



Second Sunday of Advent

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.,
 1:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m. (Spanish)
 5:00 p.m.
Daily Masses: 6:30 a.m. Monday - Friday
 8:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday
First Friday Masses: 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Director, Mr. Reyes Ruiz
In Case of Absences - CCD Office - 703-880-4307

September - May

Grades K-4

Saturday 9:00-10:30 a.m.
 Mass

Pre-School - Ages 3-5

Sunday during 10 a.m.

Spanish 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Grades 5-8

Monday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (RCIC/Special Sacraments)

Religious Education Secretary - 703-880-4305

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director of Youth Ministry:
Mr. David Bristow, 703-880-4309
Jr. High School Youth - Grades 9-12

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome! Please call or register at the Church Office. Remember, just attending church here does not automatically make you a registered parishioner.

PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL - We welcome your suggestions. Contact us at pac@sjcherndon.org.

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PASTORAL TEAM

Father Tom Bourque, T.O.R., Parochial Administrator
 Father Alberto Bueno, T.O.R., Parochial Vicar
 Father Pat Whittle, T.O.R., Priest-in-Residence

ROOM/HALL RENTALS - PRIVATE BOOKINGS

Call Mr. Danny Rucker - 703-880-4340

PARISH OFFICES - Hours - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Wednesdays in the Church - 7-9 p.m.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION: following First Friday Mass

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 3:30 p.m. and **by appointment.**

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must begin at least (6) months in advance of the date of the wedding. This is a Diocesan requirement. Call the Church Office for an appointment.

BAPTISMS: Held Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the church. Call the Church Office at least one month in advance. For parishioners who are asked to be Godparents, please contact the Church Office no less than 3 weeks before the event takes place to see if you meet the Diocesan requirements.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES: Baptismal classes are required for all parents and God-parents prior to the child being baptized. The next Baptismal Class held here at St. Joseph is January 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in parish meeting room 209.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: The deadline for copy material is Monday before Noon. Any announcements received after Monday will be in the next bulletin. Please submit material in writing or via e-mail at mkirby@sjcherndon.org.

St. Joseph - National Blue Ribbon School

OFFICE: 703-880-4350, FAX: 703-880-4320

Grade School K-8

Principal: Mrs. Cindi Conroy
 Assistant Principal: Mrs. Karen Tessier
 Secretaries: Mrs. Mary Lewis
 Mrs. Barbara Beech
 Mrs. Debbie Lizama



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 7

6:30 a.m. - Benjamin La Madrid by Cris Beltran
8:00 a.m. + Jane Grillo by The Grillo Family
7:30 p.m. + Mary L. Keppel by Tom Keppel

Tuesday, December 8—Holy Day

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m. - All Priests by The Ezenwa Family
8:00 a.m. + Dee Nolan by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Halberstadt
12:15 a.m. + Mr. & Mrs. Ray Geiselhart by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Halberstadt
5:00 p.m. - Fr. Tom Bourque, T.O.R.
7:30 p.m. - Mary L. Keppel by Tom Keppel

Wednesday, December 9

6:30 a.m. + Tom Peralta by Jackie & Bob Bourque
8:00 a.m. + Elizabeth Schmude by Adams-Green Funeral Home

Thursday, December 10

6:30 a.m. + Irene Bilotto by The Mich Family
8:00 a.m. + Elizabeth Schmude by The Rosary Group

Friday, December 11

6:30 a.m. + Martin Kirwan by Susie Geurin
8:00 a.m. + Frank Stanczak by Alice Eelman

Saturday, December 12

8:00 a.m. + Elizabeth Schmude by Lorraine Quirk
5:00 p.m. + Deceased Members of The Herbst and Morosini Families

Sunday, December 13

7:00 a.m. + Rose Conroy by Genie & Joe Conroy & Sons
8:30 a.m. + Daniel N. Csizmar by The Reilly Family
10:00 a.m. + Carmela Falzarano by The Schaefer Family
11:30 a.m. + Michael T. Slattery by Connie, Ian, Cailin, & Marc
1:00 p.m. - Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish
3:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
5:00 p.m. + Tricia Hartmayer by Sandy Volpe



In Baptism we are reborn as children of God, made members of His Church, and heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. With this in mind, we welcome these children of God

who were baptized November 29, 2015:

James Nash Grinnon son of Jonathan & Stacie;
Brennen Kane Tinger son of Michael & Melissa
Aidan Jude Vives son of Adrian & Caitlin

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are obligated to attend Mass. We will have a Vigil Mass on Monday at 7:30p.m. Masses on Tuesday, December 8th are: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 a.m. (school Mass), 12:15 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



Peace and good! Today we begin the second week of the Advent Season, a season that invites us to assess our relationship with God and especially Jesus as we prepare for Christmas. As shared previously, there are many themes associated with the Advent Season. Four common themes are hope, peace, joy, and love. During the second week of Advent, let us pray for peace.

