St. Joseph CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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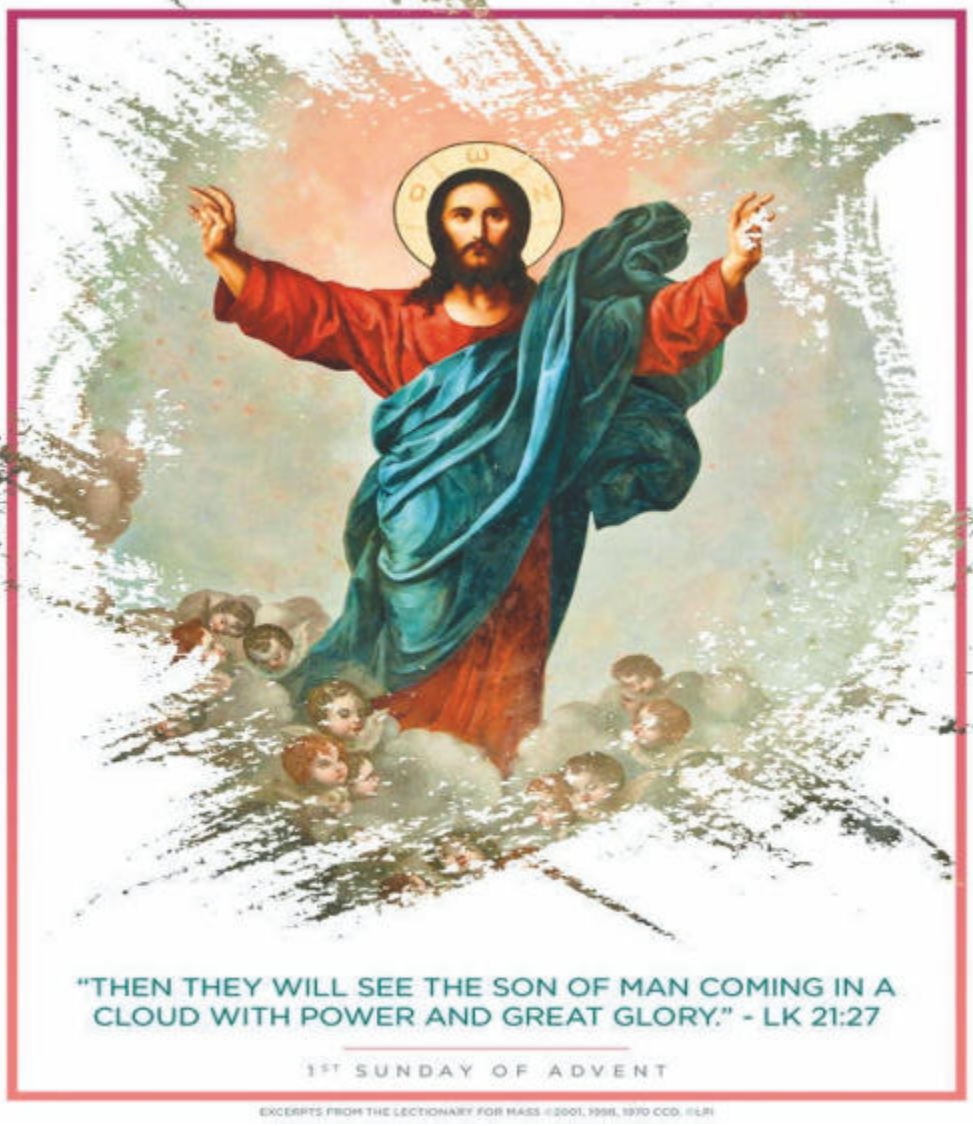

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Joseph Parish is a welcoming Catholic community of faith that embraces its diversity and reaches out to all of God's children. We nourish our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ through the Sacraments, the Word and the Eucharist. We strive to increase our stewardship by sharing our time, talents and treasures.

