

WHAT THE CATHOLIC CELEBRATE IN NOVEMBER

The month of November is dedicated to the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**. With the exception of the last three days, the entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time represented by the liturgical color green. The last Sunday, which marks the beginning of **Advent**, the liturgical color changes to purple, representing a time of penance.

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, nor 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 "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." (Excerpted from *Liturgical Meditations*, The Sisters of St. Dominic)

Purgatory is not eternal. Its duration varies according to the sentence pronounced at each particular judgment. It may be prolonged for centuries in the case of the more guilty souls, or of those who, being excluded from the Catholic communion, are deprived of the suffrages of the Church, although by the divine mercy they have escaped hell. But the end of the world, which will be also the end of time, will close forever the place of temporary expiation. God will know how to reconcile His justice and His goodness in the purification of the last members of the human race, and to supply by the intensity of the expiatory suffering what may be wanting in duration. But, whereas a favorable sentence at the particular judgment admits of eternal beatitude being suspended and postponed, and leaves the bodies of the elect to the same fate as those of the reprobate; at the universal judgment, every sentence, whether for heaven or for hell, will be absolute, and will be executed immediately and completely.

The Church Suffering and the Church Militant constitute in their relations a second circle of most vital activities. Having entered into the night "wherein no man can work," the Suffering Church cannot ripen to its final blessedness by any efforts of its own, but only through the help of others—through the intercessory prayers and sacrifices (*suffragia*) of those living members of the Body of Christ who being still in this world are able in the grace of Christ to perform expiatory works. The Church has from the earliest times faithfully guarded the words of Scripture that it is a holy and a wholesome thing to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins. [2 Macab. 12, 43] The suppliant cry of her liturgy: "Eternal rest give to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them," can be heard already in the Acts of the martyrdom of SS. Perpetua and Felicitas (A.D. 203) and is represented in numerous sepulchral inscriptions of the most ancient period, while theologians and Fathers of the Church, beginning with Tertullian, have supplied its substantial proof. . . . So fundamental indeed and so natural to man's hope and desire and love is this belief, that historians of religion have discovered it among almost all non-Christian civilized peoples: a striking illustration of Tertullian's saying that the human soul is naturally Christian.

During November, as in all of Ordinary Time (Time After Pentecost), the Liturgy signifies and expresses the regenerated life from the coming of the Holy Spirit, which is to be spent on the model of Christ's Life and under the direction of His Spirit. As we come to the end of the Church year we are asked to consider the end times, our own as well as the world's. The culmination of the liturgical year is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. "This feast asserts the supreme authority of Christ over human beings and their institutions.... Beyond it we see Advent dawning with its perspective of the Lord's coming in glory."— *The Liturgy and Time*, A.G. Mortimort

Prayer of the Month: **Prayer for the Dying**

"O most merciful Jesus, Lover of souls, I pray Thee, by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of Thine Immaculate Mother, cleanse in Thine Own Blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their agony and who are to die this day. Amen."

Or visit Catholic culture at: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=12529>

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, 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. Mas información llamar a la oficina de la iglesia al numero (276) 638-4779.

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

Confesión: Martes/Miercoles a la 12:30 pm y Miercoles 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 a la oficina y hacer cita por lo menos 6 meses antes de las fecha de la boda.

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 Ministrv: Call Sandra Ruiz at (276) 638-4779 Tuesdav –Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

2481 SPRUCE ST. MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA 24112
(276) 638-4779. FAX (276) 638-2218

www.stjoechurch.net

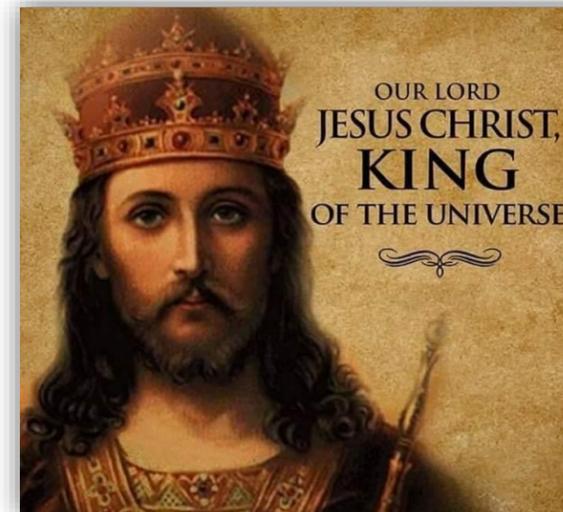
E-mail: office@stjoe24112.comcastbiz.net

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.

