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Sunday, December 20, 2020 \* Fourth Sunday in Advent\* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)



## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.” - Lk 1:31

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 20, 2020

Livestream Mass: 5pm Saturday  
on our YouTube channel

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## A Message from Fr. Glen

Dear St. Joe's family,

With vaccines rolling out, the end of this pandemic is finally on the horizon! Thank God.

Nonetheless, the virus is still spreading like a wildfire right now, even in our own dear city. We know what precautions we need to take in order to slow the advance of this enemy, protecting the viability of our healthcare systems against being overrun. This is why we have recently cancelled in-person Masses, as our St. Joseph community does everything in our power to beat back this virus and keep our families and neighbors safe.

I'd like to share the words of Pope Francis, from his new apostolic letter *Patris corde*, proclaiming the [Year of St. Joseph](#).

"People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, store-keepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility.

How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all."

May God continue to bless our St. Joseph community. A very sincere and heartfelt thank you to all who stand in harm's way, in service of the common good.

~ Fr. Glen

**The Year of St. Joseph**  
**December 8, 2020**  
**December 8, 2021**

## All is Bright: A Virtual Celebration at Christmas

Christmas at St. Joe's will look different this year. Although the circumstances of this pandemic are heartbreaking, we have a unique opportunity to gather together, virtually, to celebrate the Nativity, with all the music and liturgy that we love, this Christmas Eve at 5pm on our [YouTube](#) channel. (The Mass will be available for viewing after that time, as well!)

By hosting livestream Mass, we show that we love one another, and that we are committed to equity and inclusion: everyone can join! No jostling for seats this year, and no one will have to experience being turned away at the door – instead, we can gather with our immediate household and celebrate safely.

There will be multiple opportunities to make safe, creative “pilgrimages” to the church, as we will be hosting a variety of individualized programs, both virtually and physically at the church this Advent. From our family to yours, we wish you a safe and merry Christmas.

### Calendar

**December Open Hours:** The church will be open noon-3pm on weekdays, and noon-4pm on weekends. Wednesday and Friday evenings, the church will be open 5pm-8pm, as well. Drop-in with your family! Take a picture, leave an ornament for the tree, and maybe bring some food for a local food bank.

**Octave Evenings:** The church will be open every weeknight 5pm-8pm from December 14th - December 24th (except Tue. Dec. 22nd).

**Christmas Eve Children's Prayer on [YouTube](#):** 2pm, December 24th

**Christmas Eve Mass on [YouTube](#):** 5pm, December 24th (and available to view any time after that!)

**Christmas Morning Mass on [YouTube](#):** 7am, December 25th

**Christmas Evening of Reflection, Live via Zoom:** 6:30pm, December 25th ([email Theresa](#) for the Zoom link)

Visit [www.stjosephparish.org/christmas2020](http://www.stjosephparish.org/christmas2020) for all the events and more information!



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Introit

*Rorate Coeli* Chant  
*Rorate caeli de super, et nubes pluant justum.* Drop down dew, heavens form above, let skies rain down the just one.

## Entrance Song

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL/9th C.*  
"Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel"

## Kyrie

Cantor	<b>All</b>
Kyrie eleison	<b>Kyrie eleison</b>
Christe eleison	<b>Christe eleison</b>
Kyrie eleison	<b>Kyrie eleison</b>

## First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?"

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

## Psalm

*Psalm 89 Forever I Will Sing*

*Guimont*

## Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us (men) and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
*All bow.*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
*All stand upright.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was  
buried,  
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Offertory Song

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*

*16th C.*

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your death, O Lord,  
and profess your resurrection,  
until you come again.

## Great Amen

Amen

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

**Communion**

*Hail Mary, Gentle Woman*

*Landry*

**Recessional**

*People Look East*

*BESANCON/Farjeon*

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## LITURGY & WORSHIP

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### **Advent Reflection – Art & Environment Committee**

By Katy Callaghan Huston, MAPS

It seems to me like Advent has come and gone so quickly this year! Today we are at the end of the first season of the Church's Liturgical Year. We have been patiently waiting for Christmas, and now it is just a few days away. But in "church time", Christmas is more than just one day.