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH MASS Intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29
7:00 William Parilla+
Requested by Maureen Crumbine
8:30 Petetr & John Kacmarcik+
Requested by Shirley & Joe Kamarcik

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
7:00 Philip Miceli
Requested by Eleanor
8:30 Margaret Conroy+
Requested by Anne Reisert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1
7:00 Lorna Villanueva Malgarejo+
Requested by Sandra Bailey
8:30 Rafael Morillo+
Requested by Maily Rychcik

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2
7:00 Martha Marie Murphy+
Requested by Joseph Rubano
8:30 Gary Price+
Requested by Noel & Susan Bobko

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3
7:00 Dotty Brinkman (Happy Birthday)
Requested by William Brinkman
8:30 Elizabeth DeQuatro+
Requested by Mr. & Mrs. R. Robinson

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
8:30 Marilyn Crary+
Requested by Larry & Judi Crary
4:00 Gerard Reisert+
Requested by Anne Reisert
7:30 Spanish Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 St. Joseph CCW
Requested by St. Joseph CCW
11:00 Philip D'Angelo+
Requested by D'Angelo Family
5:30 Raymond & Joelle Grodzki
Requested by Mr. & Mrs. R. Robinson

Daily Mass will be live streamed Monday - Saturday at 8:30 am and on Sunday at 9:00 am .

For Prayer Requests, Articles of Praise, Mass Intentions, comments or suggestions, please call the Pastoral Office at 772-287-2727 ext. 102 or maritam@sjcflorida.org

WELCOME TO ALL

This church is our heavenly Father's house, a place of solace and grace, so feel at home here. Enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully and come back gladly. Remain in the church after Mass for some personal quiet time with the Lord, or exit quietly to the Gathering Area for fellowship and sharing. Whether you are a Registered parishioner, new to our community or a visitor, welcome.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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When traveling, for Mass times and church locations, Please call : 1-800-627-7846 or log onto www.masstimes.org.

MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY: 8:30 a.m.
Vigils at 4 p.m.
& 7:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)
SUNDAY: 7:00a.m., 9 a.m.,
11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
WEEKDAYS: 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS: On the Thursday before the first Friday of each month at 3 p.m.; Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. By appt. with Priest also.

Please remember the intentions of the following as you pray this week: Monica Fitzgerald, Gabriel Rose, Florecita Mariano, MC, Baby Scheizel Guinto, Daniela Louisa Gumer, Ferdinand Robles, Nancy Driscoll, Baby Pio Tobillo, Mike Estes, Jean Doheney, Maura Espinoza, Giovanni Espinoza, Ashley Blackmon, John G. Meade, Mike and Ari Montuno, Kevin Martin, Ronilynn Kaimi, Kimberly Blazie, and those who have no one to pray for them.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Dr. Dwayne Douglas Monte, Mary Boyajian, Christine Cappolla, Rosemary DeMonte, Elaine Gusch, Theresa Esposito, Mary Sexton, Helen Hogan, Patrick Price, Dorothea Fran, Eduardo Unson, Mary Ann Tighe, Fannie Herring, Jacinta Nallas, Joe Nappi, Dr. Charles Fraraccio, Angela Boyle, David Houston, Leonardo Facultad, Mitchell Facultad, Amy Nuqui, Hildegard Wilhelm, Ignacio Mijares, all souls in Purgatory and all the victims of Coronavirus.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and god's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2021

People Who Suffer from Depression
We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Observances for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Friday:	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Saturday:	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. (Jer 33:15)

Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

Second Reading: Strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. (1 Thes 3:13)

Gospel: Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. (Lk 21:28)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28 2021

SUN 28th	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36	MON 29th	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11	TUES 30th	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22	WED 1st	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
THURS 2nd	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27	FRI 3rd	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31	SAT 4th	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8	SUN 5th	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

GIVE SERVE LIVE

Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure.

1 Timothy 6:7-8: For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 13 & 14, 2021	
1st Envelope	$ 6,649
1st Loose	$ 4,492
TOTAL	**$ 11,141**

SECOND COLLECTION – CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL	**$ 2,432**

FAITH DIRECT - MONTH OF OCTOBER

TOTAL	**$ 28,594.50**

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

FAITH DIRECT

In these challenging times, our parish staff will continue to work and our monthly bills continue just as with your family budget. We know you will continue to be as generous with your weekly financial contributions to the Church. We are conscious some people will be challenged financially in these difficult times and may not be able to be as generous. Perhaps, conscious of them, as you reflect on your blessings, you may be able to give a little more in your weekly donation. We have also lost the income of our seasonal visitors. We ask you to continue mailing in your donations preferably by check.

