

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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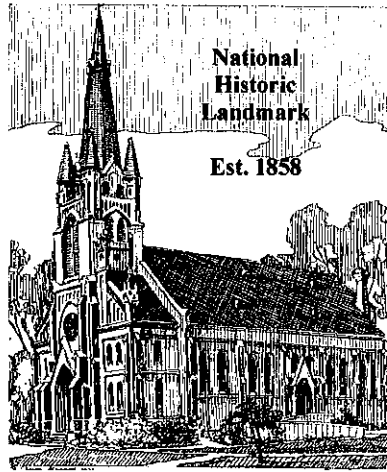
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Sunday, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am

Nursery during Sunday, 10:30 am Mass

### Daily Mass Schedule:

Tuesday - Friday 6:30 am

Monday and Wednesday 12:10 pm

### Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

(or by appointment)

Rev. Bill Henry, Pastor

Rev. Binh Nguyen, Associate Pastor

Rev. Frank Corcoran, Retired in Residence

### Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

in the Adoration Chapel

Tuesday- 7:00 am- 5:00 pm, Friday 7:00 am -Noon

<b>Parish Administrator</b> Dick Clark (rtclark@stjosephgreenville.org)	<b>Office Manager, Gift Bearers</b> Rayetta Serio (rserio@stjosephgreenville.org)	<b>Community Leaders/Lectors</b> Brian McGaugh (bmcgaugh@stjoeirish.org)
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<b>St. Joseph/Our Lady of Lourdes School</b> Principal - Steve Wies	<b>Finance Council/Church Restoration</b> Bill Allen	<b>Pastoral Council and Ushers</b> Darrell Martinek (darrellmartinek@gmail.com)
<b>St. Joseph/Our Lady of Lourdes School</b> Assistant Principal - Dr. JoAnne Heisterkamp	<b>Knights of Columbus</b> Kyle Velasquez	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Society</b> Julice Curry

**Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Charles and Rosalea Sherman by their family**

So, due to this not being Ordinary Time, we don't have semi-continuous readings on the Sundays anymore. I bring this up because this week's second reading is from the Second Letter of St. Peter. We will dive back into St. Paul next week though.

St. Peter, the chief apostle and the first pope tells us today that the *day of the Lord* is near. It will come quickly and like a thief. God is patient with us in our journey to grow closer to him, to know him, and to follow him with our lives. But, when it's our time, it's our time and there lies our current issue. Advent is a time of preparation. Remembering the world's preparation for the Incarnate Lord at his Nativity(Christmas), our daily preparation in receiving him and how we use our daily lives to live in him, and our preparation for his final coming and our judgement. This is a big deal and therefore we need to prepare ourselves. *The earth and everything done on it will be found out.* Therefore, *what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire.*

This ought to worry each and every one of us. Not to the extent that we become paralyzed with fear, for we are Christians *called to hope* in God's promise of mercy. When we bring our sinfulness to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation we entrust ourselves to God and gain his mercy. This is the only place that we know God to have given us explicit forgiveness of sin. We call that the ordinary means of forgiveness. Nevertheless, we have to live upright lives and strive for holiness. My question is this, do we think about daily the need of being holy? We can all do better to be more devoted to God. Ask in prayer that the Lord give you more Faith in God, Hope in God, and Love of God rather than yourself. This my prayer that I pray regularly. I offer it to you to pray as well. *Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.*

- Mark Shoffner

Please support our Seminarian, **Mark Shoffner**, with notes of encouragement. Let him know you are thinking about him, praying for him and in general just letting him know how much we care about him. His His address at school is: 2901 South Carrollton Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118

### Welcome To Our Visitors

We invite you to take a copy of the history of St. Joseph Church. You will find them in the vestibule.

Please feel free to take extra copies for your family and friends.