In souvenir shops throughout Assisi, pilgrims and visitors will find, among other things, Christmas manger scenes and many items decorated with the words “*pax et bonum*” or “*pace e bene*,” Latin and Italian respectively for “**peace and good**.” This simple expression, which Francis used as a greeting wherever he went, was his way of continually reminding people about the peace and goodness we receive through Christ. Francis’ use of this expression, “*pace e bene*,” is based upon the peace which Jesus shared with his disciples. “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (Jn 20:19-21).

We read the following in order to learn more about Francis’ use of “*pace e bene*” in *The Legend of the Three Companions*.

It is certainly astonishing, if not miraculous, that this greeting of peace was used before Francis’ conversion by a precursor who frequently went through Assisi greeting the people with “Peace and good! Peace and good!” It seems plausible that, as John heralded Christ but withdrew when Christ began his mission of preaching, so too, like another John, this man preceded Francis in using the greeting of peace, but vanished when he appeared. Immediately, therefore, filled with the spirit of the prophets, the man of God, Francis, after that greeting, proclaimed peace, preached salvation, and, according to a prophetic passage, by his salutary admonitions, brought to true peace many who had previously lived at odds with Christ and far from salvation.

Many parishioners have asked me why I begin my communications with the words, “peace and good.” In following the example of Christ and Francis, it is hoped that this simple expression can make a difference in one’s life and in the world. Advent Blessings!

Father Tom, TOR

Reference:

Armstrong, R., Hellmann, W. & Short, W. (Eds.). (2000). *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents, The Founder, Vol. II*. New York: New City Press, 84.

The Parish staff wishes to thank the following parish ministries:

We thank our parishioners who volunteered to participate in the different liturgical ministries for the Thanksgiving Day Mass and throughout the liturgical year.

We thank our parishioners for their support of the Saint Joseph Parish special collection on Thanksgiving Day.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Our Advent Penance Service will be on **Monday, December 14th at 7 p.m.** This will be a wonderful opportunity for spiritual preparation before Christmas; for your convenience extra priests will be available.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES IN NEIGHBORING PARISHES:

December 14 - Christ the Redeemer, Sterling: 7:00 PM
(Bi-Lingual) - confessions only

December 15 - St. John Neumann, Reston: 7:00 PM

December 17 - Our Lady of Good Counsel, Vienna:
7:00 PM

December 17 - St. Thomas á Becket, Reston: 7:00 PM
confessions only



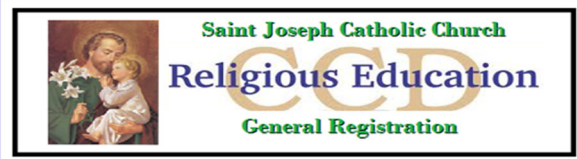
The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is on December 12th. Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Mass at 8:00 p.m. During the entrance procession, people will be dressed in their native costumes. During Mass, there will be a procession with roses.

All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Holiday FOOD DRIVE - LINK

The St. Joseph's Men's Society and the Knights of Columbus will be outside of the church after all Masses this weekend, December 5-6 to collect non-perishable food and donations to benefit LINK.

LINK provides food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays to families in need in our local area. Your contributions will brighten the holidays for these families who might otherwise go with a holiday meal. Your support is appreciated.



All Religious Education parents, as well as the 7th and 8th grade RE students, are strongly encouraged to attend the Parish Advent Penance Service on Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Mass for the Immaculate Conception

December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the patron of our nation) and is a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States. Therefore on Monday, December 7th and Tuesday, December 8th all students will be attending Mass at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Parents will still drop-off and pick-up their child at their respective classroom in the school.

Last Classes of the Year before Christmas Break

December (Sat) 12th, (Sun) 13th, (Mon) 14th,
& (Tue) 15th

Catechism Classes Resume

January, (Mon) 4th, (Tue) 5th, (Sat) 9th,
& (Sun) 10th

Collection:

The Weekend of November 29, 2015:

Offertory - \$26,639 plus Faith Direct - \$12,420

Thank you for your continued support & your kind generosity.

