



CHURCH OF ST JOSEPH

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MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

- Sun./Dom. 9 AM (English), 11 AM (Español)
Mon./Lun. 8:30 AM (English)
Tues./Mar. 7 PM (Español) Vísperas & Misa
Wed./Mier. 8:30 AM (English)
Fri./Vier. 7 PM (Español) Vísperas & Misa
Sat./Sab. 9 AM Mass for Children / Families (English)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9 AM. to 4:30 PM (**Closed for lunch, 1:00-2:00 PM**)

HORARIO DE LA CASA CURAL: Lunes a Viernes, 9 AM a 4:30 PM (**Cerrada, 1 - 2 PM**)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS: Call anytime/llamar a cualquier hora.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS/DEVOCIONES ESPECIALES:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, Fridays, after the 7 PM Mass / Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento con la Bendición : Viernes **luego** de la Misa de las 7 PM

The Miraculous Medal Novena, on Mondays after the Mass./Novena de la Medalla Milagrosa, los lunes luego de la Misa. Rosary before Mass on Sundays / Santo Rosario antes de la Misa.

Charismatic prayer meeting, Tuesdays, after the 7 PM Mass/Grupo de Oración Carismática, martes, luego de la Misa de 7PM.

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES: By appointment only. Please call the Parish Office well in advance.

BAUTISMOS & BODAS: Hacer una cita de antemano.

R C I A Adults seeking to Enter the Catholic Church or complete their Christian Initiation should contact Yolanda Faña at 914-433-6390.

R I C A Adultos que buscan Entrar en la Iglesia Católica o completa su Iniciación Cristiana. Para más información contactar a la Sra. Yolanda Faña al 914-433-6390.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN: 9:45 AM on Saturdays/Sábado a las 9:45 AM. Any time by appointment / O llamar para una cita.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Any one who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the parish office so that arrangements can be made to bring communion to you. /

COMUNION PARA LOS ENFERMOS: Llámanos para que uno de nuestros ministros te lleve la Sagrada Comunión.

WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS! Please visit the Rectory so that we may formally register you as members of the parish.

¡**BIENVENIDOS NUEVOS FELIGRESES!** Favor de visitar a la Casa Cural para inscribirse en nuestra parroquia.

Sunday/Domingo, December 3rd -

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 2-7; 1 Cor 1: 3-9 / Mk 13: 33-37

9AM Delfim Valente †

11 AM Elizabeth Vaquero †

Alexa Alonso (Feliz Cumpleaños)

Monday/Lunes, December 4th -

St. John Damascene

Is 2: 1-5 / Mt 8: 5-11

8:30 AM No Mass

Tuesday/Martes, December 5th -

Is 11: 1-10 / Lk 10: 21-24

7 PM Francisca Ramirez (Feliz Cumpleaños)

Wednesday/Miercoles, December 6th-

St. Nicholas

Is 25: 6-10 / Mt 15: 29-37

8:30 AM No Mass

Friday/Viernes, December 8th -

The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1: 26-38

7 PM Available

Saturday/Sabados, December 9th -

St. Juan Diego

Is 30: 19-21, 23-26 / Mt 9: 35—10: 1, 5, 6-8

9 AM Available

Sunday/Domingo, December 10th -

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3: 8-14 / Mk 1: 1-8

9AM Nick DelGuidice †

11 AM Available

HAVING MASS OFFERED FOR SOMEONE MAKES A GREAT SPIRITUAL GIFT.
PEDIR UNA MISA PARA ALGUIEN ES UN BONITO REGALO ESPIRITUAL.

Parish Membership:

To be considered active members of St Joseph's Parish, each family & single adult must:

- Be properly registered
- Attend Sunday Mass at our church
- Regularly use our parish's weekly envelopes

This is the only way the parish can issue documents attesting to parish membership and Catholic practice. (eg. A sponsor Certificate to be a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor). **If you are not registered please visit the rectory.**

Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp & Wine/Bread

Remember your loved ones by dedicating, in their honor, the weekly Flowers or Sanctuary Lamp or Bread & Wine.

Flores, Lampara del Sagrario & Hostias/Vino

Recuerde a sus seres queridos dedicando, en su honor, las Flores de la semana, Lámpara del Sagrario y las Hostias y el Vino. Para más información llamar a la casa cural.

