

DECEMBER 3 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD'S DAY

Mass in English

SAT VIGIL (Main Church)

5:30 pm

SUN (Main Church)

8:00 am – Rosary at 7:30 am

10:00 am – Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:00 noon

5:00 pm – Youth Mass

Mass in Polish

2ND & 4TH SAT (Cody Center Chapel)

5:00 pm

Mass in Portuguese

SUN (Main Church)

6:30 pm

Mass in Spanish

SUN (Historic Church)

9:00 am & 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass in English

MON, TUE, THUR - SAT (Historic Church)

8:00 am

MON - FRI (Historic Church)

12:00 noon

WED (Main Church)

9:00 am

TUE & THURS (Historic Church)

6:00 pm – Vespers at 5:40 pm

1st FRI (Cody Chapel)

7:00 pm – Vespers at 6:40; Mass followed

by nocturnal adoration

Mass in Spanish

WED (Historic Church)

7:00 pm

2ND Fri (Cody Chapel)

7:00 pm – Followed by nocturnal adoration

Please note: Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass in the Celebrant's line upon request.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Cody Center Chapel

MON - THURS

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

FRI

9:00 am - 6:30 pm

1st FRI

7:30 pm Fri - 7:15 am Sat

2ND FRI

7:30 pm Fri - 7:15 am Sat

LAST FRI (Adoration for Vocations)

7:00 - 8:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

In English

SAT (Marian Center)

4:30 - 5:30 pm

MON, TUE, THUR-SAT (Historic Church)

7:30 - 7:55 am

In Spanish

SUN (Historic Church)

20 minutes before each Mass

WED (Historic Church)

6:30 - 7:00 pm

Confessions are also available by appointment – 268-5422



TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 | Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 | 1 Corinthians 13:3-9 | Matthew 13:33-37

“Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.”

– Psalm 80

Clergy & Administration

CLERGY

Priests

Pastor | Fr. David Ruchinski | frdavid@stjosephsjax.org

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL | Hours: M - F 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | 904-268-6688

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Business Manager | Jenny Terrill

Office Manager | Lori Rowland

PARISH DIRECTORS

Parish Council | Michael Broach

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WEEKLY PARISH PRAYER INTENTION

In your daily prayers this week, please pray that **our spiritual preparation for the birth of our Lord greatly overshadow the secular commercialization of Christmas.**

Christmas Flowers
December 17 is the last day to submit your Christmas Flower envelopes if they are to be displayed on the altar.

Becoming Catholic



THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)
Formerly known as RCIA

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Are you answering a call to become Catholic but are not sure how or where to begin? If you are, please consider joining the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

For more information, please contact Mike and Michelle Peters, OCIA Coordinators, 904-710-2508 or michellecpeters@hotmail.com.

Welcome

Are you New to the Parish? In order to better serve you, please fill out a blue registration card located at the table in the gathering area of the Church and leave it with a greeter or usher, or submit the form on the parish registration page of the website. In order to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, or to have a Baptism at the Parish, you must be a registered parishioner. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions, 904-268-5422.



DONATE BLOOD

Sunday, December 3, 2023
7:00 am – 2:00 pm
Main Church Parking Lot

APPOINTMENTS ENCOURAGED
ID REQUIRED

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8.



THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN MINISTRY
IS INVITING PEOPLE TO ATTEND A
ROSARY PRAYER AT THE HISTORIC
CHURCH, AT 3:00 PM FOLLOWED BY
A PROCESSION OUTSIDE THE
HISTORIC CHURCH.
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
AFTER THE PROCESSION AT THE
KILKENNY ROOM.

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when

THE TIME WILL COME.

