

ST. JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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December 12, 2021

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9am-5pm
(Closed 12-1 pm for lunch)
Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

First Saturday, Fr. Reggie available by appointment
from 10:00 am -12:00 pm
Online Giving: <https://stjoeplx.org>

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am, Rosary before Mass
First Saturday of each month: 9:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Sunday: 12:30 pm—Syriac Community Mass
Holy Days: as announced

Reconciliation: Wed: 9 am, Sat: 2 pm or by appointment
Adoration:

Wednesdays, 9:00a—12:00n, Ascension Hall
First Fridays, 9:00a—12:00n, Ascension Hall

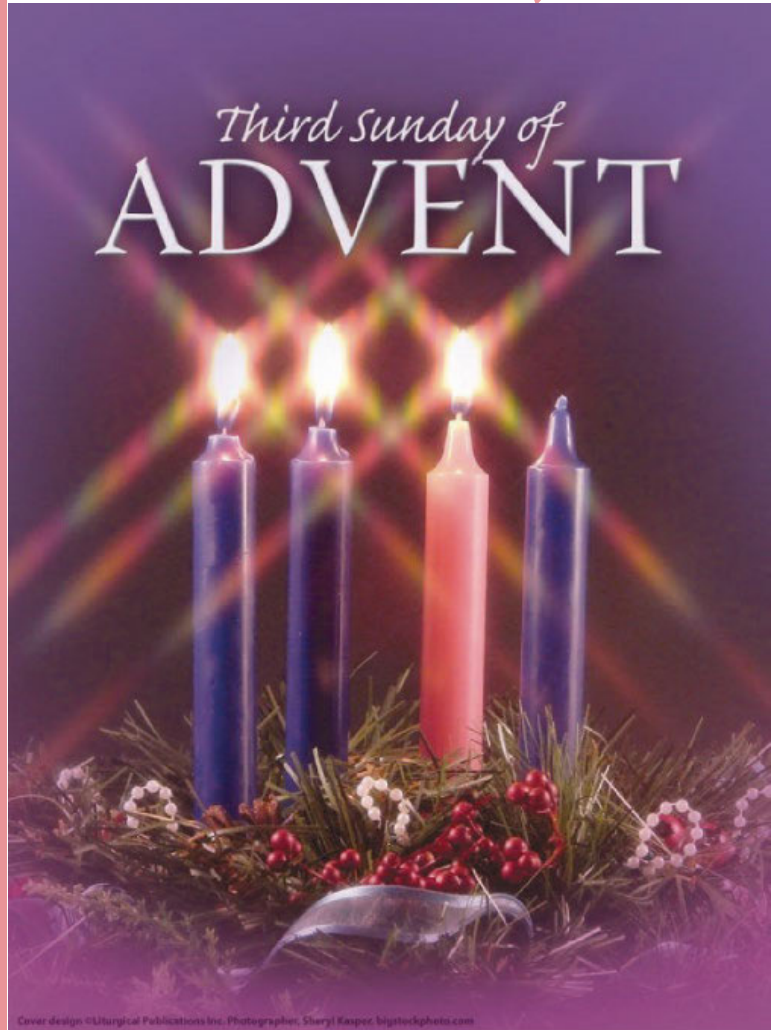
Parish Registration:

New parishioners welcome! Register online at:
www.stjoeplx.org or in the office.

Infant Baptism, Mass Intentions, Marriage Preparation,
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For Emergency (602) 996-5120, Press 4
Anointing of the Sick/Last Rites/Communion to the
Hospitalized/Homebound/Other Emergency

Gluten-free hosts are available (see sacristan before
Mass)

**AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY
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602.686.4643 OR 602.513.9755**



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Holiday Schedule

Dec 23: PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON

Dec 24: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
(NO 8:00 AM Mass)

4:00 PM Mass of Christmas
6:00 PM Syriac Mass
8:45 PM Christmas Midnight Mass

Dec 25:

9:30 AM Mass of Christmas
(NO Confession or 4P Mass)

Dec 31: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
(NO 8:00 AM Mass)

5:30 PM Mass of Our Blessed Mother

January 1:

9:30 AM Mass of Our Blessed Mother
(NO Confession or 4P Mass)

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Community of St. Joseph Catholic Church endeavors to continue the mission of Christ, the salvation of souls. We do this by sharing our gifts of service and stewardship while reaching out and nourishing our families with Christ-love.

