

WHAT DO CATHOLICS CELEBRATE IN NOVEMBER?

The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, whose feast is celebrated on November 2. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, not sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise. The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven. Let's pray for all faith departed of our parish during this month.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Masks – Fully Vaccinated. Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask in any setting. In addition, fully vaccinated people do not need to supply proof of vaccination; parishes should not ask to see or check vaccination cards.

Masks – Unvaccinated. All those who are unvaccinated or not-fully vaccinated ages 5 and older should cover their mouth and nose with a mask when present for any Mass or liturgical celebration. Any person not wearing a mask shall not be required to produce documentation that they are vaccinated or that they have an underlying medical condition. More information please visit: <https://richmonddiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/ReIntegration-Liturgical-Guidelines-May-2021.pdf>

ONGOING EVENTS

STUDY THE BIBLE

Sunday morning after 10:30 Mass until 1:00 pm Probe the Scripture Readings of the day. Question; share insights; consider applications for living in today's world. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate!

EARN MONEY FOR OUR PARISH

Food Lion gift cards in various amounts are available every Sunday after Mass and in the church office during the week.

The cards can be used when you do your regular shopping or given as gifts. They are as easy to use as a debit card- just swipe and go and St. Joseph gets money!

Go to Smile.amazon.com and designate St. Joseph as your charity and shop through Amazon as usual!

If you shop at Kroger – register your rewards card online at www.kroger.com/communityrewards and enter St. Joseph #82116 and the number on your card. The church gets money back based on how much you spend.

There is no cost to you for any of these programs! Kroger rewards need to be renewed after a year. You should receive an email with instructions. See Steve Ogilbee for more information about gift cards or call the church office about Amazon.

HELP THE COMMUNITY

Community Storehouse is still in need of Chef Boyardee microwave meals for the children's backpack program.

The Women's Guild meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Contact Stephanie Bailey for details: (276) 732-6441.

EVENTS / HANDOUTS / FUNDRAISER POLICY

If you would like to post or donate, flyers, pamphlets, books, magazines, or other materials, please bring them to the church office.

DO NOT put items on the bulletin board or tables. Items need to be approved and posted by office staff.

Activities held on church property must be preapproved by the appropriate committee and Father Carlos. Please come to the church office during the week for an activities form.

SACRAMENTS / SACRAMENTOS:

Baptism: Call parish office to register for preparation classes. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend.

Bautismo: Llenar el formulario, después padres y padrinos asistir a dos pláticas de preparación. Ver a Eduardo Guerrero Miércoles y Viernes de 6:30 a 8:30 pm en la oficina de la iglesia.

Reconciliation: Tuesday/Wednesday at 12:30 pm and Wednesday 6:00-7:00 PM or by appointment.

Confesión: Martes/Miércoles a la 12:30 pm y Miércoles de 6:00 a 7:00 pm o llamar a la oficina para hacer una cita.

Marriage: Call or email for an appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding.

Matrimonio: Llamar y hacer cita por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de la boda, o ver a Eduardo Guerrero.

Ministry with the Elderly: Homebound parishioners who would like to receive communion at their home, contact the parish office.

Ministerio con los ancianos: Feligreses que no pueden salir y quisieran recibir la comunión en sus casa, llamar a la oficina.

Religious Education and Youth Ministry: Call Sandra Ruiz at (276) 638-4779 Tuesday –Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Religion Education: Adults (RCIA). More information contact Stephanie Bailey at ssiddle13@gmail.com or call church office at 276-638-4779



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Mission Statement: To foster and deepen faith in the Holy Trinity through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Word of God & to be active disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in our community and throughout the world.

Declaración de la misión parroquial: Queremos fomentar y profundizar la fe en la Santísima Trinidad a través de la celebración de la Eucaristía y la Palabra de Dios y ser discípulos activos de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo, en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo.

