



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Please pick up your child's Religious Education packet at the Parish Hall if you haven't already done so. There is a lot of wonderful information in the packet!

Por favor, recoja el paquete de Educación Religiosa de su hijo en el Salón Parroquial si aún no lo ha hecho. Hay una gran cantidad de información maravillosa en su paquete!

ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

2020-2021 Theme
 Seen Known Loved

1 John 4:4...greater is He who is in you,
 than he who is in the world.

Thought: Character

Character is, for the most part, simply habits that have become fixed.

Challenge: Consider your different habits; places you go, people you associate with, and things you do. Are these habits pleasing to God? Emulate Christ's Character and form habits that would be pleasing to Him.

Reference: Do not be led astray: "Bad company corrupts good morals."
[1 Corinthians 15:33](#) (NABRE)

*Help us to help our teens to develop CHARACTER :) see TAG!

*YOUTH NIGHT- on Christmas (and COVID) break! Let your SOUL SHINE during the blessed CHRISTMAS! Give Jesus the gift of HABITS that are pleasing to him! See TAG-#bestgiftiver

*T-Shirt are ready for distribution. Cost to teens \$5. They will be given out as we kick off the New Year!

* We welcome ZORRO to our Catholic Family! What a blessed little pup! Thanks to Fr Red for our newest little friend!

***DCYC (Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference) will be Saturday Jan 30th at Dell Diamond- please check your calendar and let youth leaders know if interested in attending. This is for HS teens. Cost to teens: \$20

***CHWC (Catholic Heart Work Camp)- Updated EXCITING details will follow as we kick off the New Year!

Youth Ministry Team: Trish Rochat, Anna Dominguez, Yolanda Martinez, & Laura Menchaca.

THANK YOU!! GRACIAS!!
 Thank you to all who helped decorate the Sanctuary! Once again, it looks beautiful! You are so much appreciated!!
 Gracias a todas las personas que ayudaron a decorar el Santuario! Una vez mas, se ve hermoso! ¡Son muy apreciados!

Mass Times

Friday Mass of the day 5:30 pm
Saturday Mass at 4:00 pm
Sunday Mass at 10:30 am
Sunday Mass in Spanish 2:00 pm
Domingo Misa en Español 2:00 pm

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 pm before Mass

Rosary Schedule

Saturday Rosary: 3:30 pm to 3:50 pm
 Private prayer: 3:50 pm to 4:00 pm

Sunday Rosary 10:00 am to 10:20 am
 Private prayer: 10:20 to 10:30 am
 Rosario 1:30 pm (Spanish - Español)

Friday Silent Rosary at 5:00 pm

<p>Friday, January 1, 5:30 pm Lector: Monica Hinckley EM: Mario Arteaga</p>	<p>Sunday, January 3, 10:30 am Lector: John Keller EM: Jeff Rochat</p>
<p>Saturday, January 2, 4:00 pm Lector: Maria Mutis EM: Leonor Mejia</p>	<p>Domingo, 3 de Enero, 2:00 pm Lector: Lupita Morales EM: Isabel Rivera</p>

WEEKLY COLLECTION/ COLECTA SEMANAL

Last Week's Collection : \$ 1,480.00
 Colecta de semana anterior
 Collection for the Poor: \$304.00
 Segunda Colecta

Total Collected for the Month of December: \$ 5,046.00
 Colecta total para mes de Diciembre

Monthly Goal: \$7,800.00
 Meta mensual

Thank you for your generosity! Gracias por su generosidad!

Mass Intentions

Thursday	December 24th	† Dr. Emilio & Cecilia Mutis
Friday	December 25th	For Parishioners of St. Joseph
Saturday	December 26th	Para los Feligresis de San Jose
Sunday	December 27th	† Miguel Arteaga, † Alex Arteaga
		For Parishioners of St. Joseph and Holy Trinity Parishes
Domingo	Misa en Español	Para los Feligresis de San Jose
Friday	January 1st	For all Parishioners of St. Joseph
Saturday	January 2nd	For all Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sunday	January 3rd	For all Parishioners of St. Joseph
Domingo	Misa en Español	Para los Feligresis de San Jose

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: Por favor oren por los enfermos y los que estan en casa:

Chris DeLapp, Mague Cantu, Liandro Cedillo, Maria Mutis, Marcie Rivera, Lucy Menchaca, Tula Tovar, Gloria Gomez, Frank Martinez, Miguel Arteaga, Tammi Pinter, Lupe Martinez, Jose Medrano, Pablo Macareno, Jody Lopez, Andrea Lopez, Samuel Martinez, Casimiro Martinez, Kyla Rasch

For those of you that use the offering envelopes, your 2021 offering envelope boxes are now available. They are located at the entrance of the church. There will be extra offering boxes for those who would like to begin using them. Please stop by the office if you would like a box. Para los que estan usando los sobres para la ofrenda, sus sobres de 2021 ya están disponibles. Se encuentran en la entrada de la iglesia. Habrá cajas de sobres adicionales para aquellos que quieran empezar a usar los sobres para su ofrenda. Por favor, pase por la oficina si desea una caja.

<p>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass (a Holy Day of Obligation) Friday, January 1st 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Solemnidad de Santa Maria Madre de Dios (dia Santo de obligacion) Viernes, 1 de Enero a las 5:30 pm</p>
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The Parish Office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next week due to the New Year's Day Holiday.

Christmas at Greccio Saint of the Day for December 24

The Story of Christmas at Greccio

What better way to prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child than to take a brief journey to Greccio, the spot in central Italy where Saint Francis of Assisi created the first Christmas crib in the year 1223.

Francis, recalling a visit he had made years before to Bethlehem, resolved to create the manger he had seen there. The ideal spot was a cave in nearby Greccio. He would find a baby—we're not sure if it was a live infant or the carved image of a baby—hay upon which to lay him, an ox and an ass to stand beside the manger. Word went out to the people of the town. At the appointed time, they arrived carrying torches and candles.

One of the friars began celebrating Mass. Francis himself gave the sermon. His biographer, Thomas of Celano, recalls that Francis "stood before the manger...overcome with love and filled with a wonderful happiness..."

For Francis, the simple celebration was meant to recall the hardships Jesus suffered even as an infant, a savior who chose to become poor for our sake, a truly human Jesus.

Tonight, as we pray around the Christmas cribs in our homes, we welcome into our hearts that same Savior.

Reflection

God's choice to give human beings free will was from the beginning a decision to be helpless in human hands. With the birth of Jesus, God made the divine helplessness very clear to us, for a human infant is totally dependent on the loving response of other people. Our natural response to a baby is to open our arms as Francis did—to the infant of Bethlehem, and to the God who made us all.

Our Calendars have arrived and can be picked up at the entrance of the church. Our Sponsor this year is **La Gran Villa**. Thank you to parishioner Letty Galaviz for sponsoring our calendars this year.

Nuestros Calendarios han llegado y pueden ser recogidos en la entrada de la iglesia. Nuestro Patrocinador este año es **La Gran Villa**. Gracias a nuestra feligresa Letty Galaviz por patrocinar nuestros calendarios este año.

La Oficina Parroquial estará abierta el martes, miércoles y jueves de la próxima semana debido a las vacaciones de Año Nuevo.