We begin in Bethlehem, and end the season in the River Jordan. We are called to celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and to reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him. New Year's Day is the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. January 6 is the feast of the Epiphany, the traditional "twelfth day of Christmas," It is on this day—the feast of the Three Kings, or the Magi, that we are reminded of God's manifestation to the peoples of the world!

So, you will see our "Christmas" decorations still in place until the Baptism of the Lord on January 10. Consider spending some time in quiet prayer amidst the light and the beauty of our Christmas symbols.

NOTE: Some words here come from the [US Conference of Catholic Bishops \(USCCB\)](http://www.usccb.org). Their website is full of information. You can find the whole of the Bible, the daily readings, articles on prayer and worship and more. A great place to browse and learn!



Come visit the church during open hours to see the creche

# PARISH LIFE

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## Parish Council Updates: October Listening Sessions

By Cassie Chinn

There were many moments of joy. A big smile and hearty hello upon first seeing someone virtually on Zoom. Parish staff and ministry leaders welcoming groups together – though divided by our individual squares on the computer, still somehow connected to one another – and sharing updates from St. Joes. Small groups formed of six small pictures on the screen but with spirits holding one another up as they reflected on their experiences since the pandemic: How are you involved with parish life right now? What’s helped you stay connected with one another to love and serve? What would help you or your group feel more of God’s presence in your life? What is your Eucharist practice right now? What would you participate in the future? What would help you to foster this practice more? What do you miss the most from St. Joes?

Over 150 parishioners participated in eight sessions, including Commissions and ministries across the parish: Faith Justice, Women’s Ministry, Parents of Sacramental Preparation Students, Young Adult Community, Men’s Ministry, LGBTQ Ministry, and Liturgy and Worship. It was a grace to sit, listen and take notes over many of the sessions. Even though virtual, you could feel hearts ache over what we miss: in-person Mass, the physical closeness of community, and regular ministry service that formed a part of normal life for so many years. Yet, you could also feel the strength and resilience of people finding other ways to experience the Eucharist, love and serve – virtual Mass, online programming, preparing sandwiches for others and dropping them safely off at the parish, special choir presentations to amaze and lift our spirits.

We heard what would help even more. A resounding yes to fun! Opportunities to be present to one another in small groups. Less Zoom and more in-person, albeit when safe to do so and under strong safety guidelines.

Many thanks to each one who joined in, each Commission and ministry leader, and each parish staff member. Do you have more to share? We are listening to you and the Spirit at work among us. We welcome you to contact the Parish and Mission Council to share by email at [pastoralandmissioncouncil@stjosephparish.org](mailto:pastoralandmissioncouncil@stjosephparish.org).

## Advent Evening Reflections

Check out our [YouTube](#) page for weekly Advent Evening Reflection videos. Weeks 1 & 2 are already available!

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## Women’s Faith Sharing Group

Women’s Faith Sharing Group every Thursday during Advent. The format includes an Advent examen with sharing based on the theme for that week. There will be a scripture reading, with time for everyone to reflect and share what moved or inspired them in that passage, and our prayer intentions. Email [theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org) to join!

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## Parishioner Reflections Online

Have you seen our Parishioner Reflection blog? Each week, a member of St. Joe’s writes a reflection on the week’s readings. If you haven’t read it yet, check it out at <https://stjosephparishbiblestudy.wordpress.com/>

Here’s an excerpt from last week’s reflection, by Janet McDermott:

“Let us plan then to celebrate the coming holidays with hearts filled with gladness – we have seen the Good News - and with gratitude for the many ways we are given to serve one another. Let that service become a pathway towards meaningful awareness and to the care of all of creation, of one another – as God sees. And our God will declare that it all is good.”