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OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY- FRIDAY 9:00AM – 4:00PM

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT~



Jesus said, "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent." LUKE 21:36

ST. Joseph's Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am English
Sunday 12:30 pm Spanish

Tuesday 12:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 pm
First Friday of Month 3:00 pm

Confessions/Adoration

Tuesday/Wednesday 12:30pm-1:30pm
Wednesday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

We are lifting the mask requirement to enter church for those who are fully-vaccinated starting on May 28th. We ask that people who are not fully-vaccinated continue to wear masks, all those over the age of 5. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICES: (CLUSTER)

St. Joseph, Martinsville

Phone/ Telefono: (276) 638-4779 Fax: (276) 638-2218.

Office Hours / Horario de Oficina:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

St. Francis of Assisi, Rocky Mount

15 Glennwood Dr. Rocky Mount, VA. Phone: (540) 483-9591.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Suzanne Steele –Chair; Irma Harrison - 1st Vice Chair; Christy Hall -2nd vice Chair; Iris Lopez- Secretary, Jorge Lopez, Sebastian Lopez, Jesus Sanchez, Maria Ruiz, Thea Gutierrez, (Eduardo Guerrero staff).

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Steve Ogilbee - Chair, Ethan Dobbins - Secretary, Ben Bailey, Sandra Ruiz, Cora Harris, (Pat Prillaman staff).

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FATHER CARLOS' REFLECTION

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. Today's Gospel is taken from Luke, in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue, in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory. Jesus' predictions about the end times in Luke's Gospel tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

How will you be alert and focus during this Advent season to be prepared for Christ's coming? What spiritual practice would help you to increase your love for Jesus Christ and one another?

What actions and priorities can help you to sustain and strengthen our relationship with God and one another?

As we begin, our new liturgical year, let us pray and must prepare for Christ's arrival. As we pray: Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

11/28 1st Sunday of Advent

Readings:	860	
Proclamation	528	Save Us, O Lord (vs 1)
Kyrie	145	
Psalm	28	Psalm 25: To You, O Lord (vs 1 Terri, 2 AL, 3 choir)
Gospel	R&A	page 5
Offertory 718		Love One Another (vs 1, 2 Terri)
Communion	796	Taste and See
Recessional	279	O Come, Divine Messiah (2 vs)

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Dec 5th:

Lectors: Garry Lawicki-1, Barbara Kurtz-2, Barbara Helmick-Int,
Eucharistic minister: Geri Engel

Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the week of November 28:

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16, Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14, 1 Thes 3:12—4:2, Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5, 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18, 19:8, 9, 10, 11, Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a, 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6, 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a, Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24, 27:1, 4, 13-14, Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26, 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Or visit daily readings at www.usccb.org

MASS Intentions

Sunday, Dec. 5: Evelyn White+

Tue, Dec. 7: Joseph and Ruth Stillwell+

Wed, Dec. 8: Bob Humkey+

+ Indicated the Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of the person(s) listed.

Prayer Requests

Carolyn Eanes, Mike Kelly, Lewis Drane, Teresa Biggs, Ricky East, Mark Szulecki, Theresa McGarry, Jim Tobin, Ed Cozzete, David Simmons, Margaret Cunningham, Tim Hollingsworth, Lena Martin, Ruth Weaver, Doo Lie Toppled, Lauren Teresa, Mike Harris, Ann White, Bridget Johnson, Betty Gillispie, Anna Towarnicki, Marie-Bernice Downey.

(To add or remove prayer requests, please call the church office. Para quitar o poner una peticion, por favor llamar a la oficina de la iglesia)

Unless otherwise requested, names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks. If you would like to add a name to the prayer network phone chain, please call Betty Gillispie or Ann Gunter.

Sick, homebound, hospitalized? / ¿Enfermo, Confinado en casa u hospitalizado?

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive Communion or anointing of the sick, please call the office. Outside of office hours, please call Barbara Kurtz (276) 647-1906

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce quisiera recibir el Sacramento de la Comunión tendremos a Rosa Aguirre, Maribel Ortega, Anselmo Diaz, y Miguel Ruiz que seran los encargados de este ministerio por favor llamar a la oficina para agendar la visita al (276) 638-4779.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one, please call the church office or fill out a Mass intention envelope completely and place it in the offertory basket. **Make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church.** Specific dates may not be available. Please include a contact number to arrange an alternate date if necessary.