This is also a time to think of Faith Direct and sign up by telephone or online. Please visit. www.faithdirect.net or call 1-866-507-8757 to set up your account. Enter our Church code **FL569**

Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions, please contact the Pastoral Office at 772-287-2727, ext. 109. or by email angelat@sjcflorida.org

Update on our Diocesan Services Appeal

Our goal is **$263,000.00**. To date, we still need **$2,200.00** to reach our goal. Thank you in anticipation of your pledge. Please remember to add our Entity number **357** when making your pledge.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH - RCIA

Want to become a Catholic or do you just want to know more about the Catholic Church and what Catholics Believe? Have you been baptized but have not yet received any of the other sacraments? Do you know someone who has talked about wanting to become a Catholic? Is your spouse a Catholic and you are not? Are you dating a Catholic and thinking that they may be the one for you, the one you want to spend your life with? If you have answered any of these questions with a yes, or if you are just curious about the Catholic Faith then you may want to check out the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Process here at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The RCIA program will begin online in September and continues until Easter. During this period participants will learn about the faith and discern if becoming a member of the church is right for them. If you would like some more information or have any questions about the process then please contact Deacon Larry Condon at (772)285-3417 or call the Parish office.

BAPTISM

We are happy to welcome new members to our Catholic faith community. Infant Baptisms are usually celebrated on the third Sunday of the month.

Requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for a child involves a serious obligation and faith commitment on the part of the parents and Godparents. Parents must be registered and active members of the Parish for three months before beginning the baptismal preparation process. We encourage parents to begin this process prior to the birth of their child.

Call Angela Trybul in the Pastoral Office at 772-287-2727, ext. 109 to schedule an initial appointment. After the necessary paperwork, which may be obtained at the initial appointment, is filled out, Baptismal Preparation Class is attended and completed Godparent Eligibility Form and Birth Certificate are received, then the Baptism will be scheduled. Our Baptismal Preparation Class is held once a month in the Pastoral Office Conference Room.

Please call 772-287-2727, ext. 109 to confirm class attendance.

MATRIMONY

Wedding Masses are celebrated on Saturday, and may begin as early as 12:00 noon, but no later than 1:00 p.m. Engaged couples must be registered in this parish for a minimum of 6 months, attending Mass regularly, and participating in our envelope system before initiating the marriage preparation process, which requires approximately 6 months to complete. You must call the Parish Office ext. 109 at least six (6) months prior to your intended marriage to begin the marriage preparation program, and in advance of scheduling the wedding reception hall. Tentative wedding dates require meeting with a parish priest and his subsequent approval, before being confirmed/scheduled on the Church calendar.

RECONCILIATION

A priest is available to hear confession on Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and on Thursday before First Friday, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Penitential Services are held during the Seasons of Advent and Lent. First Reconciliation is usually celebrated in the Second Grade prior to First Eucharist. Please call the Parish Office ext. 100 for more information or to schedule a time convenient for you.

CONFIRMATION

Candidates for this sacrament are those already baptized and who have received formation in religious education. We celebrate Confirmation with the Bishop. For High School students, this is a 2-year program. Contact the Parish Office ext. 107 Adults wishing to be confirmed can contact the Religious Education Office for the RCIA program.

HOLY ORDERS

If you feel you may have a vocation to serve the People of God through the Ordained Ministry as a Priest or Deacon, or the Vowed Religious Life, please contact the Diocesan Vocation Office at (561) 775-9555 or speak to one of the parish priests.

FIRST EUCHARIST

First Eucharist is usually celebrated in the Second Grade after attending the required religious instruction classes either at St. Joseph Catholic School or through the Parish Religious Education Program. Preparation for First Eucharist is a two-year program. First Eucharist for children takes place in the Spring. Please call the Parish Office ext. 107 for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This Sacrament will be celebrated with a special Liturgy for the Sick twice a year, Lent and Advent, or in the case of immediate need, upon request. If you are homebound or in the hospital and desire to be anointed, please contact the Parish Office. When a patient is in the hospital, please ensure you register as a Catholic so that our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can visit you.

ACTIVE PARISHIONER STATUS

We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at St. Joseph Church, and to receive the active Catholic school rate. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of St. Joseph.

An "active member" is:

- Properly registered on the parish rolls.
- Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
- Participates in parish activities/ministries when possible
- Uses the parish envelope system for donations

These are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

You are needed!

The Adoration Chapel is open. Code available at the parish office.

There is an ongoing need of adorers. Can you please find the time to schedule an hour each week for just one month? Please contact Michele at 646-320-4233 or email: stjoeadoration@gmail.com

Faith Formation

Kids Liturgy at St. Joseph's 9:00 Mass Needs YOU Parents!