Flowers/Flores

Available

SANCTUARY LAMP/LAMPARA DEL SAGRARIO

Available

ALTAR BREAD & WINE/HOSTIAS Y VINO

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Sunday Offering \$2,726.50
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Church Property Fund \$745.25

Thanksgiving/Soup Kitchen Collection \$1,325.00

UNEXPECTED PREGNANCY? If you are in a crisis pregnancy, please call (914) 620-4464
LIFE OPTIONS CENTER 24 / 7.

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Immaculate Conception of the BVM (Dec 8th)

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is not about the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb at the Annunciation; rather it is about the conception of Our Lady in her mother's womb. The Church declared in the papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus* on this day in 1854 that the Blessed Virgin Mary was 'from the first moment of her conception, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.'

Since Jesus took flesh in and from Mary's body, and also obtained His human nature from her, she had to be perfectly sinless. How could the Holy Spirit be present with the devil or evil or sin in the soul of the most Holy Virgin? If St Paul could say, 'I am nailed to the Cross with Christ,' how much more could the BI Virgin say it!

Unthinking reactionaries reject the Immaculate Conception as some kind of alternative Annunciation, and suggest that it takes Mary and elevates her to the Godhead. It is a common criticism of Catholic Christians that we don't have a trinity, but a quaternity, and unthinkingly they assume that this means that Mary herself was created supernaturally, just like Our Lord. But no, the dogma does not say this. Mary is Our Lady because she is one of us, not a supernatural, heavenly being, but flesh and blood of our flesh and blood – a properly conceived daughter of Eve, like the rest of us.

The NT refers to her as a 'parthenon' - a virgin, not a super-human being, not removed from human experience, but one of us. Mary has been honored since the beginning of the Church, but not worshipped, asked for her prayers, but not prayed to, recognized as having a special relationship with Christ, but never taking his place. Mary's role is to point the way to her Son, as we see in icons. Mary points to Jesus, as if to say 'He is the way, follow him'.

We really need to place such great emphasis on the humanity of Mary. Without the humanity of Mary, the Incarnation becomes a sham, a mere pretense, as Our Lord and Savior fails to come properly amongst us – deny the humanity of Mary and you deny the humanity of Jesus, and his redemptive work loses all meaning. If we ignore Mary and say it doesn't really matter what kind of person she was, then we deny the real humanity of Our Lord.

This doctrine teaches us that she was human like us, but free from one important complicating detail: Original Sin.

In the museum in a little town called Montefalco in Umbria, Italy there is an early renaissance painting of Mary. In it she is depicted as immensely tall, strong and regal, and her cloak is held open, her arms outstretched. Huddling within its folds is all of humanity – you, me, the people next door, the great saints, and the great sinners. As we celebrate this feast of the Immaculate Conception, let us remember this strong, patient and infinitely brave woman who gave birth to the Savior of the world and let us thank God for her. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and the hour of our death.

La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen

María. (8 de diciembre)

Cada 8 de diciembre, la Iglesia celebra el dogma de fe que nos revela que, por la gracia de Dios, la Virgen María fue preservada del pecado desde el momento de su concepción, es decir desde el instante en que María comenzó la vida humana.

El 8 de diciembre de 1854, en su bula *Ineffabilis Deus*, el Papa Pío IX proclamó este dogma:

"...declaramos, proclamamos y definimos que la doctrina que sostiene que la beatísima Virgen María fue preservada inmune de toda mancha de la culpa original en el primer instante de su concepción por singular gracia y privilegio de Dios omnipotente, en atención a los méritos de Cristo Jesús Salvador del género humano.

María es la "llena de gracia", del griego "*kecharitomene*" que significa una particular abundancia de gracia, es un estado sobrenatural en el que el alma está unida con el mismo Dios. María como la Mujer esperada en el Protoevangelio (Gn. 3, 15) se mantiene en enemistad con la serpiente porque es llena de gracia.

Las devociones a la Inmaculada Virgen María son numerosas, y entre sus devotos destacan santos como San Francisco de Asís y San Agustín. Además la devoción a la Concepción Inmaculada de María fue llevada a toda la Iglesia de Occidente por el Papa Sixto IV, en 1483.

