
**CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH
AND ST. ANNE**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BEHOLD



“This is the one about whom it
is written: Behold, I am
sending my messenger ahead
of you; he will prepare your
way before you.”

MATTHEW 11:10

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<i>Intentions</i>			
Mon.	12	8:00 a.m.	Priest Intention
Tues.	13	8:00 a.m.	M/M Frank Wondra
Wed.	14	8:00 a.m.	M/M Pat Ryan
Thurs.	15	8:00 a.m.	Steve House
Fri.	16	8:00 a.m.	M/M Joseph LaRose
Sat.	17	4:00 p.m.	Adam House
Sun.	18	10:00 a.m.	Parish Family
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	Craig Wibbenmeyer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ST. JOSEPH SATURDAY MASS - 4:00 PM *December 17, 2022*

Lector	Patricia Murphy
Eucharistic Minister	Margie Candelaria
Altar Server	Carolyn Rhodes
Ushers/Greeters	M. Lavacot, J. Rosener LaVerne Carrow

ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MASS – 10:00 AM *December 18, 2022*

Lector	Lynn Graczyk
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Inman, D. Pace
Altar Servers	Dan & Bernice Burle
Ushers/Greeters	M/M Charles Isgrig J. Pace, W. Graczyk

ST. ANNE SUNDAY MASS – 8:00 AM *December 18, 2022*

Lector	Patty Ford
Eucharistic Minister	Kenneth Knobbe
Altar Server	Richard Broome
Gift Bearers (Month of Dec.)	M. Carr, J. Schmidt
Ushers/Greeters	J. Rokan, S. Folle

St. Joseph Catholic Church St. Anne Catholic Church

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 Eucharistic Adoration: Third Tuesday of the Month
 Mass Schedule: Weekdays: 8:00 am (Monday—Friday)
 Saturdays: 4:00 pm Sundays: 10:00 am



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Advent confession opportunities will be offered for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph Church, Bonne Terre, every Tuesday at 6 pm. during Advent.

Giving Trees at St. Joseph & St. Anne Presents today



St. Joseph and St. Anne now have Giving Trees this Advent. The Giving Trees are an opportunity to help less-fortunate children have a memorable Christmas.

Please bring your gifts today.



Christmas Mass Schedule St. Joseph Church St. Anne Church

12/24 Saturday

Christmas Eve Mass

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph

Blessing of the Crèche

10:00 p.m. Mass St. Joseph

12/25 Sunday

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. St. Anne -

Blessing of the Crèche

10:00 a.m. St. Joseph

Bingo – November 24, 2022

Gross Receipts: \$358.00; Players: 51

Your Gift to God

December 3 & 4, 2022

	<i>St. Joseph</i>	<i>St. Anne</i>
Envelopes	\$6,730.50	\$858.00
St. Vincent de Paul	280.00	25.00
Immaculate Conception	115.00	
Christmas	41.00	
Christmas Flowers	390.00	
School House Roof Rep.	560.00	

2022-23 Budgeted Amounts

Envelopes/Loose

St. Joseph \$3,712 St. Anne \$804

for 52 weeks

Third Sunday of Advent – December 11, 2022

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Church Cleaning Team #2 – Rich & Mary Broome



A "Jesse Tree" is another tradition your family can include in your Advent observance, especially if you have young children. A Jesse Tree depicts the relationship of Jesus with Jesse and other biblical figures who were ancestors of Jesus. Jesse was the father of King David and is often looked upon as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. For your own Jesse Tree, a branch can be placed into a pot or a large vase at the beginning of Advent and each day a new ornament can be added to it. These ornaments represent individual figures or stories from the Old and New Testaments. As the children place the ornaments on the branch, a parent can read an appropriate scripture passage that talks about that ancestor of Jesus. www.usccb.org



December 12, 2022

Our Lady of Guadalupe

You may be familiar with Our Lady of Guadalupe from devotions in Hispanic communities. There is a rich heritage originating in Mexico, the site of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. But Mary is for all of us! Our Lady of Guadalupe is, in fact, named the patroness of all the Americas, from the Chilean Patagonian mountains to the Arctic islands of Canada. After Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego as a young, mestizo woman, conversions to Catholicism began to grow exponentially throughout Latin America. Our Lady of Guadalupe has been meaningful to the Mexican people, and her image and devotions have been incorporated as broader symbols of culture.

This apparition inspires across lines of nationality and culture. Juan Diego, recipient of the apparition, was a poor laborer. The famous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe did not appear on silk or stone, but on the simple, natural woven fibers of Juan Diego's tunic. The apparition affirms the dignity of the poor and shows striking solidarity. Mary appeared as the people appeared. In the apparition, Mary is indeed radiant, with the sun behind her and a cloak of stars around her. But her dress is simple, and she is pregnant. This apparition also reminds us of the sanctity of life and the need for life's protection at all stages. Mary's moving words to Juan Diego are words for us all: "Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Are you not in the folds of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms?" ©LPi



Pizza with the Pastor

All are invited to attend Pizza with the Pastor on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 6 pm at

the St. Joseph School Hall.

December 11, 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this? ©LPi



Please welcome into our Faith community through Baptism Sebastian Lopez, son of Alejandro and Jacqueline Lopez.. "May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways." Psalm 91:11

Please Pray

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Albert Halter, father of Kristie Halter, who passed away on November 29, 2022. May his soul rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.

Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus



If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

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