Sign up here

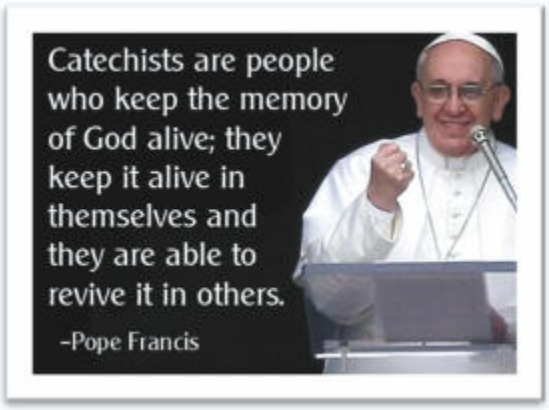
We need **YOU CHURCH!**

"you are the Church"

Catechist, substitutes for PSR and help with FHC (First Holy Communion) Retreats and Confirmation.

Classes are only every other week

Now through May 2022



PSR is the Parish School of Religion, PSR provides ongoing religious education for all ages 5 Year old to 12 year old even after first communion and reconciliation.

Confirmation Starts at age 13 or school grade 8. The preparation takes two years.

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VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA IGLESIA

CELEBRACIÓN DE QUINCEAÑERAS

Quienes deseen celebrar sus Quince Años deberán cumplir los siguientes requisitos:

- Estar registrada y activa por lo menos 6 meses en la parroquia. (Quinceañera y Padres)
- Haber recibido los sacramentos del Bautismo y Primera Comunión. Estar en clases para recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación,
- Participar semanalmente en algunas de las Misas del fin de semana de la Parroquia, anotar su nombre después de cada misa con el ujier encargado. Deben ponerse en contacto con la Sra. Angela Trybul con seis meses de anticipación a la fecha de la celebración. Tienen que asistir a las charlas de quinceañera. Para mas informacion llamar al (772) 287-2727 ext. 109. Tenemos asistencia en Español.

BAUTISMO

La celebración de este sacramento pide a los padres y padrinos que asuman el compromiso de educar a sus hijos y ahijados en la fe cristiana católica. Requisitos: Los Padres deben acercarse a la Oficina Parroquial con tres meses de anticipación a la fecha del Bautismo, asistir a misa por lo menos 6 sábados antes del Bautismo y anotar sus nombres después de cada misa con el ujier encargado.

Estar registrados como miembros de la parroquia, ser residentes del área de Stuart, Palm City o Hobe Sound y tomar la charla Pre-Bautismal. Generalmente, cada Segundo Domingo del mes tenemos los Bautismos. Los Padrinos si tienen pareja deben estar casados por la Iglesia. Para mayor información pueden comunicarse con la Sra. Angela Trybul al (772) 287-2727 ext. 109. Tenemos asistencia en Español.

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HORARIO DE OFICINA:
La Oficina parroquial esta abierta al público de lunes a jueves de 9:00 am a 4:30 pm y los viernes de 4:30pm a 7:30 pm.
Para cualquier información llamar al 772-287-2727.

TE INVITAMOS A PARTICIPAR EN LOS MINISTERIOS HISPANOS DE LA PARROQUIA.

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SMALL GROUPS

Scripture Background

This information isn't meant to be read aloud, but as background for the leader. If helpful, share some of it in conversation with the group.

In the first reading, Baruch promised the Israelites who had been taken captive to Babylon that God will bring them home like royalty. The journey to their home in Jerusalem was about 500 miles through rugged terrain—not an easy trip for anyone, much less the very young and the old among the Israelites. Baruch proclaims that God would ease the journey for them, bringing the mountains down low, filling in the valleys to level the route, and leading them with "mercy and righteousness" for company. It was an image that John the Baptist adopted as his mission in preparing the way for Jesus.

Opening Prayer

Pray the following aloud together, beginning with the Sign of the Cross:

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Good and Gracious God, thank you for bringing us together to reflect on your Living Word. Open our minds and our hearts so that we may hear the message you have for us today. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

Ask someone to read this passage aloud, then pause for a minute of silence.

Ask: ***What struck you about this reading or the liturgy this week?***

Allow for sharing. Move on to the next section once the sharing has died down.