## Weekly Schedule, Readings and Mass Intentions

December 11 - December 17

*Sanctuary Candle for Special Intention*

<b>Monday, December 11</b>		<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>Luke</b>	
<b>St. Damasus I</b>		<b>35:1-10</b>	<b>5:17-26</b>	
11:30 am	Rosary - Church			
12:10 pm	Mass - Church <b>Intention - Mickie Bennett</b>			
7:00 pm	Fourth Degree KC Meeting - Parish Hall			
<b>Tuesday, December 12</b>		<b>Zechariah or Revelation</b>	<b>Judith</b>	<b>Luke</b>
<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>		<b>2:14-17      11:19; 12:1-6, 10</b>	<b>13:18-19</b>	<b>1:26-38 or 1:39-47</b>
6:30 am	Mass - Church <b>Intention - Cherry Cascio</b>			
7:00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Adoration Chapel until 5:00 pm			
7:00 am	Mission Mississippi - Valor Assisted Living Center, 1880 Fairground Rd.			
9:30 am	OLOL Mass - Fr. Lalor Chapel at SJCS			
11:45 am	Finance Committee Meeting - Parish Library			
6:00 pm	Prayer Meeting-Church			
<b>Wednesday, December 13</b>		<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	
<b>St. Lucy, Virgin Mother</b>		<b>40:25-31</b>	<b>11:28-30</b>	
6:30 am	Mass - Church <b>Intention - Be Be Maples</b>			
9:15 am	Prayer Services at St Joseph High School			
12:10 pm	Mass - Church <b>Intention - John Bernardi</b>			
5:15 pm	Choir Practice in the Choir Room			
6:00 pm	Confirmation Class - Parish Hall			
6:00 pm	Penance Service-Church			
<b>Thursday, December 14</b>		<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	
<b>St. John of the Cross</b>		<b>41:13-20</b>	<b>11:11-15</b>	
6:30 am	Mass - Church <b>Intention - Sandy DeAngelo</b>			
12:00 pm	Silent Auction/Christmas Store open at SJCS			
1:30 pm	OLOL Christmas Play Afternoon Performance - SJCS			
6:00 pm	OLOL Christmas Play Evening Performance - SJCS			
6:00 pm	RCIA - Parish Hall			
<b>Friday, December 15</b>		<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	
<b>St. John of the Cross</b>		<b>48:17-19</b>	<b>11:16-19</b>	
6:30 am	Mass - Church <b>Intention - Joe Fortner</b>			
7:00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till Noon			
7:30 am	Last school Mass of the 2017 school year - Fr. Lalor Chapel at SJCS			
<b>Saturday, December 16</b>		<b>Sirach</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	
<b>St. John of the Cross</b>		<b>48:1-4, 9-11</b>	<b>17:9-13</b>	
5:05 pm	Rosary - Church			
5:30 pm	Mass - Church <b>Intention - Machan Azar</b>			
<b>Sunday, December 17</b>		<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians</b>
<b>St. John of the Cross</b>		<b>61:1-2, 10-11</b>	<b>1:46-50, 53-54</b>	<b>5:16-24</b>
7:35 am	Rosary - Church			
8:00 am	Mass - Church <b>Intention - Quentin Mitchell</b>			
9:00 am	KC Breakfast - after 8:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall			
9:15 am	Religion classes for Grades 1-5 Children			
9:30 am	10:30 Mass Choir Practice - Choir Room			
10:05 am	Rosary - Church			
10:30 am	Mass - Church <b>Intention - For the People of the Parish</b>			
<b>Please note: We will have Nursery during 10:30 Mass every Sunday</b>				
4:30 pm	Lifeteen and Edge - Parish Hall			

<b>Pray for:</b>	
All who are ill, in hospitals, assisted living, nursing homes, at home, and especially:	
Sharron Abide Katherine Adams Leslie Agostinelli Thomas Azar Joe Bramuchi Mark Briscoe Chris Brown Melanie Brown Joni Cannatella Janice Chandler Stella Grace Cook Kalie Cordell Marilyn Correro Aries Cotton Mary Dagg Landon Duncan Johnny Evans Davey Lee Farris Faison Fratesi Debbie Frazier Anthony Ferretti Debbie Fioranelli Richard Fulford Sonny Fulford Gino Gagliano Toni Gamberini Woods Garrett Warren Guillory Dianne Headley Odis Hill	Patrick Hilla Douglas Irving family Andy Johnson Fr. Howard Johnson Stephanie Kent Fran Kirlsey Donnie Maranto Richard Mascagni Bruce McClellan Suzanne McDuffie Rose Mary Mitchell Wilna Myers Steve Nick Doris Oakes Gail Owens Jeanie Pogue Costner Pruss John Reginelli Tommy Reifers Valerie Reifers Isabella Rhodes James Robertson Salvador Sarullo Rick Stadelbacher Tabitha Staples Jerry Steed Laura Swift Ed Vance John Wigley
If you need to add someone to the prayer list (you must have their permission), please call the parish office at 335-5251 or e-mail names to <a href="mailto:rserio@stjosephgreenville.org">rserio@stjosephgreenville.org</a> .	
If you know of someone in the hospital, assisted living, nursing home or at home who is in need of communion or a visit, please contact Sandra Cirilli at the parish office (335-5251) or e-mail <a href="mailto:sfcirilli@yahoo.com">sfcirilli@yahoo.com</a> .	