PSALM 23

Daily Readings

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Isaiah 2:1-5 / Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7,
8-9 / Matthew 8:5-11

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Isaiah 11:1-10 / Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 /
Luke 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Isaiah 25:6-10a / Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 /
Matthew 15:29-37

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Isaiah 26:1-6 / Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-
27a / Matthew 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 / Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 /
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 / Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
/ Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / Psalm 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14
/ 2 Peter 3:8-14 / Mark 1:1-8

Knights of Columbus presents

Breakfast With Santa

AN
INVITATION



Saturday, December 9 at 8 am
Cody Center, 4152 Loretto Rd, Jacksonville, FL

Includes breakfast with pancakes, sausage, and milk.
Bring your camera for pictures with Santa!



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10850
For more info visit www.council10850.org

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 2

8:00 AM (Historic Church)

♥ Father Briggs – Monica Mercado

5:30 PM (Main Church)

✚ Karen Gammache – Patti & Brian Doherty

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 3

8:00 AM (Main Church)

✚ Charlotte McAuley – Husband & Family

10:00 AM (Main Church)

✚ Kole “Dede” Marku – Ejell Marku

12:00 NOON (Main Church)

♥ Ross Urso, Jr. – Ted & Carol Thomas

5:00 PM (Main Church)

♥ St. Joseph Parish Family

MONDAY – DECEMBER 4

8:00 AM (Historic Church)

♥ Haley Measer – Happy Birthday -Grandma

12:00 NOON (Historic Church)

✚ Melicio Maestrado – Happy Heavenly Birthday

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 5

8:00 AM (Historic Church)

♥ Angelito + Adam Tan Family – Tess Poling

✚ Terrence Schuster – Lui, NeSmith, Fulgencio Families

♥✚ Kalluvilla Family Living & Deceased

12:00 NOON (Historic Church)

✚ Walter Schenck – Loving Wife, Molly

✚ Pedro R. Vega – Marta Sanchez

♥ Mary Quinn

6:00 PM (Historic Church)

✚ Aura Montilla – Your Loving friend, Hope

“Joseph, son of David, do not fear for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.”

~ Matthew 1:20



In Loving Sympathy

Please pray for family and friends on the death of their loved one.

MARY SHELDON

Mother of Sharon Povlak, Family, and Friends

CHARLES DUFFY

Family and Friends

TARI SERFILIPPI

Sister of Gerry Serfilippi



Christians should make expiatory supplications and prayers, prolonged for a whole hour, which is rightly called a “Holy Hour”

~ Pope Pius XI

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM (Main Church)

✚ Ofelia Cruz – Gabby Cruz

12:00 NOON (Historic Church)

♥ Carl Geo Tecson – Happy Birthday

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 7

8:00 AM (Historic Church)

✚ Bob Greene – Loving Family

♥ John Paul Gutierrez – Happy Graduation

✚ Panfilo Jayme – Uy Family

12:00 NOON (Historic Church)

✚ Richard Combs – Terry Combs

♥ Monica Quinn

✚ Teresa De Jesus De Acevedo – Pauline Brennan

7:00 PM (Main Church)

✚ Lillie Esposito – Diane Comeaux

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 8

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 AM (Main Church)

✚ Elizabeth Ann Bova – Her Family

12:00 NOON (Main Church)

♥ Mr. DeSantis – Paul Greene

7:00 NOON (Main Church)

♥ Julieta Lisbo – Loving Family

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 9

8:00 AM (Historic Church)

✚ Dawn Guntie – George Family

5:30 PM (Main Church)

♥ St. Joseph Parish Family

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM (Main Church)

♥ Joell Sirotnak – Amy + Isabella Hutchins

10:00 AM (Main Church)

✚ Ronald + Patricia Brassard – Ted & Carol Thomas

12:00 NOON (Main Church)

✚ George & Harriet Hodges – Eileen Bain

5:00 PM (Main Church)

✚ John Bui – Klm Nguyen

Please consider donating Altar or Adoration flowers in memory or honor of a loved one.

904-268-5422

ADORATION: \$35 | ALTAR: \$125 (SMALL), \$200 (LARGE)

Adoration Flowers for the week of December 3 to December 9 are in thanksgiving of the Moms and Staff of the Divine Mercy House.