Reflections on the Reading

Invite each person in the circle to read one paragraph aloud:

On the first Sunday of Advent, we always hear Jesus' instruction to stay awake and watchful for his second coming. On the second Sunday we always hear how John the Baptist appeared on the scene in the desert outside of Jerusalem calling for people to repent and "prepare the way of the Lord." The Jews and early Christians of the first century would have recognized John as a prophet like the prophets in the Old Testament. Like John, they were usually fiery, passionate characters who unsettled the rich and powerful but offered hope and consolation to the poor and outcasts.

In this passage, we hear John the Baptist urge everyone to get their act together because the Lord is coming soon. It's as if teenagers who were messing around suddenly realize their parents will be home soon. "They are on their way! We better clean up this mess and start behaving!" God isn't a parent who wants us to behave out of fear of punishment, but God knows our habit of getting off track.

That's why Advent is the perfect time to be reminded by the prophet John that we need to repent, ask forgiveness, and get back to doing God's work. As we light the second candle on the Advent wreath this week, we are invited to reflect on what we still need to straighten out in our lives so that we can better receive Christ when he comes to us.

Read each question aloud, one at a time, followed by time for sharing.

1. ***Who has been a prophetic figure for you in your life, turning you toward God and helping you to know Jesus?***
2. ***Who do you think of as modern-day prophets who call others to turn away from their sins and toward justice and truth? They might be someone you know personally or be a famous figure. They may be Christian, but don't have to be.***
3. ***What can you do this coming week to "prepare the way of the Lord"?***

Pray the following aloud together:

Lord, thank you for this chance to slow down and listen to your Good News. May we go out from here committed to loving and serving all those we encounter this coming week. Amen.

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2nd Sunday of Advent

>Baruch 5:1-9 - Jerusalem consoled

>Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 - Gratitude and hope

>Luke 3:1-6 - John the Baptist

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

Do you want to get more out of Sunday Mass?

Our small study group meets year round to read, discuss and reflect upon the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

We'll be meeting every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Life Center in Room #4, starting December 2, 2021.

Everyone is welcome! For more information, please call Barbara Sidari at 772-225-1192 or Mimi Walzer Keleher at 305-788-6146.

ADVENT CALENDAR 2021

A Prayer on the Way to Bethlehem

O Holy Child of God, as we draw near each day of Advent to the little town of Bethlehem where you are born, travel with us on our journey. Give us strength to continue on the path you have prepared for us. Sustain us with your gifts of comfort and peace, and guide us toward your manger bed, that we may worship and adore you there as our true and newborn King. **AMEN.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 NOVEMBER **Righteous Branch** A righteous Branch springs up to help us grow and flourish in gracious living. *Jeremiah 33:14-16*	29 **Say the Word** When Jesus speaks, things happen. We hold his words deep in our hearts, trusting in him. *Matthew 8:5-11*	30 **Follow Him** Following Jesus means moving away from our own interests and toward his. *Matthew 4:18-22*	1 DECEMBER **Behold** Witness the arrival of the long-awaited Lord who destroys death and wipes every tear away. *Isaiah 25:6-10a*	2 **He Who Comes** As Jesus comes to us, how might we come to him? Today's psalm offers clues. *Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a*	**Reversal of Fortune** Everything is turned around when God comes close: blind see, deaf hear, life abounds. *Isaiah 29:17-24*	4 **Walk His Way** At every crossroads, God will guide you in the direction he wants you to go. *Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26*
5 **Prepare** The time has come to prepare our hearts, souls and minds for a Savior who is hurrying toward us. *Luke 3:1-6*	6 **Rise Up** Rise to your feet when a friend is in need and jump for joy when Jesus helps you up. *Luke 5:17-26*	7 **Lost & Found** Have you lost your way? Jesus will find you, no matter how far you have strayed. *Matthew 18:12-14*	8 **Let It Be** Our response to the Lord's calling should always be simply to invite his will to guide our lives. *Luke 1:26-38*	9 **A Prophet** John the Baptist fulfilled the role of prophet for the Son of Man. We obey his call to receive Christ. *Matthew 11:11-15*	10 **Pay Attention** Don't miss out on the holy significance of the presence of Christ among you. *Matthew 11:16-19*	11 **Awesome Elijah** Thank God for the faith of Elijah—and the Old Testament being revealed in the New. *Matthew 17:9a, 10-13*
Lullaby of Joy God sings a lullaby of joy over you, his delight. Lift up your voice in harmony with his. *Zephaniah 3:14-18a*	13 **Authority** Christ has authority over all things in heaven and on earth. Never let anything else rule above him. *Matthew 21:23-27*	14 **Humble** Those who are humble don't speak against God, but find refuge in him. *Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13*	15 **The One** Never doubt that Jesus is the One we have been waiting for. We need not look for another. *Luke 7:18b-23*	16 **Not Deserted** Out of his great love, we will never be deserted or abandoned by our God. *Isaiah 54:1-10*	17 **Family** As we gather with family this Christmas, we gather with our spiritual family as well. *Matthew 1:1-17*	18 **Listen** Joseph serves as an example of a good listener. Listen well to the voice of God. *Matthew 1:18-25*
19 **O Little Town** A little child from a little town will be great. God can do great things through our littleness. *Micah 5:1-4a*	20 **A Sign** Watch for the promised sign: God Incarnate comes as a tiny baby named "Emmanuel." *Isaiah 7:10-14*	21 **Greeting** Welcome the Lord with a cry like Elizabeth's and a leap like John the Baptist's. *Luke 1:39-45*	22 **Magnify** Mary's song is a melody that brings to light the might and power of the meek and lowly. *Luke 1:46-55*	23 **Wonder** Sing a hymn aloud to express your wonder in our God who does impossible things. *Luke 1:57-66*	24 **Tender Mercy** The tender mercy of our God is revealed in the quiet cooing of a Bethlehem baby. *Luke 2:1-20*	25 **True Light** The true Light from heaven above has arrived to dispel the darkness of the earth below. *John 1:1-18*

