

# 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> 12/03: \$1159.00	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> 12/03: \$851.00
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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!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dear Parish Family,

A bit of housekeeping for this week: Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. We will have two Masses offered at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission (12pm in English & 7pm in Spanish), weather permitting. Given the recent snow that we received and the likelihood that we will receive more in the near future, it serves as an appropriate time to recall that the Church does expect people to attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days, but also wants all of us to be safe. If the roads are dangerous to travel upon, then your

obligation is dispensed by the law (no need to ask the pastor for a dispensation). If you run into an unusual circumstance that will necessitate missing Mass, Canon 1245 allows for pastors to dispense individuals from their Sunday or Holy Day obligation to attend Mass, so ask your pastor if he will dispense you if needed. If the reason is legitimate, most pastors won't have a problem granting the dispensation. This is one case where it's better to be proactive (ask for dispensation) than having to be reactive (going to confession afterwards). In spite of all this "legalistic" talk, going to Mass is not just a duty or obligation for us, it is a moment of joyful encounter with a Lord & Savior and the profoundly beautiful chance to receive Him in the Eucharist!

~Fr. Shaw

### *Mass Schedule for Holidays*

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – 12PM @ OLG, 7PM (SPANISH) @ OLG**  
**CHRISTMAS – VIGIL (12/24) 6PM @ OLG, 12 MIDNIGHT @ ST. JOSEPH'S,**  
**9:00AM @ OLG, & 11:15AM @ ST. JOSEPH'S**

### 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.

**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: A

### DAILY MASS READINGS

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Monday:	<i>Pope St. Damasus I, Confessor</i>	Isa 35:1-10	Ps 85:9-14	Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday:	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	Rev 11:19; 12:1-6, 10	Judith 13:18-19	Luke 1:39-47
Wednesday:	St. Lucy, Virgin Martyr	Isa 40:25-31	Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10	Matt 11:28-30
Thursday:	St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor	Isa 41:13-20	Ps 145:1, 9-13	Matt 11:11-15
Friday:	Advent Feria	Isa 48:17-19	Ps 1:1-4, 6	Matt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Advent Feria	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11	Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19	Matt 17:9-13

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**

(12/09) Saturday: 5:00pm: Peter & Lucie Tonon  
Sunday: 11:15am: Pro Populo  
(For the people of the Parish)  
Monday: 12:00pm: His Holiness, Pope Francis  
Tuesday: MASS AT OLG  
Wednesday: 6:00pm: Persecuted Christians  
Thursday: MASS CANCELLED  
Friday: 12:00pm: †John Joseph "Jay" Condon, III  
(requested by Dcn. Bill & Ann Shaw)

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION**

(12/09) Saturday: 7:00pm: Lapsed Catholics  
Sunday: 9:00am: †Poor Souls in Purgatory  
Tuesday: 12:00pm: Pro Populo  
(For the people of the Parish)  
7:00pm: For the Church in the Americas

**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, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**

in St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

*Sunday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent, December 10<sup>th</sup>:*

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

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

*Sunday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Advent, December 17<sup>th</sup>:*

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

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

**GOOD JOES**

**Upcoming Meeting: Recessed until Spring**

The Good Joe's meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (tjbns213@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  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Rectory.

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: December 19<sup>th</sup> with  
Session #5 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.