Please Pray

FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND SUFFERING

Constant Adition
Francine Castro
Art Costa
Eugene Claxton
Thomas Dewitt
Larry Gaskin
Karyn Hargrove
Larry Harson
Bette Hickey
Charlotte Irvine

Eddie L.
Cathy Lester
Erin Malone
Gloria McPhillips
Charles Nofal
Matthew Palm
Barry Pierce
Helen Pohlman
Samanth Ramirez Ramirez
Carol Robinson

Vla Rodriguez
Margery Schneider
Jeff Simmons



If you would like to add your loved one to our prayer list, please contact the office at **268-5422**.

Prayers for the sick and suffering will run four weeks.

For those who wish to have their loved one prayed for beyond that time, we encourage you to utilize the new prayer book, located in the Cody Chapel. Those in the book will be prayed for during Mass.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Katy Dionne
Justyna Gleba
Jenna Kehrer
Stephanie Klosterman
Veronica Levy
Sara Selander Tatum
Mary Katherine Truss Mueller
Anne Isaac

To request a baptism, parishioners may complete and submit the baptismal packet forms online via our parish website.

BAPTISMAL
PACKET



DEPLOYED MILITARY

Please pray for all our deployed military.

Christian Barraco, USN
Riley Colbath, USN
Lt. Matthew Hayes
Adam Kemper, USA
SSG Justin Pritchard, USA
Richard Ryan, USN
Charlotte Spencer, USA
Bryan Walker, USN
SGT. Michael Donnal, USA



Baptism

Bernadette Arden Miller

Daughter of Stephen Taylor Miller
& Mary Alexandra Pooler
November 10, 2023 | Rev. Michael Hartley

Our next BAPTISM SEMINARS:

ENGLISH: **December 18**
at 6:30 pm

SPANISH: **15 de diciembre**
a las 7:00 pm



ST. JOSEPH Parish Grounds Clean-up Day Saturday, December 9 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM

We will be hanging Christmas lights as well as sprucing up the main church grounds.
Meet us in front of the Main Church!

Come Join us! All are welcome!



Sacraments

ANointING

If you are scheduled to have surgery, or a medical procedure, or are in danger of death and would like to receive the sacrament of the sick, please contact the office at 904-268-5422 to make an appointment with one of our priests.

BAPTISM

If you would like to have your precious child baptized in our parish, please visit our website to fill out a baptism packet form and to register for a baptism seminar. Parents must either be registered members of our parish, or present a letter of permission to have their baby baptized outside of your parish. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, and at least 16 years old. Sponsor letters for each godparent MUST be signed and sealed by the pastor of the Catholic church they attend, and must be submitted before a date can be chosen.



FIRST COMMUNION

For Children:

Please contact Lourdes Flemming
904-880-6404 ext. 122 or lflemming@stjosephsjax.org For
Teens and Adults:

Please contact Mike and Michelle Peters
michellecpeters@hotmail.com or 904-710-2508

CONFIRMATION

For Children:

Please contact Lourdes Flemming
904-880-6404 ext. 122 or lflemming@stjosephsjax.org

For Teens:

Please contact Mike and Michelle Peters
michellecpeters@hotmail.com or 904-710-2508

For Adults:

Please contact the office – 904-268-5422

HOLY ORDERS

Please contact Fr. Clay at 904-262-3200.

MATRIMONY

To schedule a wedding, an engaged couple must meet with their parish priest or deacon at least eight months before the proposed wedding date. If you would like to have your wedding at St. Joseph's, please contact our Wedding Facilitator, Genny Cruz, at stjosephsweddings@gmail.com or 904-304-4579.

RECONCILIATION

Please see the schedule in this bulletin.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS CHANGES

Sat., Dec. 23 – 6:30 pm Portuguese (HC)
No 5:00 pm Sunday Youth Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24

— Main Church —

4:00, 6:30, 8:30 pm & Midnight
(Childrens' Program begins at 6:00 pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

— Main Church —

9:00 am Spanish
10:30 am & 12:30 pm English

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00
pm in the Main Church.