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PRAY Pray the psalm from the first Sunday of Advent each morning. Ask God to open your heart to ways you can be more just. He will teach you, guide you, and strengthen your heart so that you can stand upright to face whatever challenges come your way.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior,
and for you I wait all the day.

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Update your Information

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we are making sure our parish records are up to date, so we can send out updates about the parish as efficiently as possible. Please go to our website and fill out the appropriate form:

https://www.sjcflorida.org/update-my-information

Thank you for updating your personal contact information or notifying us of a change of address/phone number .It is important that you keep your personal information up to date with the Church Office so that we can send you any important information or just to keep you informed of things that are happening, etc.

You may also contact the Parish Office at (772) 287-2727 ext. 101 and we will be happy to take your information changes.

Thank you for keeping us informed!

ST. JOSEPH'S ANGEL GIVING TREE

The heart of the Christmas Angel Giving Tree is to bring happiness to children, pregnant women and the elderly who are less fortunate and may not be able to receive their wish for something special this Christmas.

At the same time we would like to thank our parishioners for their kindness and generosity throughout all these years.

We ask that you, select a gift tag from the trees placed at the exits of the Church, for a child of those families in need (green and red tags), Mary's Home (purple tags), Council on Aging/The Kane Center (blue tags) and Stuart Nursing & Restorative Home (yellow tags).

Please return the unwrapped gift along with the gift tag to the church main door or the Parish Life Center, Room #1 on Saturday, December 11th and Sunday, December 12th.

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Trybul at 772-287-2727 ext.109 or by e-mail angelat@sjcflorida.org

ANNUAL PARISH DRAW FEB. 6, 2022

Thank you to those who have responded generously to our Parish Draw. We encourage those of you who have not purchased a ticket to buy at least one ticket. Perhaps you could purchase a ticket as a gift for someone this Christmas! Your support will ensure continued success of our many ministries here at St. Joseph.

GRAND PRIZE—$10,000

SECOND PRIZE—$3,000

THIRD PRIZE—$1,000

$50 per ticket or 5 tickets for $200

Drawing to be held on February 6, 2022

at 10am in the Gathering Area.

Tickets were mailed recently to all parishioners. If you wish to purchase a raffle ticket using a credit card, you can do so in the Parish Office. For more information, call Angela Trybul at the Pastoral Office, 287-2727, ext. 109.

AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT SCHEDULE

There are NO classes on Tuesday, November 30th. Classes will resume on December 7th, and then on the 14th, 21st, and 28th.

Classes are in room number five. Practice begins at 12:30 pm please arrive by 12:15 pm for set up.

For more information and to reserve your space please contact Michelle Italiano 609-304-1265 or you can respond to her email mickiyog@yahoo.com

Father, I want to bloom where I am planted and resist the temptation to compare myself to others.
Help me see the ways you have uniquely gifted me to serve you and your Kingdom.
Thank you for making me just as I am.
Forgive me for the ways I have compared myself and coveted the abilities of others.
I pray that, starting today, I would see the opportunities in front of me to use my gifts and abilities.
In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

THE ADVENT SEASON BEGINS TODAY!