**Volunteers needed** to clean the church. Can you offer a few hours a week for one month out of the year to help keep our church in proper condition? Please use the sign-up sheet at the back door of the church and let us know you are interested.

	Sacristan	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Gift Bearers	Ushers
Dec 16 5:30 pm	Clara Mandolini	Host - Jack McNeil	Lindsey Lunn	Mr./Mrs. Bill Allen	Andy Andrzejewski Buddy Hargrove Jack McNeil
	<b>Community Leader</b> Cindy Bennett	Chalice - Nesseiba Campbell Chalice - Buddy Hargrove			
	<b>Lector</b> Sarah Hayek	Chalice - Gwen McNeil Chalice - Joe Virden			
Dec 17 8:00 am	<b>Sacristan</b> Dick Clark	Host - Frank John Serio	Amelia Vaught Mecklyn Vaught	Dr./Mrs. Cindy Abide	Margaret Kibbee Chris Tonos Chico Williams
	<b>Community Leader</b> Cindy Abide	Chalice - Rayetta Serio Chalice - Benny Strazi			
	<b>Lector</b> Wayne Ebelhar	Chalice - Sharon Strazi Chalice - Katie Vaught			
Dec 17 10:30 am	<b>Sacristan</b> Kerri Moss	Host - Mark Maranto	Avery Cole Hannah Kate Hooker	Mr./Mrs. Buddy Powers	Richard Chisolm Daniel Hooker Darrell Martinek Chris Menhard
	<b>Community Leader</b> Renay Seidle	Chalice - Ken Fisher Chalice - Linda Maranto			
	<b>Lector</b> Mary Lynn Powers	Chalice - Nina Moore Chalice - Chris Morris			

### Holy Matrimony Anniversaries

12/13	Joe and Barbara Simmons	45 Yrs
12/15	Ken and Andrea Fisher	27 Yrs

### Advent Wreaths and Candles

Advent Wreaths and Candles are for sale in the church or the office. An Advent set includes wreath and candles for \$10, wreath alone is \$6 and set of four candles for \$4.

### Knights of Columbus News

- Congratulations to Davis and Bobbye Oltremari for being named KC Family of the Month for November.
- The Fourth Degree is selling 50/50 raffle tickets to support its charitable donations. Please see a Fourth Degree member for tickets. Drawing is Monday night, December 11th.
- Keep Christ in Christmas cards available after Masses and in the Parish Hall. Proceeds go to support local charitable causes.
- Anyone interested in joining the Knights, please contact Kyle Velasquez or Dick Clark.



### St. Joseph Athletic Association Christmas Tree Lot

2024 Hwy 82 East next to Chillie's Package Store  
Open Mondays - Saturdays 10 am - 6 pm  
Sundays 1 pm - 6 pm

### We need your Talents and Stuff

Saint Joseph Catholic School is raising money to repair the school HVAC/Heat before winter really sets in!

There are 2 ways you can help:

- Silent Auction Dec 14 - Please donate any hand made crafts for the silent auction to be held during the OLOL Christmas Play or for the school, Christmas Store.
- Please donate any items that could be sold in the school Christmas Store.

Donations may be dropped off at either school office.

Plan to come by the school on Dec 14 for the OLOL Christmas play or just to shop till you drop!

### Saint Joseph Catholic School News

OLOL Christmas Play  
Thursday, December 14 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm

### Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to honor a loved one or have a memorial in memory of someone, please send their names and your donation to the parish office by Wednesday, Dec 20 for the name to be listed in the Christmas Bulletin.

### Attention! Parents of 3-6 year olds

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** has begun here at St. Joseph Church. Class is from 9:15 am - 10:15 am every Sunday morning in the Parish Hall. We welcome all of our children to learn how to pray, to meditate, to cope and to reflect on God's mysteries. The teacher guides the child through the parables and helps them reflect on the **Word of God** and His love for us.

### 2018 St. Joseph Church Calendars

are available in the Church and the Parish Office.

### Record of Financial Stewardship

Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Last Sunday's Offering	\$5,747.00
Online Giving	\$3,400.00
Monthly Offertory/Online Actual Nov 2016	\$35,051.17
Monthly Offertory/Online Actual Nov 2017	\$40,123.46
Difference	\$5,072.29
YTD Offertory/Online Actual Nov 2016	\$199,544.02
YTD Offertory/Online Actual Nov 2017	\$211,177.41
Difference	\$11,633.39

### Church Restoration Campaign

Phase I Goal:	\$401,835.00
Donations/Pledges Received:	\$287,765.30
Phase I Restoration Balance:	\$114,069.70

**Campaign Goal: \$1,400,000**





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