

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9

6 PM Mass at St. Stanislaus

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

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 this past Sunday, please remember to bring your gift (attached to the angel) by next Sunday (December 15). Thank you so much!

Stewardship of Treasure

November 24, 2024

11:00 AM (English) Mass

Offertory \$ 594.00
Thanksgiving \$ 5.00

Total \$ 599.00

1:00 PM (Spanish) Mass

Offertory \$ 406.00
Flower Donations \$ 100.00

Total \$ 506.00

December 1, 2024

11:00 AM (English) Mass

Offertory \$ 1,120.35
Flower Donations \$ 40.00
Holy Days \$ 40.00

Total \$ 1,200.35

1:00 PM (Spanish) Mass

Offertory \$ 701.00
Thanksgiving \$ 316.00

Total \$ 1,017.00

Thank you for your continued support!
May God Bless you always and in all ways!

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Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 8, 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

Baruch 5: 1-9

Psalms 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

Luke 3: 1-6



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

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

"Make ready the way of the Lord, clear Him a straight path." —Luke 3:4

Before Christ's Christmas coming and His Second Coming, we need to make a highway in the desert. This desert highway is both for us (Bar 5:7) and the Lord to use (Lk 3:4). We are to use the highway first to get out of the exile of sin. Then Jesus will come on it to take us home from our exile on earth (see 1 Pt 2:11).

We construct and travel this highway by repentance — deep repentance. By repentance, we fill in the emptiness of sin's "death valley" and level mountains of pride and inflated egos (see Lk 3:5). As we confess our sins, the Lord makes straight (Lk 3:5) our winding excuses, rationalizations, unrealistic denials, and self-deceptions.



The rough, jagged, cutting, harmful edges of our selfish attitudes are made smooth through repentance, forgiveness, and Reconciliation (Lk 3:5).

Make and drive the highway of repentance into Christmas and heaven.

Prayer: Father, keep me on the holy highway
(Is 35:8)

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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.