"The Advent season begins today! Take time to reflect on how you will use the next four weeks to prepare your heart for Christmas.

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Blessing of the Advent Wreath

It's time to bring out and bless the Advent wreath! The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.
Use this prayer to bless your family wreath:
When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:
Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring
us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen

The blessing may conclude with a verse from
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel": O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
—From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

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Celebrating Advent as a Family

by Maruška Healy

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "Prayer is the life of the new heart. It ought to animate us at every moment… But we cannot pray 'at all times' if we do not pray at specific times, consciously willing it" (CCC 2697). We come before the Lord with a desire for 'a new heart' when we find time for prayer throughout our day. The Church invites us to pray in many different ways. We can recite the Rosary, pray the liturgy of the hours, learn about the lives of the saints, celebrate the liturgical year through feast days, lift up our hearts in song or silence, and above all participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. If we take time to pray at 'specific times', our home will be filled with prayer at 'all times'.

The season of Advent (from the Latin word "adventus", meaning "coming") is the time of preparation for the birth of Christ. It is a time of longing and waiting for his 'coming'. It should be a time filled with joy when we ponder the gift of God's love, open our hearts to receive and open our hands to give. Advent begins the liturgical year. It begins on the Sunday closest to the last day in November.

Advent traditions are numerous. We do not always know their exact origin, but they have been lived in the hearts of the faithful. If traditions are lived and understood, they can bring families closer to Christ and transform the hearts of those who participate in them. How can we introduce some Advent traditions into our families this Advent season?

Advent Wreath
Nativity Scene
Advent Carols
Jesse Tree
The Crib for the Christ Child
Advent Angels
Preparing our homes
Preparing our hearts
Celebrating the saints' feast days

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Prayer for the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the original Latin, meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, and is attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023, we propose to the following simplified version,[1] so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray it more easily.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

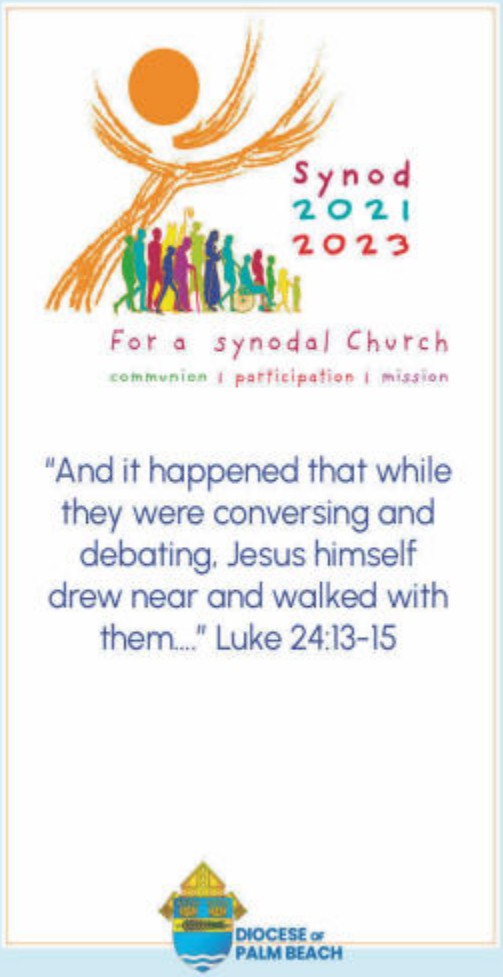
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.

[1] The original version of the *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus* can be found on the Synod website.

For more information on the Synodal Process from the Vatican, please go to: https://www.synod.va/en.html

The Church of God is convoked in **Synod**. With this convocation, Pope Francis invites the whole Church to question itself on **synodality**: a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church. This site will accompany the two-year journey (2021-2023) of reflection and sharing of the whole Church.