NOVEMBER 20TH, 2022 ~ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE ~



"Jesus, remember me when
you come into your kingdom."
LUKE 23: 42

PARISH OFFICES: (CLUSTER)

St. Joseph, Martinsville

Phone/ Teléfono: (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:

Irma Harrison – Chair; Maria Ruiz – 1st Vice Chair; Stephanie Bailey – 2nd vice Chair; Daniel Van Nostrand – Secretary; Jesus Sanchez; Thea Gutierrez; Suzanne Steele; Anselmo Diaz; Diane Aguirre; (Sandra Ruiz Hispanic Ministry).

Finance Council Members:

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

ST. Joseph's Mass Schedule

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

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

Confessions/Adoration

Tuesday 12:30 pm - 1:30pm
Wednesday 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm and
6pm

Pastor: Carlos H. Lerma

Caliche4123@yahoo.com

Secretary: Vivian Frias-Alvarez

office@stjoe24112.comcastbiz.net

Bookkeeper: Pat Prillaman

bookkeeper@stjoe24112.comcastbiz.net

Hispanic Coordinator/ Religious Ed:

Sandra Ruiz

sandra.ruiz39@yahoo.com

RCIA Director: Stephanie Bailey

Ssdde13@gmail.com

Minister of Music (Spanish): Isabel Edwards

Edwardsmaria05@gmail.com

FATHER CARLOS' REFLECTION

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King: The humble man who was subjected to a shameful and violent death. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment.

We might ask ourselves: What does it really mean for us that Our Lord Jesus Christ is King of the Universe? What does this suggest about the kings, queens, presidents, premiers, prime ministers, governors and other heads of countries, states, in this world? How many of them do you think consider Jesus Christ to be their King of the Universe over all of them?

This past Wednesday I became, officially, a citizen of the United States of America. Like most of you, now I owe allegiance and loyalty to this country and its president and laws. However, I know that this relates to this world and time. My highest loyalty will always be to the Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Today's Solemnity is observed each year so that we, too with eyes of faith will lift hearts and minds in homage to Jesus, the Crucified One, who is indeed King, "In whom we have redemption, and the forgiveness of sins." It is he to whom all power in heaven and on earth has been given by the Father.

May our Lord, King of the Universe bless and guide our hearts and minds as we pray:

Almighty ever living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Father C. Lerma

11/20 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Readings 1029
Processional
Psalm R&A 156
Gospel R&A 157
Offertory
Communion
Recessional

Liturgical Minister Schedule November 27th

Lectors:
Irma Harrison – 1
Gerry Lawicki – 2
Betty Smith – Int.
Minister:
Marilyn Cartier

Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the week of November 20th:

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: RV 14:14-19; 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: RV 15:1-4; PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Sir 50:22-24; 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: RV 20:1-4, 11—21:2; PS 84:3, 4, 5-6A AND 8A; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: RV 22:1-7; PS 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7AB; Lk 21:34-36

Or visit daily readings at www.usccb.org

MASS Intentions

Sunday, November 20: Khan Doan+

Tue, November 22: Joe & Ruth Stillwell+

Wed, November 23: Thanksgiving

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

Prayer Requests

Mark Szulecki , Theresa McGarry, Lena Martin, Ruth Weaver, Doo Lie Toppled, Lauren Teresa, Mike Harris, Ann White, Bridget Johnson, Betty Gillispie, Anna Towarnicki, Marie-Bernice Downey, Tia Jessup, David Hall, John Engel, Randy Grandinetti, Marlene Jackson, Margaret Cunningham

† Pray for the repose of the soul of **Quac Doan†**, son of Van Doan, and all the grieving family and friends.