# PARISH LIFE



A PILGRIM'S JOURNEY

## Young Adult Retreat

Join us as we follow and learn from the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021  
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## THE MAGIS FAMILY FORMATION PROJECT

December 2020

The *Magis* is a family faith sharing guide with a “menu” of options for parents and children to pick readings and/or activities to do together, especially during Covid-19. December’s theme is **Saying Yes to God in Our Lives**, corresponding with Advent and Christmas. Because there is so much we want to share with you this month we have an extended *Magis* available online at <https://www.stjosephparish.org/magis>

### Creating a Homemade Advent Wreath

*An evergreen symbol of the passage of the four weeks of Advent*



- Make a wreath with a paper plate and some cardboard toilet paper or paper towel tubes. Follow the template at: <https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2014/11/kids-advent-wreath-free-printables.html>
- Make a natural wreath by putting 3 purple pillar candles and 1 pink pillar candle in mason jars and arranging the greenery around them
  - Find fresh greenery at Home Depot or your local garden store.
  - Purchase advent candles though Kaufer’s Religious Supplies (5201 4th Ave S, Seattle)
- After you’ve set up your wreath, raise your hands in blessing and say together: *Each week we add another light. Our hope for Jesus growing bright. We pray, we share, we do our part, to welcome Jesus to our heart*

### Advent Examen

*The daily examination of conscience, a spiritual practice developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola*

1. **Review:** Invite the Holy Spirit to help you see the day as the newborn baby Jesus sees it. What joy have you found today? Where have you felt God’s love?
2. **Thank:** Think about what you are thankful for today. What special things or gifts did you receive today? (thinking about the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh brought to Jesus)?
3. **Feel:** Take a moment to consider when you felt God today. Recognize your feelings in those moments. How did you prepare your heart for God’s presence in the coming of Jesus?
4. **Pray:** Now take a moment to think about the times when God seemed to be hidden. When may you have seen the need for love and didn’t respond (maybe like the innkeeper), or the opportunity for forgiveness and you walked away?
5. **Hope:** Finally, prepare for the hope of Jesus Christ in your life. Think about what you are hopeful for and what you are looking forward to during Advent and the Christmas season.

### Reading Corner

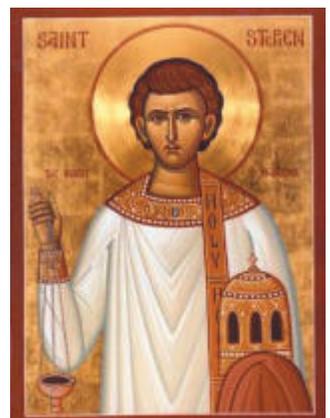
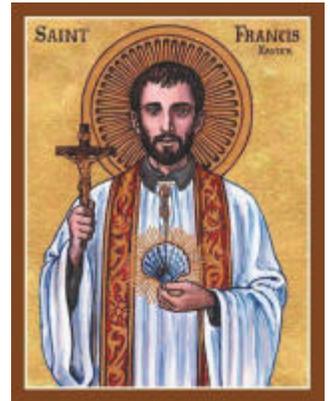
- *Counting to Christmas: Family Advent Devotions and Calendar*
- *The Legend of the Poinsettia* by Tomie dePaola
- *Angela and the Baby Jesus* by Frank McCourt
- *The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry
- *Santa’s Christmas Prayer*
- *Santa’s Prayer*



## Say 'Yes!' to God Advent and Christmas Calendar

We say yes to God when we reach out to others with kindness and pray to God with faithfulness and gratitude. Use this calendar in collaboration with the Family Conversations about Faith section below.