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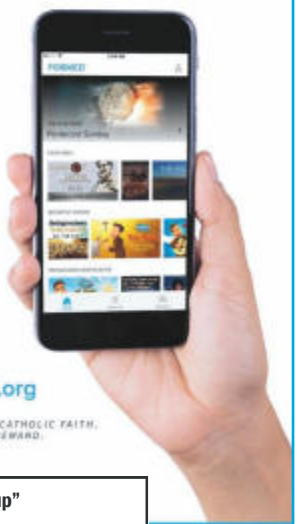

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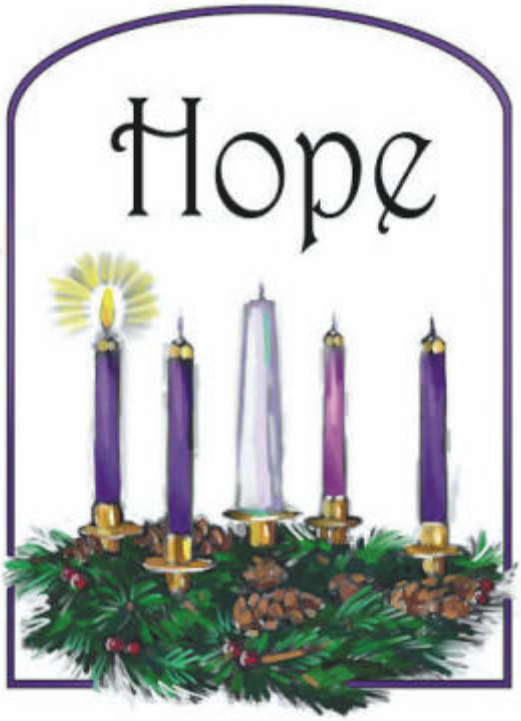
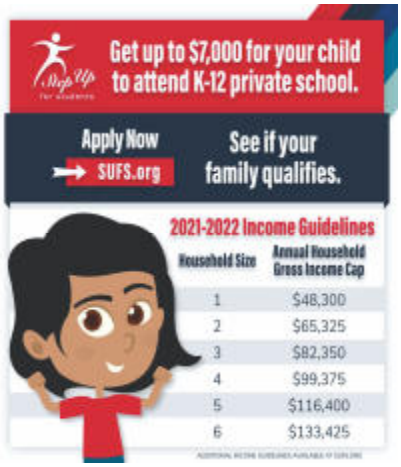
We hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving, and want you to know that we are thankful for you! May God bless you we begin this Advent Season.



Join us November 30 for our Early Childhood Open House! Check out SUFS.org to see how affordable Catholic education can be! Share the news! Call the school for more details 772-287-6975.



Upcoming EVENTS

Nov. 30	Early Childhood Open House
Dec. 1	Picture Retake Day
Dec. 5	Santa's Pancake Breakfast
Dec. 20-Jan.3	Christmas Break

Thank you to all who have donated and helped our school! You are still able to donate here:

Annual Giving Campaign

https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/MNgCgdJZW

Charger Booster Club

https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/cuy3xcKbq

SINGLES MINISTRY

Attention All Singles:

We can't believe how fast the holidays are coming. Our last business meeting of 2021 is scheduled for Wednesday December 1, 2021 in the Parish Life Center, Room 4 at 11:00 AM.

Lunch will take place at the Dolphin Bar & Shrimp House, 1401 NE Indian River Dr., Jensen Beach at 12:00 Noon. Please be sure to call Joan Hunihan at 352-250-5789 to make a reservation so we can have an accurate count for the restaurant.

If you have any further questions please call Irene Olson, Ministry Leader at 772-485-7329.

Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world,
for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians,
and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month.
Amen.

THE ROSARY MAKERS meet every Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Joseph Parish Life Center in Room 4. New members are always welcome. We have teachers that will show you what to do. There is no cost to you. Donations are welcome. The rosaries made are distributed to our school and other schools, missions, hospitals and nursing homes. Please think about joining us. For information contact Mercedes Yanes at 772-220-5870 or Pauline Sande at 772-286-5298.

To all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound, Nursing home or Hospital, please contact Angela Trybul at the parish office 772-287-2727 ext. 109. This is very important. Thank you. Several people have not responded. If we don not hear from you, we will assume you are no longer available for this ministry.

2022 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK

The 2022 Mass Intentions Book is now open for reservations. Up to four dated intentions, two of which can fall on a weekend, may be selected per family on a first-come, first-serve basis.
Please remember, the parish office opens at 9:00am.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH MINISTRY LIST

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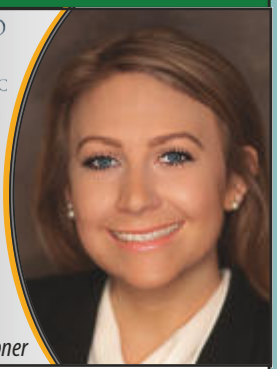

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