GriefShare®

Grief Support Group

*Help and encouragement after
the death of a loved one*

At a GriefShare group, you'll find
understanding, guidance, relief, and a
safe place to navigate the challenges
of grief. Come join us!

Contact Us Today

Tuesdays: January 9 - April 9, 2024

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cody Enrichment Center
4152 Loretto Road
Jacksonville, FL 32223

More Info:

904-318-9308 or griefshare.org

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

— Psalm 85:8

Did you Know?

¿Sabías qué?

"Pastors of souls should see to it that the chief hours, especially Vespers, are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and the more solemn feasts. And the laity, too, are encouraged to recite the divine office, either with the priests, or among themselves, or even individually. [Also,] any cleric bound to the divine office fulfills his obligation if he prays the office in the vernacular together with a group of the faithful...provided that the text of the translation is approved" (##100-101).

"Los pastores de almas deben procurar que las horas principales, especialmente las vísperas, se celebren en común en la iglesia los domingos y las fiestas más solemnes. Y también se anima a los laicos a recitar el oficio divino, ya sea con los sacerdotes, ya entre ellos, o incluso individualmente. [Además,] cualquier clérigo vinculado al oficio divino cumple con su obligación si reza el oficio en lengua vernácula junto con un grupo de fieles... siempre que el texto de la traducción sea aprobado" (##100-101).

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS NEEDED!

Jenny Lusk from Diocesan (our bulletin publishing partner) is working to renew the advertisements currently running on our bulletin and to secure NEW bulletin advertisers. The bulletin is available in print and digitally online. We are grateful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost THANKS to the generous support of our bulletin sponsors. Jenny is calling our current sponsors. Please let her know if we can count on your continued support by renewing your ad, and please call her if you are interested in placing an advertisement in the bulletin on behalf of your business, family, favorite charity, OR to memorialize a loved one. Bulletin sponsors recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our church family, and we ask our parishioners and guests to patronize our supporters when using a local service. Jenny can be reached at 913-205-6387 or JLusk@Diocesan.com. Thank you!



MARINE CORPS RESERVE

TOYS FOR TOTS

Our Lady Queen of the Knights Assembly is collecting toys in support of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Annual Toys for Tots Campaign.

Please place new, un-gift-wrapped toys in the collection boxes in the Inside Gathering Area of the Main Church and in the Cody Enrichment Center through 12 noon Friday, December 15.



ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH FUNDRAISER

CHRISTMAS TREES

We have hundreds of trees of all sizes & POINSETTIAS TOO!

STARTING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Come see us at the corner of Old St Augustine & Hood Landing

LOT OPENS AT 10AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT VATERLIZZI@GMAIL.COM OR 904-742-8777

The Music Ministry's annual

Gingerbread House and Bake Sale

will be the weekend of
December 16 and 17.



Mary Page Hebert of Scout Troop 9473 completed her Eagle Scout project of a Lending Library in this Mandarin Neighborhood of Villa San Jose. After months of planning and collecting donations for materials, the scouts came together with the help of a craftsman in the neighborhood, working for 2 days to complete the project. Good job Mary Page and congratulations.

LOVE

Living Our Virtues Everyday

St. Joseph Catholic School launched the School Annual Fund a few months ago and the response has been tremendous, and we are so grateful to all of you who have generously given and prayed for us. We are over 40% to goal in parishioner support and moving forward towards reaching our goal!

If you have not yet had a chance to participate, please return your commitment card by dropping it in the mail, at the school office, or by visiting the school website at www.stjosephcs.org to complete an electronic commitment card.



