

ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

&

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

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GIVING

Last Weekend's Collection

<u>St. Joseph's</u> 12/31: \$2995.00	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> 12/31: \$447.00
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God bless & keep all our benefactors & volunteers!

Parish DSA Goals for 2017

<u>St. Joseph's</u> Goal Met! Raised: \$6001.75	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> Goal Met! Raised: \$4359.00
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Thank you for helping us reach our goals!

Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord

January 7th, 2018

Dear Parish Family,

When I sit back and think of the marvel that children are, it can be quite amazing. While it's an absolute fact that every child is a gift from God and that all life is sacred, what I am really thinking about is what children are able to do without any effort on their part. I have seen a baby accomplish feats that most others had written off as impossible: marriages being saved, families being reunited, hope given to the despairing, direction for the wandering, and joy to those who have been mournful. Again, the amazing aspect of this is that it is clearly God who

is accomplishing these good works and the child, unaware as they are, is the means through which God acts. The Christ child was able to bring together the Children of Israel, represented in the shepherds, and the Gentiles, represented in the Magi. They joined together to each offer adoration to God for the gift of the Son, who is God dwelling among us. That is what He was able to accomplish in just the first days of His time here on earth in the flesh. Each day, God becomes incarnate again in the Most Holy Eucharist, but He also desires to become incarnate through each of us, in our lives, works, & love. Sadly, we often don't think or desire to have that happen, and other times we specifically prevent that from happening. This Friday, in Charlotte, and the following Friday, Washington, DC, many will remember the 59,000,000+ children from the United States (since 1973) and the 1,440,000,000+ from throughout the world (since 1980) that were never given the chance to do the good work that Christ might have sought to accomplish through them. May we always see the beauty in God's gift of life, reverence it as the Magi revered the newborn Christ, and let God act through us for the salvation of souls & the building of His kingdom! ~Fr. Shaw

PRAYERS

Our Lady of Sorrows, intercede for all the Sick & Suffering, especially: Bob & Dee Burns, Maurice Williams, Louis Gantnier, Nancy Thomason, Carol Badalucco, Carolyn Burns, Roseann Harris, Wayne Whipple, Kathy Weise, Maksim Rippe, Connie DiLillo, Ardith & Tom Coughlin, Pressie & Ted Raby, Arleen Newlon, Dennis Antalick, Ruth Ann Nilges, Barbara Hart, Tom Reidmiller, Ted Klug, Bill & Joan Sutherland, Iretta Wang, Kim Samson, John Ross, Doris Kearns, & Mary Brogan.

St. Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death, intercede for the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, especially: Phil Burns, Joseph Bushey, Robert Berlin, Virginia Treadway, Marie Antalick, Ruby Hornbuckle, John Arch, Trudy Klug, Alan Pickering, Nila Arroyo, Everett Wilmot, Marian Holley, Dr. Tom Krizek, Virginia Goodwyn, Jim Fogarty, Jerry Antalick, Carol Helsen, Ellen Klug, Christina Tucker, Chuck Brogan, Patricia Swan, Jerry Newlon, Donald Samson, LeWanda Myers, Phil Balin, Jack Canane, & Jim Smith.

St. Michael the Archangel, protect & intercede for our Armed Forces Personnel, especially: Ryan Carr, Richard Fischer III, Gunnar Hale, Christopher Jones, David Spalding, Larry Studer, & Peter Young.

SUNDAY YEAR: B

DAILY MASS READINGS

WEEKDAY YEAR: 2

Monday:	Post-Epiphany Feria	1 John 3:22-4:6	Ps 2:7-8, 10-12	Matt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	Post-Epiphany Feria	1 John 4:7-10	Ps 72:1-4, 7-8	Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday:	Post-Epiphany Feria	1 John 4:11-18	Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13	Mark 6:45-52
Thursday:	Post-Epiphany Feria	1 John 4:19-5:4	Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15, 17	Luke 4:14-22
Friday:	Post-Epiphany Feria	1 John 5:5-13	Ps 147:12-15, 19-20	Luke 5:12-16
Saturday:	<i>St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor</i>	1 John 5:14-21	Ps 149:1-6, 9	John 3:22-30

Regular = Feria/Obligatory Memorial, *Italic* = Optional Memorial, ALL CAPITAL = Feast, **BOLD CAPITAL** = Solemnity

To arrange Mass intentions, please contact the office during the week.

SAINT JOSEPH'S MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(01/06) **Saturday:** 5:00pm: †Lee Holt
(requested by Sonia Holt)
Sunday: 11:15am: Pro Populo
(For the people of the Parish)
Monday: 12:00pm: His Holiness, Pope Francis
Tuesday: 12:00pm: Most Rev. Fr. Peter J. Jugis
Wednesday: 6:00pm: Benefactors of the Parish
Thursday: 12:00pm: Sick & Dying of the Parish
Friday: 12:00pm: Armed Forces Personnel

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

(01/06) **Saturday:** 7:00pm: Seminarians of the Diocese
Sunday: 9:00am: †Poor Souls in Purgatory
(requested by Maxine Studer)

CONFESSIONS

St. Joseph's: Every Saturday from 4:15pm-4:45pm
and available after each daily Mass.

CONTACTS & MINISTRIES

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ST. JOSEPH'S THRIFT STORE

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Hours:

Wednesday-Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am-1:00pm



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus Council #16543 will
be having their monthly business meeting:

Monday, January 8th @ 6:30pm

in St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Solemnity of the Epiphany, January 7th:

OLG 9:00am: Reader: G. Jarrett;

SJ 11:15am: Reader: TBD; Usher: TBD

Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, January 14th:

OLG 9:00am: Reader: H. Weichel;

SJ 11:15am: Reader: TBD; Usher: TBD

GOOD JOES

Upcoming Meeting: Recessed until Spring

The Good Joe's meet every 2nd and 4th week of the month. Meetings are usually on Tuesdays at 11:30am, with Mass and then lunch. Any man is welcome. Contact either Bob Burns (rbns213@gmail.com) or Tom McCarty (TomWPB@aol.com) if you plan to attend so that we can make sure that you are on the mailing list and have enough food.

Parish Council Meeting

The next parish council meeting will be held on
January 13th, 2018 at 9:30am

at

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission
in the Kateri Center.

All members of the council are expected to be in
attendance. Also, Coordinators should submit
reports beforehand.

New Women's Spirituality Group!

Are you a woman seeking to understand more about the Faith?
On **Tuesday evenings at 6 PM in the Church Hall**, the
parish Woman's Spirituality Group meets.

**Next Meeting: January 9th with
Session #6 of the Lectio Series**

Join us in our Spiritual Adoption program!

Development of the Unborn Baby

Fourth Month

Your spiritually adopted baby's mother can finally feel the
movements of her baby within her womb. By the time this
fourth month is over your baby will be 6 inches long. Their tiny
heart has been beating since he was 21 days old. Now this
strong little heart pumps 6 gallons of blood every day (picture 6
milk cartons - your baby's heart is a pumping miracle!) Your
baby is becoming stronger and likes to turn somersaults. Your
baby has lots of nice skin but not much fat to fill it out so they
looks a little wrinkly. Their skin is covered with vernix, a thick
white cream which protects their skin from the salty amniotic
fluid. Your baby's face is becoming prettier and has begun to
resemble their parents.