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# 4<sup>th</sup>

*December 19, 2021*

# SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

## SAINT JOSEPH PARISH—PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends:

On this 4th Sunday of Advent, allow me to wish all of you, on behalf of the entire clergy and pastoral staff here at St. Joseph's, a very blessed Christmas and Christmas Season! The Advent and Christmas Seasons are among the most beautiful days spiritually throughout the entire year, expressed through the moving Scriptures of the prophet Isaiah, the infancy narratives in the gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke, and the powerful lives of the saints who witness to us during these days. Savor these days!

Please note that if you are planning on attending the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in the upper church, we are asking all to be masked at this Mass, out of consideration for the many unvaccinated children who will be attending. If for some reason you choose not to be masked, we ask you kindly to attend the 4 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass in the lower church. This masking requirement for the 4 pm upper church Mass was suggested to me by the Pastoral Council and seems reasonable and prudent.

I am also grateful to you for your generosity to the Christmas collection, who supports the Clergy Trust, providing for the health and retirement needs of the priests in good standing of the Archdiocese of Boston.

God bless you and your families this Advent and Christmas!

Peace,

Father Bryan Parrish



### December 19~ Fourth Sunday of Advent



The gospel today presents the beautiful story of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. This reading gives us much to ponder – Mary's concern for and willingness to be present to her older cousin, Elizabeth's acknowledgement of Mary's yes to God, her admiration of Mary's belief in God's promises. Who are the people you will visit and be with during this Christmas? How might this gospel guide your interactions with them? Pray for the grace to imitate the faith, trust and love of Mary and Elizabeth in your interactions with your family and friends during this Christmas season.

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be no scheduled Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. It will resume as scheduled after Christmas.



*Father Bryan, Father Joseph, Deacon Bob, Deacon Steven and the pastoral Staff of St. Joseph Parish wish everyone a Blessed Christmas!*

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"Say the word,  
and my soul shall be healed."

Faith Formation Classes will resume for the second semester as follows:

Grades K-6	January 2, January 3, and January 5
Grades 7 & 8	January 10 and 11
Grades 9 & 10	January 9



*May the immeasurable peace and joy of our Savior's birth be yours this Christmas season. Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all families, catechists, and volunteers.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Christina, Michael, and Debbie*



Registration is ongoing for the 2021-2022 year!

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Livestreaming of the Saturday 4:00 Vigil Mass will stop at the end of December. We are extremely grateful for the volunteers – John, Tommy and Maureen – who have given generously of their time over the past 18 months to make the Mass available online for those who could not be here. As a reminder, daily and Sunday Masses are available to view on the Catholic TV channel and website. See the parish website for details.



In consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, the Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows:

### CHRISTMAS EVE :

4 pm- (Upper and Lower Church)  
7 pm and 10 pm- (Upper Church)

### CHRISTMAS DAY:

7:30 am (Upper Church)  
9:30 am (Upper Church)  
11 am (Upper Church)

-Both the upper and lower church are fully accessible by our new elevator.

### PLEASE NOTE-

We ask all parishioners at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass in the upper church to please be masked, out of consideration for the many children attending.

Also, please note that there is no 4 pm Mass on Sat. Dec. 25.

### Join Our Youth Choir

The music ministry is recruiting singers from the ages of 10-15 to form a youth choir for our 9:30



AM family mass on Sundays. This is a great opportunity for our youth to not only become more involved in the liturgy, but also to develop their musical skills and an appreciation of different styles of music through choral singing. Due to Covid19, we will be maintaining a maximum of 20 singers until further notice. **Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays from 10:30-11:15 AM, and on Sundays at 9:00 AM before the family mass. For more information, contact our music director, Carlo Serrano, at [cserrano@saintjoes.com](mailto:cserrano@saintjoes.com).**



# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



Please be reminded that all unvaccinated persons are required to wear a mask during Mass.



## Christmas

December 25, 2021 - January 10, 2021

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.



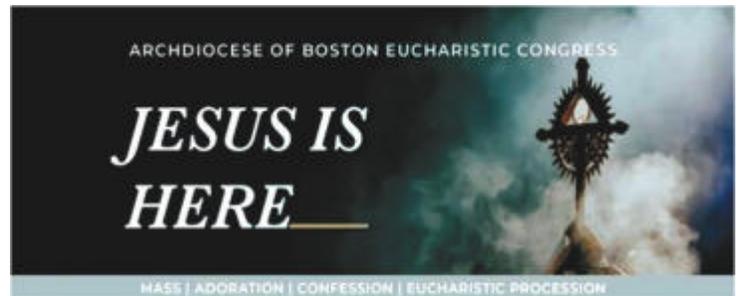
Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in the Synod on Synodality.