Fr. Regidor Carreon, Parochial Administrator

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Compassionate and Loving Father, In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence. In You allow us to find hope and healing. Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands. Be with those who lead and give them Your spirit of wisdom. Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart. Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love. Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet. We ask this in Your Name. Amen

PASTORAL REFLECTION



REJOICE... THE LORD IS NEAR!

We are at midpoint in our Advent journey. Today is called “Gaudete Sunday” or “Joyful Sunday.” Aside from the usual purple or violet vestment that we use in our Advent celebration, we have the option to use rose-colored pink, denoting gladness and joy. We are glad and we rejoice because we know that the Messiah will come very soon.

The Book of Zephaniah is brief (only three chapters), and a large part of this book has overtones of sadness. The sins of the inhabitants of Jerusalem are listed here, and the projected destruction of the city is mentioned along with the people’s anger, anguish, despair and sadness. But towards the end of the book, Zephaniah reveals how the Lord will lift the verdict against Jerusalem. “The Lord... will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, who will sing joyfully because of you, as on festival days.” (Zep. 3:17-18)

Paul in the Second Reading is overflowing with gladness as he calls upon the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to the Lord. In the Gospel, a multitude of people experience great joy as they approach John the Baptist asking for baptism. Although John has many followers, he considers himself a mere servant who is unworthy to untie the thongs of Jesus’ sandals.

What preparation does John propose to the crowd as they await the Messiah who will baptize them with the Holy Spirit and fire? He advises them to share their goods with the needy and carry out their duties faithfully. The publicans are taught to collect taxes justly, and the soldiers are told to refrain from extortion and to be contented with their salaries.

If we heed John’s admonitions, we can bring back joy to Christmas and celebrate it as a truly rose-colored feast!!

#106. A STORY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST’S ADMONITION: Dr. Karl Menninger, a psychiatrist, tells this story in his book; ‘One sunny day in September 1972, a street preacher appeared on a busy corner in downtown Chicago. As office workers hurried by on their way to lunch, the street preacher would suddenly raise his right arm, point a bony finger at an office worker, and shout, “Guilty!” “The effect on the pedestrians was almost eerie,” said Dr. Menninger. They would glance at the preacher, look away, glance back, and then hurry on.” Application: Would we feel guilty if this preacher pointed at us? For what?’

In this 3rd Week of Advent, we have only two saints to commemorate. On the 13th, we have St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, also known as the patroness of oculists and of those afflicted with diseases of the eye; she is also the Patron Saint of Syracuse and all Sicily. On the 14th, we have the feast day of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, also known as the “Mystical Doctor”. The other days are Advent weekdays. This is all for now, watch for the next bulletin. Happy “Gaudete Sunday” to all!

Your Priest-Servant and Parochial Administrator,

Fr. Reggie



BE AWARE: If you receive an email or text that appears to be from Fr. Reggie asking you to take some kind of unusual action—click a link or download an attachment you didn’t request, wire money to a specified account, purchase gift cards, etc., please disregard as this is a scam/phishing attempt. When in doubt, please contact the Parish office. Stay Safe!

PARISH EVENTS

Date	Time	Ministry/Event	Location
Monday, December 13	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Mass Adoration Ministry	Ascension Hall Room 5
Tuesday, December 14	8:00 AM	Mass	Ascension Hall
Wednesday, December 15	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Mass Confessions Adoration	Ascension Hall Room 4 Ascension Hall
Thursday, December 16	8:00 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mass Mass-Off Site RE Classes AA-Faith, Hope & Love Knights of Columbus	Ascension Hall Phoenix Mtn Acute Care Rooms 4, 5 & Mary's Room 5 Room 4
Friday, December 17	8:00 AM 1:00 PM	Mass Knit Wits	Ascension Hall Joseph Hall
Saturday, December 18	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 2:00 PM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Craft Group Sacred Heart Group Baptism Prep Class Confession Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Mass Infant Baptism	Joseph Hall Mary's Room Room 4 Room 4 Ascension Hall (Church) Ascension Hall (Church) Ascension Hall (Church)
Sunday, December 19	8:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 12:30 PM 12:30 PM	Mass RCIA Class Mass Mass—Syriac Community Syriac Community Fellowship	Ascension Hall (Church) Room 4 Ascension Hall (Church) Ascension Hall (Church) Joseph Hall

MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, December 12

8:30 AM Mass: Community of St Joseph
10:30 AM Mass: Teresita Méndez Conchos †
Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday, December 13

8:00 AM Mass: Ana Dizon Carreon †
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 14

8:00 AM Mass: Angelo Marano †
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 15

8:00 AM Mass: Teresita Méndez Conchos †
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 16

8:00 AM Mass: Ebon Liberato †
Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 17

8:00 AM Mass: Lee Shine (Living)
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

To place an intention, visit or call the Parish Office. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted.