SHINE ON THE WORLD LIKE BRIGHT STARS, YOU ARE OFFERING IT
THE WORD OF LIFE.
PHILIPPIANS 2:15-16



LOOK FOR US: [f St. Joseph Catholic School Jacksonville](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephcs) [@stjosephcs](https://www.instagram.com/stjosephcs)
904.268.6688 • www.stjosephcs.org
Mrs. Fecitt - Principal (rfecitt@stjosephcs.org)



LIBRARY WITH
MRS. CLEMENT



We love reading at St. Joseph Catholic School! Students have learned so much in Media Research classes so far this year. Kindergarten through 3rd grade love learning through storytime and hands-on STEM building. 4th and 5th grade created their own PowerPoints to present to their class. Middle school students learned about Microsoft Excel for their Science Fair projects. We had a successful book fair in October, and are looking forward to another book fair in the spring!

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:

Loyalty

A FRIEND LOVES AT ALL TIMES, AND A BROTHER IS BORN FOR ADVERSITY.

PROVERBS 17:17



ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

HIGH SCHOOL

12/3 Youth Night
12/10 Youth Night
12/17 Youth Night

MIDDLE SCHOOL

12/15 Youth Night

Donate to St. Joseph's Youth Ministry!

stjosephsjax.org/donate-to-cym

WHERE YOU ARE LOVED, KNOWN,
& PRAYED FOR!



ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH MINISTRY REDEO RETREAT



**ST. JOSEPH YOUTH MINISTRY
WE GOT OUR
SUMMER 2024
CAMP DATES**

CAMP COVECREST
*FOR CURRENT 8TH-12TH GRADERS
DATES: JULY 8-13, 2024
COST: \$850

CAMP HIDDEN LAKE
*FOR CURRENT 6TH/7TH GRADERS
DATES: JULY 29-AUGUST 3, 2024
COST: \$750

SPOTS ARE LIMITED /
FUNDRAISING WILL BE AVAILABLE
SIGN-UP AT: tinyurl.com/stjoesymsummer24

YOUTH MINISTRY QUESTIONS? Contact Katie at kgunkle@stjosephsjax.org

Ministry News

CCW:

We are selling Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards before and after all of the masses **on December 2 and 3**. This makes a great

Christmas gift for a teacher, co-worker, or anyone.



Join us for our annual Christmas party on **Tuesday December 5** where we decorate, sing Christmas Carols and join an optional gift exchange. We will gather at 6:30 pm in the Cody Center to decorate, enjoy a shared potluck, then sing Christmas Carols! If you would like to join the optional gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift of \$12 to \$15 value. If you need a ride to the meeting, let me know and we will try to provide transportation.

Plans are being made for our parish Living nativity on **December 16** from 6 to 9 pm. Stay tuned for more details.

Thanks to all who donated a Box of Joy for Cross Catholic Outreach. With 2 other parishes, we collected over 200 boxes to provide an underprivileged child a Christmas surprise.

COLUMBIETTES:

Some upcoming events for our ministry the CCW Christmas Party Tuesday, **December 5**, at 6:30 pm in the Cody Center. Knights of Columbus & The Columbiettes Christmas Party is Tuesday, **December 12**, at 6 pm-8 pm at the Cody Center. The Rosary & Business Meeting is Monday, **January 8** at 6:30 pm & 7 pm at the Cody Center.

For more information or question please email us at the columbiettesstjohnsriver@gmail.com

LADIES BIBLE STUDY:

The Ladies Bible Study has resumed weekly Wednesday meetings in the Cody Center from 9:15 - 11:00 am.

This fall, we are doing the study *JESUS: The Way, the Truth, and the Life* from Ascension Press, presented by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri.

Our next meeting will be **November 29**. This will be – Session 9: New Passover, New Exodus.

If you would like to sign up for the study, please text/call Mary Monfort at **904-651-3567** or email to **maryvictor@comcast.net**.

We also plan to have childcare available, so please let Mary know if you'd like to sign up for that.

MARY WIDOWS MINISTRY:

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 5 at 1:00 pm in the Cody Center**. Lourdes Flemming kindly offered to prepare for us her fabulous Christmas lunch. Come and let us enjoy an early Christmas celebration and let us pray the Rosary together with love and gratitude for all the blessings that Mother Mary showers us every day of our lives.