Si usted quiere ofrecer una misa a un ser querido por favor lléne el sobre correspondiente para la intención y deposítelo en la canasta de la colecta. Haga el cheque a nombre St. Joseph Catholic Church. Quizas algunas fechas no esten disponibles incluya su número de teléfono para ofrecerle opciones.

Jail Christmas Gift Bag Project

Some years in the past, the Good New jail Ministry placed a box here (and in many area churches) to collect items (list was provided) to fill a small gift bag for the inmates, and to provide some goodies/sweets for the staff as well. Now, the request is for money contributions- any amount- to buy the same items, with the idea that each inmate will be given the same types of items (quality likeness) – to prevent any squabbling!

Please consider making a contribution, sharing Christ' love in a tangible way. You may not be able "to visit the imprisoned" but this is a fine way to practice this Corporal Work of Mercy. How? Make your gift online at

<https://goodnewsjail.org/give/> or by check payable to: Good News Jail Ministry mailing to PO Box 66 Martinsville VA 24114, and note "J27 Christmas Gift Project" in Memo line or Give to Barbra Kurtz no later than December 5th.

Grace network food Partner assignment Oct-Dec 2021, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Our item for this quarter is canned beans or peas 15oz.



Christmas Flowers If you would like to donate flowers in memory of or in honor of, a loved one please fill out an envelope and return it to the red box on the round table in the commons area.

Collections/ Colectas: 11/21/2021

Budget Amt. / Presupuesto	\$ 4,154.00
Collection/ Colecta:	<u>3,061.54</u>
Surplus/Deficit	- \$ 1,907.54

Grocery Card Income 3rd quarter:

Food Lion: \$367.00, Kroger: \$ 152.65, Amazon Smile \$ 16.52

The Second collection for Dec. 05, 2021 will be for **Pandemic Fund.**

La Segunda colecta para el 5 de Diciembre sera para el **Fondo de la Pandemia.**

The first collection is for payment of St. Joseph's daily expenses which include office supplies, salaries, sacramental materials, etc. **If absent, please make up your contribution.** La primera colecta se utiliza para para el pago de los gastos diarios de San José. **Si estuvo ausente por favor, haga su donación.**

Thank you for your generous support of our parish

Reminder! Grocery shopping can earn money for our parish! Register your Kroger card and/or purchase a Food Lion gift card! See the back cover for details.

Happy Holidays

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHEDULE 2021

Advent Talks

Sunday, November 28, December 5, 12, 19 at 1:30pm (Spanish) 4:00pm (English)

Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm (Bilingual)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 8 - Mass at 12pm (English)

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 11 - Mass at 12:00 pm (Spanish)

La Posada

Saturday, December 18 at 5:00 pm

Christmas Dinner Potluck

Sunday, December 19 at 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Mass

Friday, December 24 - Mass at 5:00pm (English)

Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 25 - Mass at 11:30am (Bilingual)

New Year Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2021- Mass at 10:00am (Bilingual)

Calendars for the year of 2022 will be handed out for those who wish to receive one in the commons area.

Virginia Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credits (EISTC)

Sacred Heart Catholic School in Danville, Virginia is requesting your assistance in providing a catholic education for low-income students. Through the Virginia Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credits (EISTC) program both the school and the donor benefit. The school receives the full donation amount less administrative fees of .095% while the donor receives 65% of the total donation in Virginia tax credits. It's a win-win! Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Madonia have participated in the program for several years. Please see the enclosed flyer and contact the school should you have any questions. We appreciate your consideration.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL # 6538

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAING

The Baby Bottle Boomerang (BBB) to support the Pregnancy Care Center of Martinsville/Henry Co. is going on now! Please pick up a family baby bottle and collect your loose change to help the unborn babies and new mothers in our area. From November 14, 2021 through January 16, 2022.

KOVAR FUNDRAISER

Don't forget to bring all your empty cans in bags to the church drop off. This is a Knights of Columbus fundraiser for KOVAR who help people with intellectual disabilities in the State of Virginia. There will be a location behind the dumpster. CANS ONLY PLEASE! Thank you.