Observances for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

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Saturday, December 18

4:00 PM Mass: Community of St Joseph
Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Sunday, December 19

8:30 AM Mass: Grace Chapman †

10:30 AM Mass: Ebon Liberato & Walter Prewitt Hall †
Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and CLOW are suspended until further notice.

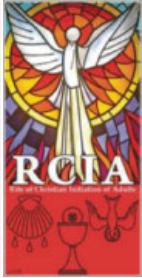
Fall classes for Sacramental Preparation and Faith Formation began September 09, 2021

For information on any of our Religious Education programs, please contact Erin Sowar, 602.996.5120 x205.

- Infant baptism includes children from birth thru their 6th year (Children 7 or older must attend RCIC).
- Must be registered parishioners and attending Mass (3) months before the Baptism.
- Parents must have original birth certificate of the child when filling out a Parish Infant Baptism Registration Form at the Church's office.
- Single Godparent must have Certificate of Confirmation, and in good standing in the Catholic Church.
- Married Godparents need Marriage & Confirmation Certificates from the Catholic Church.
- Parents and sponsor must attend a Baptism Preparation class at the parish.
- St. Joseph offers a Baptism Preparation Class for Parents and Godparents every 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon in classroom #4.
- Baptism can be scheduled every Saturday; there are no baptisms during Lent and Holy Week.
- Parents and/or Godparents may give a donation to the Deacon or Priest who is officiating the Sacrament.
- Detailed policies and guidelines are discussed at the class. To register or for more information, please call the parish office at (602) 996-5120.

Next Class: December 18, 2021

-The schedule may be subject to change without prior notice-

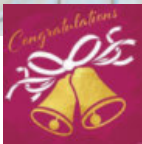


The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the liturgical process to introduce you or someone you know who:

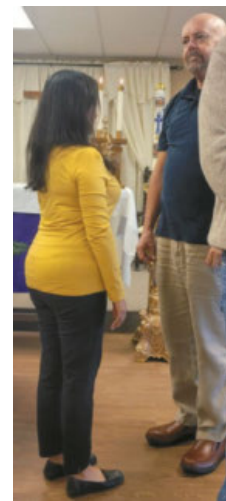
- wants to learn more about our faith
- is interested in becoming a Catholic
- is baptized Catholic but has not received 1st Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmed in the Catholic Church.

The St. Joseph RCIA Team will be happy to answer your questions about Catholicism and together we pray as you discern whether God is calling you into full communion with the Church.

Please contact Glenda Coen at (602) 996-5120 Ext. 204 or e-mail gcoen@stjoeplx.org for any questions.

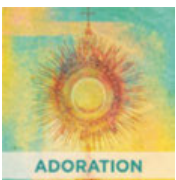


Congratulations to our Newly Wed Parishioners, Teresa and Jordan Chang



The following Catechumens attended the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming on Sunday, December 5th at the 10:30 AM Mass:

James Casey, Jessica Griffin, Scott Ford



Weekly Adoration will start on Monday, January 31, 2022.

Be sure to complete and submit your Adoration Sign-up Form. If you have questions, contact **Mary Pat** (480.799.4983) or **Linda** (602.996.5153).

Adorers still missing for the following hours::

Mondays: 5p, 6p, 7p

Tuesdays: 2p, 3p

Wednesdays: 2p, 3p

Thursdays: 10a, 12p

Fridays: 7a, 8a, 5p

Saturdays: 7a, 8a, 10a, 11a, 12p, 1p, 3p, 4p, 6p, 8p

Sundays: 11a, 12p, 1p, 4p

PARISH UPDATE

The Diocese of Phoenix continues to monitor the information from the Governor's Office, Arizona health officials, and the Federal Government. We are moving toward the goal of full restoration of parish life with prudence.

Stay connected with your parish through social media and Flocknote, and please continue to check in with your pastor and your fellow churchgoers to see how they are doing.

Join us in praying for our first responders, healthcare professionals, elected officials, and all those who are working tirelessly to serve us during this pandemic.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Diocese of Phoenix, pray for us.

Guidelines are important – especially amidst a pandemic, but we can never forget the Encounter of the Living Jesus Christ !

