightful, their true purpose is meant to awaken hearts that are asleep in sin. The Church desires that every heart be awakened and prepared to greet our Lord when He comes again.

The very **Season of Advent** serves as this time of preparation. As such, I cannot emphasize enough how we cannot let this season pass us by as if it does not exist. The worldly joy of the coming **Christmastide** is already all around us. Yet, this time of preparation for it is only now beginning. We are not merely preparing for a holiday, but for something even greater: We are preparing the way for Christ in our lives and our hearts.

As an incarnational people, the Church reminds us of this anticipation for the coming of the Lord in various ways throughout our liturgy. The priest dons the somber and penitential color of violet / purple for his vestments. Church decorations take on this same penitential color. The use of flowers, a joyful sight, is minimalized in the sanctuary. Our gilded candlesticks are replaced with more somber-toned wooden candlesticks and unbleached candles.

These reminders are not only visual, but also are reflected in what we hear or, more importantly, what we don't hear. Throughout **Advent**, that angelic hymn, the *Gloria*, is silenced from our lips. It only returns to us as we join the angelic choirs over Bethlehem on **Christmas Eve**. Our hymnody throughout Mass is a bit more sparse; Contemplative silence, especially after our reception of Holy Communion, receives a great place of prominence this season.

One word that does remain with us throughout **Advent**, differing from the **Lenten season**, is: *Alleluia*. This joyful word of gladness is not interrupted during **Advent**, offering a vivid contrast to our other somber practices. This serves as a reminder that our preparation is not for naught: The Lord has come into the world and He will come again. This is why the *Alleluia* accompanies us even amidst this penitential season as we await the coming of Christ.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, which is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Though this celebration normally falls on December 8<sup>th</sup>, it was transferred this year as its original date falls on the **Second Sunday of Advent**. Given that our nation has been entrusted to the Blessed Mother under this title, this is our nation's patronal feast day and, as such, one we desire to celebrate yearly.

To help provide for our obligation to assist at Mass on this day, we will offer **Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation on Monday, December 9th at 7:00 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM.**

### LIVING WITH THE SAINTS

This past liturgical year, our theme was "*Living Life Liturgically.*" This new year, our theme will be: **Living with the Saints**. The liturgical year walks us through the life of our Lord through the various seasons (**Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time**). Intermixed throughout the liturgical year are celebrations of the feast days of various Saints.

The feast day of the Saints help to proclaim the wonderful works of our Lord in the lives of His servants and offers us fitting examples for imitation. Between the liturgical year celebrating the life of Christ and the Saints, we find a beautiful harmony of how to live out the life of Christ in our own lives.





**Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>—Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Mon., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 7 PM Opening Mass**

**Tue., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>: 6:30PM Vespers  
7 PM Talk**

**Wed., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>: 7 PM Closing Mass**

*(Adoration ongoing between Opening and Closing Mass)  
Sign Up in the Narthex*

**SOLEMNITY OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Mass Times for the Holy Day  
Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM | Noon | 7:00PM**



**KARING FOR KIDS—BLESSING TREE**



Please return all purchased gifts with the angel ornament attached to the Parish Office no later than Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **Sat., Nov. 30** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 1** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 1** - **No Religious Education Class - Thanksgiving Break.**
- **Mon., Dec. 2** - **40 Hours Adoration - Opening Mass 7:00 p.m.**
- **Tues., Dec. 3** - **40 Hours Adoration - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Sung Vespers 6:30 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. Talk**
- **Wed., Dec. 4** - **40 Hours Adoration - Closing Mass 7:00 p.m.**
- **Wed., Dec. 4** - Adult Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass., approx. 7:35 p.m.
- **Wed., Dec. 4** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:40 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Thurs., Dec. 5** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Dec. 5** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Dec. 6** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Dec. 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- **Sat., Dec. 7** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 8** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 8** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Dec. 9** - **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - A Holy Day of Obligation - Masses at 7:00 a.m. / Noon and 7:00 p.m.**
- **Tues., Dec. 10** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Dec. 11** - Advent Penance Service 6-7:00 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Dec. 11** - Adult Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass., approx. 7:35 p.m.
- **Thurs., Dec. 12** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Dec. 12** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Dec. 13** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Dec. 14** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- **Sat., Dec. 14** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 15** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 15** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

**Weekend of December 7th & 8th**



**5:00** Mike Morrissey  
**7:30** David Smith  
**10:00** Jay Crisp



**5:00** Ellie Coyne  
**7:30** Bruce Holland  
**10:00** Monica Harris



**5:00** Jill Morrissey  
**7:30** Volunteer  
**10:00** Rick Singer, Jacque Johnson, Volunteer



**5:00** Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer  
**7:30** Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger  
**10:00** Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Volunteer

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report  
for the Weekend of  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Envelopes- \$2,616.00  
Loose- \$188.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-  
\$162.93

Immaculate Conception- \$10.00  
Christmas Flowers Donation-  
\$20.00

Christmas Offering- \$10.00  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of  
God- \$10.00

**Total- \$3,016.93**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$7,441.88 ahead of our budget for the month of November.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-  
\$535.00

*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>



**G.I.R.L.'s Night Out**

St. Joseph's G.I.R.L.'s Night Out will have their Christmas Party/monthly meeting on **Tuesday, December 10** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.

**All women of the Parish are Welcome!**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MONTHLY MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

*Recite the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meet in the Parish Conference Room at 7:00 PM.*

**All men in the Parish are welcome!**

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - 6:00-7:00 PM  
Followed by Mass at 7:00 PM

**Trained Ministers!** Please see the volunteer sign-up sheets in the narthex for upcoming Holy Day Masses, i.e., Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Christmas Eve / Christmas Day, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

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**THINK!**  
 T - is it true?  
 h - is it helpful?  
 i - is it inspiring?  
 n - is it necessary?  
 k - is it kind?  
 "Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."  
 - St. John Paul II



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