

# Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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*"Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge them before my Father." —Matthew 10:32*



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Open Monday - Friday...

9:30 am - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 4:30 pm

After 4:00 pm, by appointment only.

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Please notify the Parish Office.

## PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Rev. James A. Kyrpczak ----- *Pastor*

Paul Flor ----- *Deacon*

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## SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

*Sacrament of Eucharist/Mass*

Saturday Vigil ----- 5:00 pm

Sunday ----- 7:30 & 11:00 am

Spanish Mass ----- 9:00 am

Daily Mass ----- 9:00 am

Holy Days ----- 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

*Sacrament of Baptism*

Expectant parents are requested to attend a Baptism Preparation Session prior to the birth of the child. Please pre-register with the parish office. The sessions are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room. Baptisms are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11:30 am at the church.

*Sacrament of Penance*

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated on Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 pm in the reconciliation chapel.

*Sponsorship/Eligibility Forms*

Only registered and practicing Catholics can receive a letter attesting to their sponsorship eligibility. One must request the form from the parish office prior to being a sponsor. The form will then be mailed or picked up at the parish office.

*Sacrament of Marriage*

Couples planning marriage are requested to make an appointment with the Pastor. Arrangements should be made one year in advance.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / 908-689-0093

Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm / Grades: 1, 2, 3, 4

7:00 - 8:00 pm / Grades: 5, 6, 7, 8

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the parish family of Saint Joseph Church, are brothers and sisters in Christ. Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit and through the nourishment of the sacraments, we are called to love and serve in His name. We will promote the Kingdom of God to all, through education, witness, service and worship, by giving of our time, talents and treasures.*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 10, 2023**



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

- Saturday December 9**
- 5:00pm +Joe Clark  
r/o *The Clark Family*
- Sunday December 10**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**
- 7:30am +Deceased Members of the  
Lynch Family  
r/o *Johanna Lynch*
- 9:00am People of the Parish  
(Spanish)
- 11:00am r/o **Alfred Selvester, Jr.**  
*Fr. Guy*
- Monday December 11**
- 9:00am +Fred Spages  
r/o *Jeff Paliscak & Family*
- Tuesday December 12**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- 9:00am +John & Mary Hogan  
r/o *Mary Zvirblys*
- Wednesday December 13**  
**Saint Lucy**
- 9:00am r/o +Rocky Graziano  
*Family*
- Thursday December 14**  
**Saint John of the Cross**
- 9:00am r/o +Roger DeLuca  
*Family*
- Friday December 15**
- 9:00am +Jack, June & Steve Ferry  
r/o *Jeff Paliscak & Family*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Saria Adria, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Patricia Baroz, Adrianna Berrios, Tracy Berrios, Benjamin Bernstein, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rreh Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario, Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Peter Garon, Francine Gore, Kerry Groff, Tony Groff, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Carol Hutchins, Jane Jenkins, James Herring, Sharon Lawson, The Lewis Family, Nina Lopez, Christine Mathews, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Maureen Milletich, Emma Parrales, Luigi Paterno, Vincent Pizzo, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Angelo Saccos, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, George Stine, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarche, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Joey Yangco, Emma

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

<b><u>WEEKLY COSTS:</u></b>		
Church Expenses:		\$6,464.00
<b><u>November 25 / 26</u></b>		<b>\$5,198.00</b>
<b><u>Electronic Giving</u></b>		<b><u>1,392.00</u></b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,590.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>\$126.00</b>
<b><u>December 2 / 3</u></b>		<b>\$9,454.00</b>
<b><u>Electronic Giving</u></b>		<b><u>1,397.00</u></b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,851.00</b>
<b>Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>\$4,397.00</b>

**GIFT BEARERS AT MASS**

If the Mass intention is for your loved one, please see an Usher prior to Mass and let him / her know that you would like to bring up the gifts. If you choose not to do so, please let the Usher know that so other arrangements may be made. With that being said, we are in need of Gift Bearers.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5170**

The annual **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** will be held on Sunday, December 17 from 8:00am-11:00am.

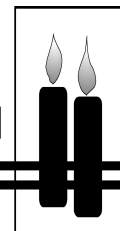
There will be crafts, cookies and of course, a delicious breakfast. Free-will donations will be accepted.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The feast day of **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** is celebrated on Tuesday, December 12. On Saturday, December 16 Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm in Spanish and a "fiesta" will take place following Mass in the Parish Center. All are invited to attend. Please note that 9:00am Mass on December 17 **will not** be celebrated.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS** is Sunday, December 17 at 4:00pm. Join us in prayer and carols with the Bell Choir and Choir.

Prepare the way  
of the Lord





Just now, as I was ready to go about addressing the things on my To Do List for today, once again, Laura reminded me that my bulletin column was due in an hour. Last week, since I was on retreat, my bulletin column got forgotten.

On my mind right now, is how pleased I am at the turn out of parishioners who joined us for our Advent Penance Service last night. So many of you came to prepare your hearts for the coming of our Savior by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We know it as Confession because we confess (or tell) our sins to the priest (under the seal of Confession); we also know it as Penance since a penance is assigned to us as our way of participating in the penance of Christ Jesus, our Lord for the forgiveness of our sins; and finally, we call it Reconciliation since, through this great sacrament, we are reconciled (or made one/at peace) with God.

About a week or so ago, Deacon Ed had mentioned that, in past years the Blessed Sacrament was exposed for the Penance Service. I thought that this was a good idea, especially since we are in the midst of the National Eucharistic Revival inaugurated by our bishops. And so, I planned a Penance Service that would begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, include prayers, Scriptural readings, an Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition and then be followed by individual confessions while the Blessed Sacrament remained exposed so that individuals could pray and do their penances in the presence of our Eucharistic Jesus.

Prior to the Penance Service, which began at 7:00pm, those priests who came to assist by hearing confessions gathered in the rectory where some parishioners volunteered their time, resources and

giftedness to provide a delicious dinner for the priests. Just as we were finishing dessert and preparing to come over to the church, one of the priests, who had been here last year, mentioned that the Blessed Sacrament was exposed without ceremony, there was no Penance Service and the priests just heard confessions. At the end, the Blessed Sacrament was reposed (placed back into the tabernacle) without ceremony and that the whole thing took an hour. It now made sense to me why Laura wrote in the announcements that the Penance Service was from 7:00-8:00pm. I kept wondering: "How could she know how long it would take?"

Well, walking over to the church, I realized that this was going to take longer than an hour. In the end, I found that it really didn't take that much longer after all. When I finished hearing confessions and went back out into the church for Benediction, my watch read: 8:17pm. I thought to myself, only a quarter of an hour or so longer.

What I especially liked about the Service, apart from the fact that so many turned out to be reconciled with God, is that, all of my brother priests knelt down before the altar with me for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. I believe that it is encouraging and inspiring for the Catholic Faithful to see a priest at prayer, especially to see his devotion to our Lord in the Eucharist.

Indeed, it is through our Eucharistic Lord, who is present in such a manner that He offers His very life for our reconciliation with God, that the power of absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation flows!

May God continue to bless all of you and your families as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ Jesus our Savior!

In the love of Jesus our Lord,

Father James

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