THE YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

"Revolving Our Lives Around Christ"

The next Sunday night youth ministry event will take place Today, Sunday, Dec. 6th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in parish hall C. The night will begin with a homemade meal followed by Advent prayer practices and social activities.

For more information, please log on to www.sjcherndon.org and find the youth ministry page under faith formation.

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Jubilee of Mercy
"Merciful life the Father"
December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016

This coming Tuesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is also the beginning of our celebration of the Jubilee of Mercy. Pope Francis declared and described this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in *Misericordiae Vultus - Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy*.

The Holy Year's motto is: "Merciful like the Father." Pope Francis writes: "Wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. Wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy."

Three of the major themes found in *Misericordiae Vultus* are:

1. **Understanding God's mercy:** "The mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality through which he reveals his love as that of a father or a mother," said Pope Francis.
2. **Practical ways to live the Holy Year:** go on pilgrimage, do not judge or condemn, forgive and give, avoid gossip, envy and jealousy, open your heart to "the fringes of society," bring consolation, mercy and solidarity to the oppressed, take up corporal and spiritual acts of mercy with a joyful heart, observe the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative during Lent.
3. **Call for justice and conversion:** Pope Francis asks members of criminal organizations and other corrupt groups to "change their lives and embrace God's mercy."

I invite you to read Pope Francis' *Misericordiae Vultus*. You can find the document at <http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/bolla.html>. An excellent resource for the Jubilee of Mercy can be found at <http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html>.

Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.
Pontifical Council for the Promotion of New Evangelization, Vatican State.

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Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the word, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Pontifical Council for the Promotion of New Evangelization, Vatican State.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December

Universal: EXPERIENCING GOD'S MERCY

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.



Evangelization: FAMILIES

That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

Please give a Gift for Life

Please give a Gift for Life this Advent season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. Please take home a pre-addressed envelope from our "Gift for Life Christmas Tree" and consider mailing in a tax-deductible donation to Gabriel Project/Project Rachel of Arlington. Or donate online at www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife. The "Gift for Life Christmas Tree" will be *in the church vestibule* this weekend, Sunday, Dec 6. Thank you for your generosity during this season of giving!

We Encourage Faith Direct - Manage your giving on line with your own login. Sign up today by picking up a Faith Direct enrollment form from the Church office or, easier yet, visit www.faithdirect.net and use parish code VA101 to enroll on line.



The logo for the Jubilee of Mercy

We learn the meaning and significance of the logo for the Jubilee of Mercy from the Vatican's web site for the Jubilee of Mercy.

The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and

forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all. (<http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/logo.html>)

Reference:

Pontifical Council for the Promotion of New Evangelization. (2015). The logo. Vatican State. <http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/logo.html>

Quote on Mercy

Pope Francis (October 13, 2013) shares the following insights on the topic - God never tires of offering mercy:
In his mercy, he never tires of stretching out his hand to lift us up, to encourage us to continue our journey, to come back and tell him of our weakness, so that he can grant us his strength.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Masses for Christmas Eve,

Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Mass in Parish Hall

4:00 p.m. Mass in Church

6:00 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.; 9:00 p.m. (choir)

Bi-Lingual Midnight Mass in Church
(Spanish Choir)

Masses for Christmas Day,

Friday, December 25, 2014

8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.;

1:00 p.m. ; 3:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day)

Thursday, New Year's Eve

December 31, 2015

Vigil Mass for New Year's Day

5:00 p.m.

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary
the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, New Year's Day,

January 1, 2016

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary

The Holy Mother of God

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,

1:00 p.m., Spanish 3:30 p.m.

(No 5:00 p.m. New Year's Day Mass)

"Wake Up The World" 2015

Year of Consecrated Life

Each week we will have insightful quotes and reflections on consecrated life.

Religious orders are not formed for the purpose of gathering together perfect people but those who have the courage to aim at perfection.

—Saint Francis de Sales

New Members: "All are welcome in this place."

Remember, just attending church here does not automatically make you a registered parishioner. If you have not formally registered in the parish, the Parish Office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. throughout the year. Registration packets may be picked up during these hours, or are mailed upon request by calling 703-880-4300. It is important to be registered if one is involved in any sacramental preparation, to attend Religious Education classes, for letters of reference and for certificates of sponsorship.

