

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 needs 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



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

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.

JANUARY 2 ~ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ~



ST. Joseph's Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am English

Sunday 12:30 pm Spanish

NO Tuesday 12:00 pm

NO Wednesday 12:00 pm

NO First Friday of Month 3:00 pm

NO 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).

Finance Council Members:

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

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FATHER CARLOS' REFLECTION

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him.

We have come to consider the gifts the Magi bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned this substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

This feast of Epiphany gives the joy, hope and courage that our king and savior, Jesus Christ is with us at all times and circumstances to protect and show us the way to holiness and perfection.

How often do you see and recognize the presence of Jesus Christ in your life and in others? What are some things or situations that make it difficult for you trust in him?

As we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, Let us pray for our world, families and people everywhere that we all together offer our gifts and talents to the Lord to build up his kingship and community: O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

1/2 The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: 878
Processional 329 [We Three Kings](#)
Gloria 258 [Christmas Gloria](#)
Psalm R&A [28](#)
Gospel R&A [29](#)
Offertory 336 [What Star Is This](#)
Comm 335 [In the Bleak Midwinter](#)
Recessional 328 [The First Noel](#)

Liturgical Minister Schedule January 9.

Lectors: Betty Smith -1, Betty Smith-2, Irma Harrison- Int,
Minister: Gery Engel

Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the week of January 2:

Sunday: Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13., Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6, 2:7bc-8, 10-12a, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10, 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18, 72:1-2, 10, 12-13, Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17, Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13, 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21, 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, Jn 3:22-30

Or visit daily readings at www.usccb.org

MASS Intentions

Sunday, Jan. 2: Sherly Barbour+

Tue, Jan. 4: NO MASS

Wed, Jan. 5: NO MASS

+ 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, Tia Jessup

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

Porfíria Peña de Caro

February 16, 1945- December 20, 2021

(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 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.

happy new year

2022

From St. Joseph's staff

CYBERCRIME IS HITTING DIOCESES NATIONWIDE: If/ when you receive an email that shows the parish's pastor or a parish priest as the sender requesting you to purchase a gift card, rest assured it is a scam. Parishioners can and should contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of any suspicious request received through email. All cybercrime should be reported to the FBI at <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>. It is up to the victim of cyber-crimes to file complaints.



PLEASE REMEMBER that in case of an emergency, the church is equipped with an AED (automatic external defibrillator). The AED is located next to the church office doors in the commons area.

Grant awarded

The office of Social Ministries of the Diocese of Richmond has awarded St. Joseph's \$10,000 from the Fuel and Hunger Fund that is used with Reach Out to help with the emergency needs of people in Henry County/Martinsville. These funds are available through the generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal by the Diocese.

Collections/ Colectas:

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| Christmas Eve and Christmas Day | \$ 1,629.61 |
| Sunday Collection 12/26/2021 | <u>1,895.05</u> |
| Total | \$ 3,524.66 |

Grocery Card Income 3rd quarter:

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

Second collection for January 9nd, 2022 will be for **Reach Out** which helps to meet the emergency needs of people in Henry county/Martinsville.

La Segunda colecta para el 9 de Enero de 2022 será para Rich Out que se utiliza para ayuar a las familias necesitadas de nuestra comunidad.

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.

NO WEKDAY MASS AND CONFESSIONS ON JANUARY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 4TH, 5TH, 11TH AND 12TH and No Mass on Friday, January 7th. FATHER CARLOS WILL BE ON VACATIONS.

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 January-March, 2022, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Our item for this quarter Pork & Beans 15oz

MANY THANKS

The Women Guild wishes to again thank everyone for their support with the Bake Sale. We were able to raise \$442.00 for our church. We meets on the Second Tuesday of the month and is open to anyone wanting to become more active in the parish. Please see Stephanie Bailey for more information.



ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL # 6538

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

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.