El camino para la definición dogmática de la Concepción Inmaculada de María fue trazado por el franciscano Duns Scotto. Se dice que al encontrarse frente a una estatua de la Virgen María hizo esta petición: "*Dignare me laudare te: Virgo Sacrata*" (Oh Virgen sacrosanta dadme las palabras propias para hablar bien de Ti).

La Virgen María es Inmaculada gracias a Cristo su hijo, puesto que Él iba a nacer de su seno es que Dios la hizo Inmaculada para que tenga un vientre puro donde encarnarse. Ahí se demuestra cómo Jesús es Salvador en la guarda de Dios con María y la omnipotencia del Padre se revela como la causa de este don. Así, María nunca se inclinó ante las concupiscencias y su grandeza demuestra que como ser humano era libre pero nunca ofendió a Dios y así no perdió la enorme gracia que Él le otorgó.

La Inmaculada Virgen María nos muestra la necesidad de tener un corazón puro para que el Señor Jesús pueda vivir en nuestro interior y de ahí naciese la Salvación. Y consagrarnos a ella nos lleva a que nuestra plegaria sea el medio por el cual se nos revele Jesucristo plenamente y nos lleve al camino por el cual seremos colmados por el Espíritu Santo.

Announcements/Anuncios

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ... is **December 8** and it is a holy day of obligation ... **the Mass schedule will be 7 PM Bilingual Vigil Mass...** mark your calendars.

FIESTA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN ... es el **8 de diciembre** y es un día sagrado de obligación ... el horario de misa será a las **7 PM - Misa bilingüe de Vigilia...** marque sus calendarios.

RETIRO ESPIRITUAL DE ADVIENTO...Para esta Navidad, regálate un encuentro personal con el Niño Jesús por medio de su Madre y San José... La parroquia San José te invita acompañarnos el **domingo, 17 de diciembre**, desde las 12:30 a 6 PM. Habrá adoración del Santísimo, conferencias predicadas por un sacerdote, confesiones, y se concluirá con la Santa Misa.

Raffles to benefit St Joseph's Church: The raffles will be drawn on **December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, after the **7 PM Mass**.

The donations for the tickets are: \$10 for a book of 6 tickets and \$2 for one ticket.

Rifa benéfica para la Parroquia San José. La rifa se anunciara en la **Fiesta Guadalupana el martes, 12 de diciembre.**

La donación del boleto es de \$10 dólares por 6 boletos y \$2 por un boleto.

1st Prize / Primer Premio: **\$2,000**

2nd Prize / Segundo Premio: **\$1,000**

3rd Prize / Tercer Premio: **\$500**

Reward of \$100 to the person that sells the 1st prize winning ticket.

\$100 a la persona que venda el primer premio.

Horario de la Novena Guadalupana

Día	Fecha	Hora
Domingo,	12/03/17	12 PM
Lunes,	12/04/17	7 PM
Martes,	12/05/17	8 PM
Miércoles,	12/06/17	7 PM
Jueves,	12/07/17	7 PM
Viernes,	12/08/17	8 PM
Sábado,	12/09/17	7 PM
Domingo,	12/10/17	12 PM
Lunes,	12/11/17	7 PM

Martes, 12/12/17 Mañanitas, 4 AM

FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE ...

martes, 12 de diciembre a las 7 PM Misa en español ... todos están invitados a la Misa en honor de la patrona de las Américas, y compartir después de la Misa en el Auditorio escolar.

Membresía Parroquial

Para ser considerados miembros activos de la Parroquia San José cada familia y adulto soltero deben:

- Estar debidamente registrado(a)
- Asistir a la misa del domingo en nuestra iglesia
- Usar regularmente los sobres semanales de nuestra parroquia.

Esta es la única forma que la parroquia puede emitir documentos que acrediten la pertenencia y la práctica de la fe católica. (Por ejemplo. Un Certificado patrocinador para ser un padrino(a) o padrino(a) de Confirmación). **Si usted no se a registrado, pase por la casa cural y regístrese.**

*The Fundraiser **Christmas Dinner on December 3rd** has been cancelled.

*La **Cena Benéfica de Navidad del 3 de diciembre** has sido cancelada.

O Maria, sine labe concepta, ora pro nobis qui ad te confugimus!





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