If you want to send a get well card please do it, they are going to appreciate

Nancy Edelen

The Moravian Hall Square
Apt. 2210
175 W North St.
Nazareth, PA 18064

Marie-Bernice Downey

Mulberry Creek Rehab
Room #220
300 Blue Ridge Street
Martinsville, VA 24112

To add or remove prayer requests, please call the church office. 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? 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

¿Enfermo, Confinado en casa u hospitalizado? 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.

INTENCIONES PARA MISA

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. Quizás algunas fechas no estén disponibles incluya su número de teléfono para ofrecerle opciones.

Collections: 11/13/2022

Budget Amount \$ 4,615.00
Collection: **2,350.70**
Surplus/Deficit **2,264.30**

Grocery Card Income (7/1 – 9/30) quarter:

: \$364 : \$ 169.97

: \$ 16.83

There second collection for November 27th will be for **Building Maintenance**.

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.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish!

IMPORTANT!!!

The Usher/Greeter Ministry is in need of more volunteers for each of our weekend masses.

The primary responsibilities include welcoming parishioners, taking up the collection, and providing a goodbye salutation and distributing bulletins at the conclusion of the Mass. There is a sign-up sheet on the round table for anyone interested. You can also look for us or contact Steve Ogilbee at (276)224-808 ogilbee@gmail.com

The Christmas Potluck will be Sunday, December 4th. There is a sign-up sheet on the round table. Please write down what you will bring and provide a phone number in case we need to contact you



Good News Jail Ministry – Christmas Bags for Inmates and Staff



Dear Folks, it's that time again. The Local GNJPM will be getting bags ready for Sherriff's Office Staff and inmates at Martinsville City Jail and Henry County Adult Detention Center. The hope is to fill around 220 bags for staff and 375 bags for inmates.

Contents will include hygiene items, socks and some candy and snacks. With you help, Chaplain Joe Collins will purchase these items and, along with his support team, will assemble the bags to be delivered before Christmas. Deadline for contributions is early December, so we will look for your contribution this Sunday as well as next Sunday. This is your chance to do the Corporal work of Mercy; and visit the imprisoned. Thank you for sharing –Christ's love in a tangible way.

Barbara will post herself at the front door today and next Sunday, basket in hand. Cash or checks payable to Good News Jail Ministry; memo line: "J27 Hope Pack"

You can make your gift online at <https://goodnewsjail.org/give/> or by Check payable and sent to: Good News Jail Ministry

PO Box 66
Martinsville, VA 24114



Our Book of Remembrance will be displayed in the commons near the entrance to the sanctuary. We invite people to write in this book the names of deceased loved ones. A remembrance service will be held for all those in the book on Sunday, November 27 at regular Mass time.



Calendars for the year of 2023 will be handed out for those who wish to receive one in the commons area.



♥ 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.



First Saturday Devotional to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

For 5 consecutive Months practice the First Saturday Devotion.

Our lady asks us to:

- 1.) Got to Confession 2.) Pray 5 decades of the Holy Rosary 3.) Receive Holy Communion 4.) Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes 5.) Offer each of these acts in reparation to Our Lady
- Pick up a pamphlet on the round table for more information.

ST. JOSEPH SECHEDULE 2022

Christmas Dinner (Potluck)	Sunday, December 4 th at 6:00 pm
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Thursday, December 8 th - Mass at 5:00 pm (Bilingual)
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Monday, December 12 – Mass at 7:00pm (Spanish)
Advent Penance Service	Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm (Bilingual) @ St. Joseph Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm @ Sacred Heart NO Wednesday adoration/confession at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph
La Posada	Friday, December 23 at 6:00 pm
Christmas Eve Mass	Saturday, December 24 – Mass at 5:00pm (English)
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS AT REGULAR TIME	Sunday, December 25 – Mass at: 10:30 AM ENGLISH 12:30 PM SPANISH



CONFIRMATION.

This year's class of Confirmation II will be confirmed on Thursday, February 23rd, 2023. The Confirmation will be held at Sacred Heart in Danville, VA.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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 13, 2022 through **December 30, 2022.**



Christmas Cards

Next Sunday, November 27th the Knights of Columbus will sell Christmas Cards. The Fundraiser will be for the Keep Christ in Christmas Charity. Please support the Knights by buying a Christmas card in the coming Sundays.