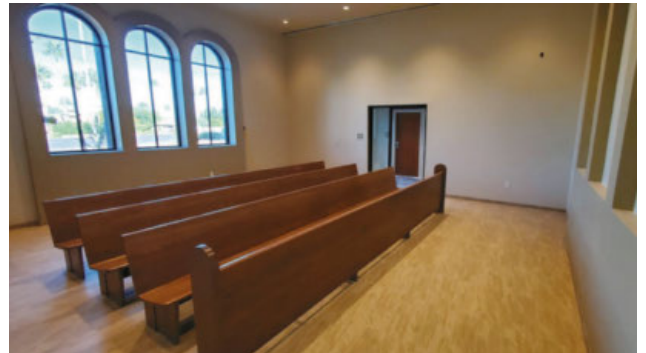
CHURCH REBUILD UPDATE

The construction of our new church building is almost completed. We are hoping to have the first Mass on Saturday, December 18th in the morning with Fr. Reggie blessing the grounds. The fencing was removed, but be careful as you navigate thru the new courtyard as there may still be 'stuff' lying about.

The UPDATED Giving Opportunities list of interior, liturgical and iconic items that are still available is below. You can also still donate to the general Building Fund.



The RELIC that will be placed on the Altar includes the official seal of Pope Pius X...WOW!



MONDAY,
12/6/2021

ST. JOSEPH,
PRAY FOR US





December 12 - Third Sunday of Advent:

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.



Adriana, Joselinne, Joseph Allace, Max, Larry, Brianna Angus Armanto Diane Arndt Judy Arndt Ronald Auguste Diana Avila Donald Bak Nick Bambulas Isabella Benci Charlsie Bibby Hank Bibby Noelle Brook Arthur Bruce Ann Bruein Rose Carter Jan Casillas Maria Cender Frederico Chavez Jose Chavez Michael Cicaoracki Cristina Chun Mary Crawford Tony D'Arcangelo Fernando Deleon Monica Farine Winnie Fox Douglas Fauls Phyllis Favorite Fay Gadbery Frances Galo Gabriel Galo Josie Giannandrea Sue Gilbertson Wendy Gilbertson Frankie Gonzales Rowena R. Good Dennis Gorney Marsha Gresham Angie Gribble Mary Pat Goss David Grubbs Nichole Guardado Henry Haun Linda Henson Debbie Herman Sandra Hornsby Oskar Jacobs Frankie & Billy Janisch Geovanni Jimenez Adam Jones Teri Justus Joe LaFave Elizabeth Lavoie Chuck LeDuke David Leo Loretta Lindsey Juanita Maitzen Selena Marti

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Arnold Miguel, Renee Garcia, & Serene Miguel



Anastasia Lisa Dally Derek Polson Pam Lewis
Dollie & Teodosio Gutierrez Charles Weigand Scott Fry

PRAYER LINE

For prayers call 602.996.5120. Requests will be prayed by parish volunteers. Contact Karen if you would like to become a Prayer Warrior.

PARISH OFFICE

Michelle Carmichael, Office Manager
Rachel Sowar, Admin Secretary/Financial Svcs
John Prosek & Karen LeDuke, Financial Services
Brad Thompson, Facilities Supervisor
Leonel Miranda, Janitor/Maintenance

Faith Formation

Erin Sowar—Coordinator, Religious Education (ext 205)
Glenda Coen—Coordinator, RCIA/Baptism/Marriage
Prep (ext 204)
Vacant - Youth Coordinator (ext 211)

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE:

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick; Communion for Homebound

Baptism-Preparation classes & 3 months as registered parishioner required.

Marriage

9 months notification for marriages; parishioner in good standing required.

Annulments

Funeral Arrangements-Call (602-996-5120) or email
(reception@stjoeplx.org)

MINISTRY CONTACT INFO

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Parish Stewardship

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You are invited to our meeting on the third Saturday of the month, starting December 18, 2021 at 9:15 am in Mary's Room.

For more information call: 602-312-3246.

Pastoral Council Members:

Frank Atherton (chair), Rizza Ditchella, Sarah Dizon, Rosemary Eck, Regina Edwards, Frankie Janisch, Mary Ann Kelaghan, Don Leo, Jay Sanchez

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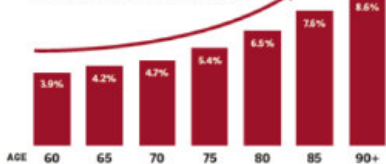
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