

ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. Stanislaus will have a Communal Reconciliation Service at **7:00 PM** on **Tuesday, December 17th**.

Here at **St. Joseph**, we will have our Communal Reconciliation Service at **7:00 PM** on **Wednesday, December 18th**.

ANGEL TREE - If you picked up an angel from our Angel Tree, please be sure to drop off your gift (attached to the angel) TODAY, December 15. Thank you so much!

Help With Bulletins

Please, if anyone is interested in helping out with the bulletins, I would greatly appreciate it! I am happy to share the template in Word format, as well as all resources that I am utilizing to compile the bulletin. I am also happy to still print the bulletins in color from home and make sure they get to St. Joseph on Sundays before Mass. If you would be able/willing to do this task, please email me agnesfields@gmail.com or text to **(910) 431-0326**. Thank you so very much! ☺

Stewardship of Treasure

December 10, 2024

11:00 AM (English) Mass

Offertory	\$ 657.00
Priest Welfare & Retirement	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Flower Donations	\$ 25.00
Holy Days	\$ 65.00

1:00 PM (Spanish) Mass

Offertory	\$ 609.00
Holy Days	\$ 169.00

Total	\$ 822.00	Total	\$ 778.00
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Thank you for your continued support!
May God Bless you always and in all ways!

For bulletin announcements and/or changes contact **Agnes Fields** via e-mail at agnesfields@gmail.com (Subject: Bulletin) or text to **(910) 431-0326** by 6pm Thursday

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Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 15, 2024

Share in the Apostolic Mission of the Church

We, the parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a community of faith, being spirit-filled and empowered by our baptism, are called to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. United by our worship, our continued commitment to faith formation and our love for one another, we dedicate our time, talents, and treasure to the enrichment of our community and the greater glory of God.

We welcome all visitors!

Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church. We are glad you chose to be with us today. If you are traveling, we pray for your safe journey home. If you live in this area, we hope you will return soon to worship with us.



Sunday Mass:

11:00 am in English
1:00 pm in Spanish

Daily Mass:

Wednesdays at 8:30 am
Thursdays at 8:30 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please come spend some time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration begins at **3:00 pm every Wednesday** and ends at **7:00 pm**.



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Parents must attend a preparation class prior to having their child baptized. Please schedule an appointment with Father Roger to discuss the procedure.

RECONCILIATION: Immediately following Mass and by appointment.

MARRIAGE: The marriage preparation program for the Diocese of Raleigh takes 6 months. Please contact Father Roger for an appointment.

1ST PENANCE, 1ST HOLY COMMUNION, & CONFIRMATION:
Contact Father Roger for information.

Today's Readings

Zephaniah 3: 14-18a

Responsorial – Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6

“Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.”

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 10-18



For **Daily Mass Readings**
go **online** to:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>

<http://www.ewtn.com/daily-readings>

(Includes Daily Mass video)

Today's Meditation

“Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice!” —Philippians 4:4

St. Paul made one of the greatest proclamations in history when he commanded the Philippians: “Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice!” On Paul’s initial mission to the Philippians, he and St. Silas were beaten, stripped, scourged, thrown in jail, and had their feet tied to a stake (Acts 16:22-24). Under these terrible conditions, St. Paul and Silas decided to rejoice and sing praises to the Lord (Acts 16:25). This joyful praise was catalytic. It was followed by an earthquake, which resulted in freedom from chains and prison (Acts 16:26). Next, the jailer and his family were converted to Christ (Acts 16:33). At Philippi, Paul personally experienced the power of praise and joy. So, he knew what he was talking about when he commanded: “Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice!”

Paul came to realize that he had joy not in spite of sufferings but rather by means of sufferings. Sufferings are not incompatible with joy; instead, they are even necessary to rejoice always. Paul proclaimed: “Even now I find my

joy in the suffering I endure for you” (Col 1:24). We rejoice in the measure that we share Christ’s sufferings (1 Pt 4:13).

Therefore, it is impossible to rejoice in the Lord always unless we suffer with Christ.

Joy is catalytic. It sets off a chain-reaction of miracles leading to salvation.

Redemptive suffering is a catalyst of catalysts. It leads to joy.

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PRAYER LIST

Nick Hesse	The Butrim Family	Phyllis Kubelka
Nery Fields	Gina Brooks	Stacey Riemer
George Spisak	Bill Barnett	Liz Becker
Marilyn Malberg	The Daniels Family	Michael Kubelka
Jeanette Rivenbark	Geraldine Egner	Darrin Pierres
The unborn	All those incarcerated	
All those who suffer from addiction	United States Leadership	

Please e-mail agnesfields@gmail.com to have a loved one placed on our prayer list. If you have placed a loved one on our prayer list, and you feel they no longer need to be on it, please e-mail so that we may update it.