- **Nov 29** Decorate for Advent & Christmas
- **Dec 1** Get in touch with a friend you miss
- **Dec 2** Pray for the sick
- **Dec 3 Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier**  
He said yes to God when he knelt beside St. Ignatius as one of the first Jesuits. Later, he became a missionary to India and Japan. *St Francis Xavier, pray for us!*
- **Dec 4** Let someone go before you in line
- **Dec 5** Give someone your full attention
- **Dec 6 Memorial of Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of children.**  
One European tradition is to put your shoes out and wake up to candy or treats! *St. Nicholas, pray for us!*
- **Dec 7** Donate toys to bring a child joy
- **Dec 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**  
*Mother Mary, be at our side to inspire us as we try to be ever nearer to your Son, Jesus.*
- **Dec 9** Pray for those who are lonely
- **Dec 10** Light a candle for peace
- **Dec 11** Leave a gift for your postal worker
- **Dec 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
*Our Lady of Guadalupe, teach us about God's love for Native and Indigenous people. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!*
- **Dec 13** Be extra kind to a shy friend
- **Dec 14** Send letters to far-away family
- **Dec 15** Pray for those who are hungry
- **Dec 16** Do a chore without being asked
- **Dec 17** Give a genuine compliment
- **Dec 18** Do a secret act of kindness
- **Dec 19** Go for a walk and pick up litter
- **Dec 20** Visit St. Joseph's and say a prayer
- **Dec 21** Write a note to an elderly neighbor
- **Dec 22** Bring friends Christmas treats
- **Dec 23** Help clean your house for Christmas
- **Dec 24** Sing Christmas Hymns with joy!
- **Dec 25** Give your family a big hug and a kiss.
- **Dec 26 Feast of St. Stephen The Martyr**  
St. Stephen was a loyal member of the early Christian community. Christianity was illegal at the time and he was asked to deny his faith; he remained faithful. *St. Stephen the Martyr, pray for us!*
- **Dec 27 Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist**
- **Dec 28 Feast of the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph)**  
Do you have a creche or nativity scene in your house? When you look at Jesus in the manger pray: *O Divine Babe of Bethlehem Come and be Born in Our Hearts.*
- **Dec 29** Write notes to thank each person who gave you a gift
- **Dec 30** Help your family by offering to make dinner and do the dishes
- **Dec 31** Make a list of things your grateful for from 2020



# CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

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## Christmas Eve Children's Prayer

You are invited to watch a special Christmas Prayer Service which will be led by our youngest parish members. This will be available starting on Christmas Eve at 2pm on our YouTube Channel. You are also invited to participate by sending in a picture and recording a song.

### **Pictures, please!**

Please send a picture of your child/ren in front of your Creche set or Christmas tree. These pictures will be set to music for a part of our Christmas Children's Prayer. You can send these pictures via email to Claire Hansen at [claireH@stjosephparish.org](mailto:claireH@stjosephparish.org).

### **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

All children are invited to record themselves singing 'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.' Our wonderful Director of Sacred Music Bob McCaffery-Lent will weave all the audio we get together, and we will include this in our Children's Christmas Prayer. Please contact Claire Hansen for instructions, a backing track, and the link to the "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Dropbox.

## RCIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for Children will kick off in January and now is the time to enroll. This is the process through which children become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church. These sessions will take place via Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7-7:45pm. Children who are older than the 3rd grade who have not been baptized or received First Holy Communion are warmly invited to join the group. This process will include prayer, instruction, working with a parent, and the celebration of rites of Baptism and Confirmation, and the Eucharist in the Easter season. To enroll your child in this program, please contact Claire Hansen at [claireh@stjosephparish.org](mailto:claireh@stjosephparish.org).

# STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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The St. Joseph family has continued to support our church during the pandemic. It's been amazing! Thank you to everyone who donated time or money to our ministries, sent in a check, or kept us in your prayers - our staff couldn't do it without your support.

In the spirit of transparency, as we look ahead at December, I would like to share some numbers. During Advent, Sundays are usually the highest for attendance and collections. Our total envelope collection for last December was \$126,000. Of that, \$13,500 was anonymous cash donations. Christmas alone averages \$26,000, with \$8,500 in anonymous cash. Our December collections keep us going with cash flow until Easter. As we are often unable to offer in-person Mass currently, we have added three new ways for you to make a donation when you visit the church during Advent and Christmas.

1. We have a new secure dropbox on the wall across from the vestibule kitchen. You can simply drop in cash or checks!
2. We have added text-to-give option. Just text the amount you give to (360)502-7257. This will link up with an existing online giving account or let you donate as a guest.
3. Don't have cash or check on hand? Dip Jar is a new kiosk system in the Vestibule. Just swipe your card, and it lights up show that you've made a \$20 donation. [Check out our new video Stewardship Corner to see how!](#)

If you are able, please remember to include St. Joseph in your giving this Advent season. If you are unable to make a gift, I ask that you keep us and the Parish in your prayers. We will continue for our part to find creative ways to help meet your spiritual needs along with serving those in need until we can come together as a Parish Family once again.

~Mary Wiseman, Pastoral Assistant for Stewardship [maryw@stjosephparish.org](mailto:maryw@stjosephparish.org)

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