FILIPINO AMERICAN MINISTRY:

The Filipino American Ministry is inviting everyone to join us for our Simbang Gabi Mass on **Friday, December 15** at the Main Church, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Refreshments will be served at the courtyard after the mass.



WE NEED YOU

Fr. Ruchinski wants a Living Nativity for all of Mandarin to see.

It will be located on the grounds of the Cody Center on Saturday, December 16, 2023 from 6 to 9 pm.

We are in need of donations of new white outdoor Christmas lights. These donations can be dropped off in the box in the church vestibule.

We need ministries to volunteer for the following tasks:

- Set up and breakdown of the event
- Living Nativity cast and props
- Choir members to sing carols
- Manpower to string the lights and take them down
- Traffic control
- Cookies to bag for distribution with tags listing the Christmas Mass times

We need commitments from all ministries to make this event successful. This is just the beginning of what will be an annual event that will grow bigger each year.

Please contact Leslie Phillips at leskhosh@gmail.com or Cathy NeSmith at cat.b.nesmith@gmail.com



FALL 2023 MEETING DATES:
Dec 16 | Jan 27 | Feb 24

The St. Joseph Pillar of Families Ministry provides prayer, fellowship, and formation for families.

SCHEDULE

8:00 am Mass – Historic Church
8:45 – 9:45 am Holy Hour and formational talk in Cody Chapel. Confessions will also be heard at this time for adults and older children. Young children have play time in Coyne Room with Columbiette volunteers.
9:45 – 10:30 am Adults proceed to Tally Auditorium – reunite with children for potluck brunch and fellowship.

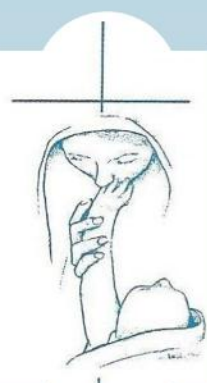
For more information, contact Fr. Michael at 904-268-5422 or frmichael@stjosephsjax.org.



ST. JOSEPH, PILLAR OF FAMILIES, PRAY FOR US.

Come Work With Us!

APPLY NOW



AVAILABLE POSITION

Evening/Overnight Staff

This is an hourly overnight position to direct and oversee activities at the Divine Mercy House from 6:00 pm to 9:00 am daily, beginning at 6:00 pm Sunday to 9:00 am Friday. The evening staff leaves at 9:00 am daily and returns at 6:00 pm that evening. A total of 40 paid hours a week.

To mentor and support the residents, and support the duties of the daytime staff and oversee evening volunteers' activities.

Start date: January 2, 2024.

**Please send resume to:
director@divinemercyhouse.org
to be considered**

PREP PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Advent Penance Service (JPil/7th & 8th Grade)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Last School Campus class before Christmas Break

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 MAIN CHURCH

Welcome Back Mass for all students and families



For information about our program, or to volunteer, please contact Lourdes Flemming, A.R.E.:
904-268-5422 ext 122 or lflemming@stjosephsjax.org

Children's Christmas Mass

The Nativity Story will be presented by the children during the Children's Mass at 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve. Mass will begin afterwards at 6:30 pm. All children ages four through eighth grade are welcome to be a part of the program. We are in need of angels, shepherds and sheep, kings and camels, the Holy Family and more. We will also need children to bring up the Offertory Gifts and teens to assist with organizing the children. Service hours can be provided if needed. The practice schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, December 9 at 2 pm
- Saturday, December 16 at 2 pm
- Saturday, December 23 at 2 pm (Dress rehearsal)

We would also like to invite our 1st grade classes to open and close the Nativity program by singing carols. Practice for carolers will be on the above dates beginning at 3 pm.

All practices will be held in the Main Church and attendance at all practices is required.



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All rehearsals are in the Main Church. All musicians and singers are welcome! No experience necessary.

NATIVITY



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