What does that mean?

Here in Boston it means that we will be gathering, as parishes and as a diocese to pray together and to invite the Holy Spirit to help us to listen deeply to one another, and we will talk together about how best to do that.

So, for instance, a parish council may get together and ask "How can we as a parish council do a better job of letting the voices of all our parishioners be heard, even those who are not a part of an inner circle or who might be marginalized for whatever reason?"

The archdiocese and the church around the world will be engaging in the same sort of conversation. We pray that the Lord will open our hearts to Him and to all of our people



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## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December Catechists



Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Adoration** in the lower church every Friday following the 6:50 a.m. Mass. Adoration concludes with Reposition at 12 noon.



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 18

8:30	Adele Foley– Memorial
4:00	Eleanor Marie Cadigan– Memoria;

### Sunday, December 19

7:30	John B. (Biff) Jenney– Memorial
9:30	Rosalie Tucerri—Memorial
11:00	John Connelly– Memorial
5:00 pm	Paula Lawson Pearson– Anniversary

### Monday, December 20

6:50	Conversion of Sinners
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### Tuesday, December 21

6:50	Matthew Daly– Memorial
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### Wednesday, December 22

6:50	Richard Stirling– Memorial
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### Thursday, December 23

6:50	Robert Cole– Memorial
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### Friday, December 24

6:50	Timothy F. Ryan– Memorial
4:00	Christmas Eve
7:00	Christmas Eve
10:00	Christmas Eve

### Saturday, December 25

7:30	Christmas Day
9:30	Christmas Day
11:00	Christmas Day

### Sunday, December 26

7:30	Barbara Walsh– Anniversary
9:30	
11:00	Donald Sr. and Donald Ravinski– Memorial
5:00 pm	Dennis M. Peters– Memorial



### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

#### CLERGY HEALTH & RETIREMENT TRUST

At all our Christmas Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Parish, and the memo line notation should read *Christmas Collection*.

**NOTE-** Due to early submission of the bulletin there is no Financial table for this week. It will be included in the next Bulletin.



*You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and*

*through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*

6. 2 Corinthians 9:11

### **Rose for Life**



Each week, roses are placed beside the statue of the Blessed Mother as reminders to pray for the unborn.

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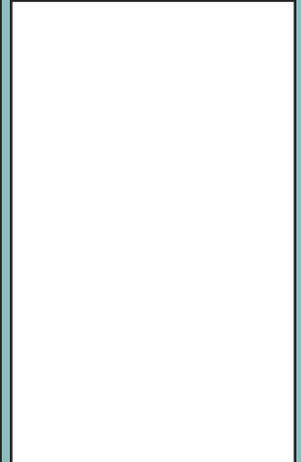
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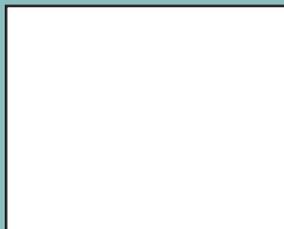
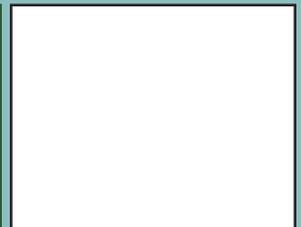
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To request the Sacrament of Baptism for your child please fill out the form found on the parish website at: <http://www.stjosephparishneedham.com/baptism> or if you don't have online access or have a question, please contact the Parish Office at 781-444-0245.

### RECONCILIATION (Confession) :

Saturday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm and by Appointment.

### MARRIAGE:

Contact one of the parish priests for scheduling. A preparation period of at least six months must be allowed between initial contact and the date set. Couples are required to attend a Marriage Preparation Program during this time.

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## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Saturday Vigil</u>	4:00 pm
<u>Sunday</u>	7:30 am 9:30 am (Family) 11:00 am 5:00 pm
<u>Daily Mass</u>	6:50 am (Monday to Friday) 8:30 am (Saturday)

### Church Prayer Hours

Lower Church  
Mon – Fri 6 am to 6 pm  
Sat – Sun 7 am to 5 pm