



ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION



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St. Joseph's Our Lady of Guadalupe
Goal: \$6667.00 Goal: \$3998.00
Collected: \$5352.02 (80.3%) Collected: \$1210.00 (30.3%)
as of 12/03/18 *as of 12/03/18*

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Sunday of the 3rd Week of Advent December 16th, 2018

Dear Parish Family,

What should someone say once they have seen the things and been to the places of a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands? The places can be described, but those descriptions would be only superficial accounts, lacking the depth of what one encounters in those places of Our Blessed Lord's life. Undoubtedly, our experience will try to be relayed, but the words will fail, since there aren't words that exist that perfectly express the inherently inexpressible. What can be said? Only that what we have seen and experienced impresses upon us the very tangible reality of what we believe. Other religions often have lofty and abstract ideas: Nirvana, Mt. Olympus, & Asgard. Certainly, the concept of Heaven is also somewhat abstract for us

Christians, yet you can touch the place where Christ was born & where He died. You can see the places where He lived and worked His miracles. The places of the Sacred Scriptures are not far off in another realm or an unreachable dimension. Indeed, they can be seen, touched, smelled, and encountered. The one, true Faith is as God Himself is: incarnate. During this Advent season, may we never forget that the invisible God was made visible for us, the all-powerful became a vulnerable child, and the impossibility of victory over sin and death became reality.

~ Fr. Shaw

PRAYERS

Our Lady of Sorrows, intercede for all the Sick & Suffering, especially: Bob & Dee Burns, Nancy Thomason, Carol Badalucco, Pressie Raby, RuthAnn Nilges, Barbara Hart, Tom Reidmiller, Bill & Joan Sutherland, Kim Samson, Doris Kearns, Mary Brogan, Dan Pulte, & Donna Nelson.

St. Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death, intercede for the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, especially: John Arch, Everett Wilmot, Christina Tucker, Chuck Brogan, Donald Samson, Jack Canane, Jim Smith, Ted Raby, Phil Webb, Kristy Schumann, Tom Guertin, Steven Cramer, & Kathryn Trull.

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: C

DAILY MASS READINGS

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Monday:	Advent Feria	Gen 49:2, 8-10	Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17	Matt 1:1-17
Tuesday:	Advent Feria	Jer 23:5-8	Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19	Matt 1:18-24
Wednesday:	Advent Feria	Judg 13:2-7, 24-25	Ps 71:3-6, 16-17	Luke 1:5-25
Thursday:	Advent Feria	Isa 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-6	Luke 1:26-38
Friday:	<i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor</i>	Cant 2:8-14	Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21	Luke 1:39-45
Saturday:	Advent Feria	1 Sam 1:24-28	1 Sam 2:1, 4-8	Luke 1:46-56

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

(12/15) **Saturday:** 5:00pm: †Virginia H. Guerrero
(requested by Eden Kavanagh)
Sunday: 11:15am: †Al Colanero
(requested by Dcn. Bill & Ann Shaw)
Monday: 12:00pm: Brian Lazusky
(requested by Jeanine Lazusky)
Tuesday: 12:00pm: †Ilona Guerrero
(requested by Eden Kavanagh)
Wednesday: 6:00pm: Special Intention
Thursday: 12:00pm: Special Intention
Friday: 12:00pm: Special Intention
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION
(12/15) **Saturday:** 7:00pm: Special Intention
Sunday: 9:00am: Pro Populo
(For the people of the Parish)

CONFESSIONS

St. Joseph's: Every Saturday from 4:15pm-4:45pm, available after each daily Mass, & upon request.

CONTACTS & MINISTRIES

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Hours:

Wednesday-Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am-1:00pm

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday of the 3rd Week of Advent, December 16th:

OLG 9:00am: Reader: D. Arch;

SJ 11:15am: Reader: C. DiLillo; Usher: J. Thomason

Sunday of the 4th Week of Advent, December 23rd:

OLG 9:00am: Reader: S. Pulte;

SJ 11:15am: Reader: C. DiLillo; Usher: J. Thomason

GOOD JOES

Upcoming Meeting: Recessed until the Spring

The Good Joe's meet on the 3rd week of the month. Meetings are usually on Tuesdays at 12 pm, with Mass and then lunch. Any man is welcome.

Parish Council Meeting

The next parish council meeting:

December 15th @ St. Joseph's in the Church Hall at 9:30am.

Please submit reports & agenda items to

Lois Baker, Council Chair, at least one week in advance.

Women's Spirituality Group

Are you a woman seeking to understand more about the Faith?

On **Wednesday evenings at 4:30 PM in the Church Hall**, the parish Woman's Spirituality Group meets.

Next Meeting: December 19th, 2018

Topic: Holy Land Pilgrimage Presentation

They'll feed you, help us feed others!

Each 3rd Sunday, our Knights will be cooking up a **free** pancake breakfast and collecting food for needy children & families in our community. Please contribute non-perishable food that will go to help needy families in our community.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

Monday, January 14th @ 6:30pm
in St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

Did you know that that you can make tax free distributions to St. Joseph's & Our Lady of Guadalupe directly from your IRA account if you're over 70½ years old? These are free from federal & state income taxes, can help avoid Medicare high income surcharges, and can help reduce taxes on your social security benefits. Distributions can be made directly to our parish and can be restricted so that it can only be used for specific purposes (building maintenance, DSA, grounds, etc.). For more information, please contact Bob Burns (rjbns213@gmail.com).