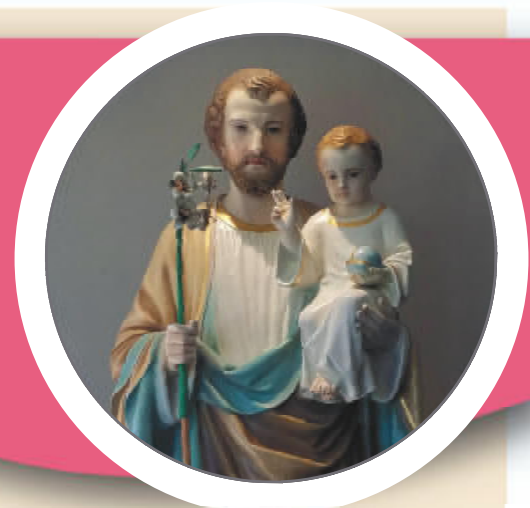


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Mass Schedule:

Saturday 8:15 am & 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:00pm

Hispanic Mass 2:00pm every 2nd and 4th Sunday

Monday, Tuesday 8:15 am

Wednesday 5:30 pm

Thursday, Friday 8:15 am

Holy Day Mass: TBA, See Mass Intentions

Confession: Saturday 4:00 pm-5:00 pm & on request

Religious Education

PSR (Children) Sundays 9:45 am

RCIA Thursdays 5:30 pm

Baptism: Preparations program required, contact parish office for information.

Confirmation: Two-year program, ninth and tenth grade.

Marriage: At least six (6) months notice required in advance of proposed wedding date.

January 2nd, 2022

The Epiphany Of The Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO :

We would like to thank all of our sponsors who have ads on the back of the bulletin, this week we would like to thank Chad's Payless. Thank-You for supporting the Bulletin

The Share Your Food collection is this weekend. Non-perishable food items donated will be given out by SVDP to help feed the hungry in our community. There is a brown hamper in the vestibule for your donations which can be made any weekend. Your help is sincerely appreciated.

From the Diocese: We hope to mobilize as many people as possible for both the MASS at 9:00am Cathedral of St. Paul and the Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life, Planned Parenthood at 10:45am.

Annual Respect Life Mass and Witness for Life
Saturday, January 15, 2022
Respect Life Mass · Bishop Steven Raica
 9:00 AM · Cathedral of St. Paul
 2120 3rd Ave. N, Birmingham, AL
Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life
 10:45 AM · Planned Parenthood
 1019 1st Ave. North, Birmingham
 205-447-8796 · www.birminghammarchforlife.com

Thank you to all who participated in the Angel Tree, every angel has been taken and your generosity provided those in difficult situations to have a bit of comfort and joy this Christmas Season .

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY
JAN 8TH & JAN 9TH THE BPTISM OF THE LORD

5:30 pm	8:30 am	11:00 am
Ordinary Ministers	Ordinary Ministers	Ordinary Ministers
Father Joseph	Father Joseph	Father Joseph
Altar Servers	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Lectors	Lectors	Lectors
VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Gift Bearers	Gift Bearers	Gift Bearers
Family	Family	Family

Tax Letters: We are getting ready to do our Tax letters for 2021 please make sure we have your correct address so the letters will get to you on time. If you have moved please let the office know the new address.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 3
 8:15 am Betty Vickers
Tuesday, January 4
 8:15 am +Henry Ellison
Wednesday, January 5
 5:30pm The Deceased Poor
Thursday, January 6
 8:15am +Roberta Bilstein
Friday, January 7
 6:00pm +Caroline Craver
Saturday, January 8
 8:15am +Thomas Mclaughlin
 5:30 pm
Sunday, January 9
 8:30 am
 11:00am +James Patterson
 2:00pm

The Alter Flowers are for the Glory of God

Financial Stewardship:

<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>DONATIONS</u>	<u>2021 BUDGET</u>
December 19, 2021	\$ 5,532	\$ 6,588
Year to Date	\$ 329,196	\$ 335,988
<u>BUILDING FUND & SJS Scholarship Assistance</u>	<u>DONATIONS</u>	<u>2021 BUDGET</u>
December 19, 2021	\$ 3,040	\$ 1,502
Year to Date	\$ 65,633	\$ 76,602



Scripture for
Jan 9, 2022

1st Reading / Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7/21
2nd Reading / Acts 10:34-38
Gospel / Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Canned food collection by children for
offertory

To volunteer to serve at Mass,
contact our Liturgical Assistant,
John Foust, at

johnfoust@stjosephflorence.org or call
256-483-8774. Mass Intentions & Altar

flower donations are
scheduled through the Parish Office.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER, OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS: Bette Butler (cousin of Nancy Davis), Thomas & Rachel Pendergrast, Larry Belue, Robert Mullen, Dave Josephson, Alicia Anderson, Sybil Dupuis (John Dupuis mother), John Kavanaugh (Amanda Jackson's brother), Sylba Dempsey Pruitt, Susie Abbott (Eleanor Rohling sister), Leroy Oliver (friend of John Foust), Venus McCarthy, Patti Nicholas, Terri Nicholas, Mike & Jeanne De-Priest, Michelle Yu (Niece of Lynn Moore), Chris & Phil Niedergeses (Nephews of Lynn Moore), Arnell Turnbo (Gwen Lawton's sister-in-law), Benito Aparicio, Lisa Pittman, Al Durham (brother of Lynn Moore), Samuel Brewer, Repose of the soul of Ruen Alcalá, Repose of the Soul of Titus Cage, Barbara Bilstein, Zanyah Horrison, Gail Wallace (Laura Foust's Sister), Ashish Job (Fr. Joseph's Cousin's son) Dr. Andy Pritchard, James Stanley, Joe Jack Manley, Terry Baumgart (nephew of Kathy Moon)



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St. Joseph School News:
Re-enrollment for 2021 ~2022
school year is ongoing.

St. Joseph School will be back
in session on Jan 3rd.

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

Flower Fund: Donations for the weekly flowers on the altar are now being accepted.

Thank-You to the ladies who volunteered their time to decorate the church this Christmas! And to everyone that put together the Children's Mass this year

Thank-You to everyone who helped make our Lady of Guadalupe celebration a success and to the Villagrana family for the amazing food!

Please pick up a free **2022 calendar** after mass, we have English and Spanish

February 26th save the Date for the **Annual Mardi Gras** in the gym, more information to come.....



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