Music Ministry Advent /Christmas Notes

During the Advent season we will use the Mass parts from the Mass of Christ the Savior which can be found in the music issue starting at # 918 in the Music Issue.

The Gloria is not sung during the season of Advent except on the feast days of Mary on Dec. 8 and Dec. 12.

Christmas Eve the Gloria is brought back and is sung until Lent begins.

We will use the same Advent Gospel Acclamation we used last year which has a melody based on " O Come, O Come Emmanuel".

For additional information on the music check out the Music ministry website at: www.mamusicstudio.com.

NEXT WEEK! 2015 CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - DECEMBER 12 AND 13

Catholic Charities is an essential diocesan ministry, serving the poor with Christian love and compassion. Our professional support services touch the lives of tens of thousands at every stage of life. In this Year of Mercy your gift to Catholic Charities will transform lives. Your gifts stay in the diocese to serve people in need. A sacrificial gift by all of you will be a loving gift of Christ's love and mercy to those in need. Please visit www.cdda.net to learn more.

ST. JOSEPH OUTREACH PRAYER TEAM

Whether you or a loved one is sick or in trouble and in need of God's help, or you want to offer praise for the good things He's done, all your needs can be prayed for.

The volunteers from the **St. Joseph Outreach Prayer Team** receive prayer requests from the church and community and activate the prayer chain. If you, a family member, or a friend is in need of special prayers, please call our Hotline at (703) 880-4343 to leave us your prayer requests.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the **St. Joseph Outreach Prayer Team**, please call (703) 880-4343 and someone will return your call.

On Wednesdays from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., we have Eucharistic Adoration in the church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. With Benediction. Prayerfully consider taking advantage of spending time in prayer in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord.

Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Call Father J.D. Jaffe (703) 841-2514, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 6

Second Collection: Parish Facility Fund

St. Joseph's Men's Society Donut Sunday (HALL C)

- 10:00 a.m. - Preschool CCD (SCH)
- 1:00 p.m. - CS913, Den 11 (Rm. 216)
- 1:30 p.m. - Spanish Youth Group (Rm. 217)
- 1:30 p.m. - Spanish Religious Education Classes (SCH)
- 1:30 p.m. - Secular Franciscan Order Mtg. (Rm. 205)
- 2:30 p.m. - CS Pack 913, Den 4 (Rm. 216)
- 5:00 p.m. - Spanish Prayer Group (Rms. 212 - 215)
- 6:00 p.m. - Youth Group Mtg. (Rms. 209 & HALL C)
- 6:45 p.m. - Great Adventure Bible Series (Acts) (Rm. 210)
- 7:30 p.m. - Adults Only Open BB (GYM)

Monday, December 7

- 10:00 a.m. - Moms Bible Study (Rms. 216-217)
- 6:00 p.m. - CS Pack 913, Den 7 (Rm. 214)
- 6:45 p.m. - Great Adventure Bible Series (Epic) (Rm. 209)
- 7:00 p.m. - Religious Education Classes (CCD) Grades 5-8 (SCH)**
- 7:30 p.m. - CS Pack 913 Leaders Mtg. (Rm. 205)

Tuesday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 a.m. - St. Joseph's Men's Society Prayer Group (Rm. 210)
- 9:00 a.m. - Little Messengers Co-Op (Rms. 214-217)
- 9:30 a.m. - School Mass (CH)
- 1:15 p.m. - Great Adventure Bible Study (Rm. 210)
- 7:00 p.m. - Religious Education Classes (CCD) Grades 5-8 (SCH)**
- 7:00 p.m. - BSA Troop 913 Mtg. (HALL C)
- 9:30 p.m. - Men's BB II (GYM)

Wednesday, December 9

- 7:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration (CH)**
- 7:00 p.m. - English RCIA (Rm. 209)
- 7:00 p.m. - Spanish Adult Catechism Mtg. (Rms. 212-213)

Thursday, December 10

- 7:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (CH)

Friday, December 11

- 8:45 a.m. - Great Adventures Bible Series (Acts) (Rm. 209)
- 6:15 p.m. - Adult Bible Study (Rm. 205)
- 9:30 p.m. - Men's BB II (GYM)

Saturday, December 12

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Religious Education Classes (CCD) Grades K-4 (SCH)**
- 9:00 a.m. - Spanish Legion of Mary (Rm. 214)
- 3:30 p.m. - Confessions (CH)**
- 8:00 p.m. - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (CH)**