

WHAT DO CATHOLICS CELEBRATE IN DECEMBER?

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as of Advent and are represented by the liturgical color purple a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. The Immaculate Conception "From all eternity God chose with infinite wisdom the woman who would be the Mother of His divine Son. To prepare for the Word Incarnate a spotless and holy tabernacle, God created Mary in grace and endowed her from the moment of her conception with all the perfections suited to her exalted dignity. St. Thomas teaches that through her intimacy with Christ, the principle of grace, she possessed beyond all creatures a fullness of divine life." This feast invites us to meditate on the virtue of purity. "Mary alone 'our tainted nature's solitary boast' never saw her soul's purity darkened with the dust of any stain, nor did she see in any part of her triumphal course toward heaven any sin or trace of worldliness. By a unique and singular privilege from God she was preserved from original sin from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception; by another privilege derived from the first, the Lord did not permit her ever to be stained even with those unavoidable failings of human weakness." We also celebrate Christmas, during the month of December. On the feast of Christmas, Christ is born to us in the intimacy of the family represented by Mary and the shepherds; at the Epiphany, He manifests to the entire world His glory and His kingship, which are represented by the adoration of the Magi, the baptism in the Jordan, and the marriage feast of Cana. During this month of December, let's pray for our families and communities to celebrate with joy and expectation the birthday of Jesus Christ in our midst. May his presence brings peace, love and life to our hearts and unites with the same purpose.

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 las 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.

DECEMBER 26, 2021 ~ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH~



Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

LUKE 5:51

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)

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

St. Francis of Assisi, Rocky Mount

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

**FATHER CARLOS' REFLECTION
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

Today is the feast of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life.

The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. Children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father with his jobs, are ways that children can show their love for their parents.

The purpose of every marriage is to establish a Christian family. Thus it may happen that God's will obliges the family to make disconcerting sacrifices. Yet every Christian family must strive to live in harmony and in prayer, which are the pledges of joy and union.

The family also is the cell of the society, in which its members play their role and show the Christian values or gifts to one another. Unfortunately, the lacking of those values can separate us in any relationship.

What kind of family do you have or would you like to have? How are you going to build up the important values? Perhaps, communication, patience, kindness, respect, forgiveness, love and so on?

As we celebrate this Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Let us pray for all families in our parish that we will be inspired by the Holy Family to be models of faith, obedience and love. O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

12/26 Holy Family

Readings:	8	
ProceSSIONAL	327	Once In Royal David's City
Gloria		Christmas Gloria
Psalm	R&A	
Gospel	R&A	
Offertory	314	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Comm	330	What Child Is This / 331 Child of the Poor
Recessional	311	Go Tell It on the Mountain

Liturgical Minister Schedule January 2.

Lectors: Betty Smith-1, Irma Harrison-2, Dan Van Vostrand- Int,
Minister: Carole Kiser

**REFLEXIÓN DEL PADRE CARLOS
SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ**

Hoy es la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, pero también la fiesta de toda familia, ya que la Sagrada Familia es la patrona y modelo de todas las familias cristianas. Hoy debe ser una gran fiesta familiar, ya que está dedicada íntegramente a la Sagrada Familia como modelo para la vida familiar cristiana. Los niños deben aprender a ver en su padre al padre adoptivo San José, ya la Santísima Madre como el modelo perfecto para su propia madre. Tanto práctico como teórico, que los niños deben aprender a obedecer y amar a sus padres en pensamiento, palabra y acción, como Jesús fue obediente a María y José. Ayudar a mamá en la cocina y en el trabajo de la casa, y ayudar a papá es su trabajo.

El propósito de todo matrimonio es establecer una familia cristiana. Así puede suceder que la voluntad de Dios obligue a la familia a realizar sacrificios desconcertantes. Sin embargo, toda familia cristiana debe vivir en armonía y en oración, que son prenda de alegría y unión. La familia también es la célula de la sociedad, cuyos miembros desempeñan su papel y se muestran los valores o dones unos a otros. Desafortunadamente, la falta de esos valores puede separarnos en cualquier relación.

¿Qué tipo de familia tienes o te gustaría tener? ¿Cómo va a construir los valores importantes? ¿Perhaps, comunicación, paciencia, amabilidad, respeto, perdón, amor, etc.? Mientras celebramos esta Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. Oremos por todas las familias de nuestra parroquia para que la Sagrada Familia nos inspire a ser un modelo de fe, obediencia y amor. Oremos: Oh Dios, que has tenido el agrado de darnos el ejemplo brillante de la Sagrada Familia, concédenos graciosamente que podamos imitarlos en la práctica de las virtudes de la vida familiar y en los lazos de caridad, y así, en la alegría de la casa, deléitate un día en recompensas eternas. Por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén

(To add or remove prayer requests, please call the church office. Para quitar o poner una petición, 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 Communion 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.

Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the week of December 26:

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5., Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4, 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Jn 20:1a and 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2, 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8, Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11, 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6, Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17, 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21, 96:1-2, 11-12, 13, Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21

Or visit daily readings at www.usccb.org

MASS Intentions

Sunday, Dec. 26: Bonie LaFave+

Tue, Dec. 28: Jody Nowalk Family+

Wed, Dec. 29: Khanh Doan+

+ 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.

Collections/ Colectas: 12/19/2021

Budget Amt. / Presupuesto	\$ 4,154.00
Collection/ Colecta:	<u>2,644.62</u>
Surplus/ <u>Deficit</u>	- \$ 1,509.38

Grocery Card Income 3rd quarter:

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

Second collection for January 2nd, 2022 will be for **Pandemic Fund**. La Segunda colecta para el 2 de Enero de 2022 será para el mantenimiento de este edificio.

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 New Year

The Parish office will close Thursday, December 30th, 2021 and re-open on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022.

Happy Holidays

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHEDULE 2021

Christmas Eve Mass

Friday, December 24 - Mass at 5:00pm (English) St. Joseph
Friday, December 24- Mass at 11 pm (English) St. Francis of Assisi (Rocky Mount)

Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 25 - Mass at 11:30am (Bilingual) St. Joseph
Saturday, December 25 - Mass at 9 am, Christmas (Bilingual) St. Francis of Assisi (Rocky Mount)

New Year Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Mass

Friday, December 31 -Mass 7pm (Bilingual) St. Francis of Assisi Rocky Mount.
Saturday, January 1, 2022- Mass at 10:00am (Bilingual) St. Joseph.

We are still in desperate need of 3 collection counters. One counter is needed to count every 3rd Sunday of the month and 2 counters are needed to count every 4th Sunday of the month. It takes approximately 3 hours of your time to count the money and take it to the bank. Please see Pat Prillaman after Mass or call the office if you wish to be a part of this vital ministry.

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.



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.

SPANISH CLASSES

The Knights of Columbus will be offering Spanish classes for those who want to learn Spanish as a second language, the classes will be every Friday starting on January 7th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in St. Joseph's social Hall, more information contact Ben Bailey at 276-618-0959 or St. Joseph's office.