

St. Joseph the worker catholic church



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Director of Music	Jodi Swiderek

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass	4 pm
Sunday (English)	8 am and 10 am
Sunday (Spanish)	12:00 pm
Daily Mass (Tue -Fri) and 1 st Saturday	9 am

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at 9 am and 7 pm (Bilingual)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 1 pm
Bulletin items due Tuesday before 12:30 pm
Call office to schedule facilities.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal preparation is required for parents who desire their baby / child to be baptized. Parents must be registered with the church. Forms and information are available in the office.

Sacrament of Penance due to covid pls call

Saturday 3pm Sunday 9:15 – 9:45 am or upon request
Domingo 12:00 pm Spanish

Sacrament of the Sick

If one is seriously ill or having surgery, please call the parish office or the rectory for Anointing of the Sick. A Priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion will administer Holy Communion on a weekly basis to shut-ins.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the Pastor a minimum of six (6) months in advance. Dates may not be set prior to the second meeting with the priest. The Diocese requires that couples attend an Engaged Encounter or Picture of Love Weekend.

First gathering: Sept. 16, 1992 Blessing of Building: May 25, 2001
Consecration of Altar & Church January 12, 2003
Canonically erected Parish May 1, 2006 Feast of St. Joseph the Worker



St Joseph the Worker, as a happy faith community, welcomes you and your family with joyful hearts to our church. If you are not registered and want to belong to this happy family of worshippers, please stop one of the ushers or myself, Fr. Julius, and request a registration form. Or you may always call the office at (423) 442-7273.



A Week Ahead in our Parish

Mon Jan 4 - no church

Tues Jan 5- 9 am Mass † *Andrew Gilligan*
By: Trudy P-P

Weds Jan 6 - 9 am Mass † *Andrew Gilligan*
By: Trudy P-P

9:30am Rosary church

Thu Jan 7 - 9 am Mass *Olga Lastra*
By: Trudy P-P

7 pm Rosary (grotto)

Fri Jan 8- 9 am Mass *Olga Lastra*
By: Trudy P-P

Sat Jan 9 - 4 pm Mass *People of the Parish*
By:

Sunday Jan 10 Baptism of the Lord

8am Mass *David Arehart*
By: Ted

10am Mass † *A J Ruggiero*
By: Women's Group

CCD 11:15 – 12:15 Marian Hall

12:30pm Mass (Spanish) † *Andrew Gilligan*
By: Trudy P-P

	4pm	8am	10am
Usher	Donna T Steve L	Gary C Frank U Kenny	Mike H
Server	David A	Katie E	
Reader	Barb C	Donna H Daisy E	Art S & Terri S
EMHC	Please check with Fr Julius before Mass		
Church Cleaning Jan 11	– Nancy Mc	Jodi S	
Counters:	Ron H	Chuck T	

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Tax Letters for 2020: Those who need Tax Letters sent to them, please call or email the church office.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Dec. 24-25, 26-27, 2020 Week 26

Attendance: 174 Needed: \$ 4063

Offering Online week +/- YTD

\$ 3323 \$ 0 - \$ 106 -\$ 3678

Christmas: \$ 2057 Capital

Fund \$ 105

Good Shepherd \$ 436 Feed My

Sheep \$ 83

Thank you all who give so

generously.

God Bless you!

*Pray for the Sick of our
Parish*

Dale Bauer

Mary Cornejo

Charles Downs

Ron Eydt

Maria Figueroa

Jeanne Huffor

Alvaro Pina

Karen Ruggiero

Susie Ryan

Hugo Schielke

Patty Swatzell

Dennis Wilson

Any parishioner who is sick or having surgery, notify Fr. Julius or the office (privacy is extended to those who request it).

Event of Death: notify the office if you would like the Parish to share your grief if a family member dies. Mass can be offered immediately or at a date convenient to the family.

Happy Birthday – Baltazar Cortez, Chris Cotler, Robert Dickson, Cassie Hanczyk, Angel Hernandez-Carrillo, Yanira Lopez, Evelyn Lopez-Parra, Bill Marquardt, Giovanni Medina-Vargas, Eloisa Mora, Gloria Munoz, Teresa Quintana, Rose Urban

Happy Anniversary – Ron & Peggy Howe, Wilfredo & Yanira Castro

To add or remove a name from the list, please contact the office.

NOTE TO ALL PARENTS: No children under 18 are allowed to attend the restroom without an adult! Period!! This is for their protection and security.

Fr. Julius and the staff of St. Joseph the Worker would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Thought for the Week: When God chose from eternity to become human, he chose to come as the opposite of what humans imagined him to be. Why? It seems that everything Jesus would reveal when he grew into his public ministry would be confounding to so many people: Be a peacemaker and thirst after justice (Mt 5). Love God and love all your brothers and sisters as you love yourself (Lk 10:27ff). Forgive one another, even your enemies (Lk 6:27). If you eat my flesh you shall never die because I am the bread of life (Jn 6). (Franciscan Spirit Blog, Franciscan Media)



Altar Flowers: Do you have a special occasion coming up, or not. Please consider purchasing flowers for the altar. We can place the intention in the bulletin. The cost is \$45. Contact the Church office for scheduling.

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Our Blessed Mother has asked us to pray the rosary for world peace. Join us to recite the rosary together at

**7:00 PM on Thursdays
at the grotto.**



The birth of Christ is a gift from God that brings people hope and courage in troubled times, Pope Francis said on Christmas Eve. "Underlying all our strengths and weaknesses, stronger than all our past hurts and failures or our fears and concerns about the future, there is this great truth," the pope said in his homily Dec. 24 as he celebrated the nighttime liturgy. "We are beloved sons and daughters. God's love for us does not, and never will, depend upon us. It is completely free love, pure grace," he said.

The traditional Christmas liturgy began much earlier than past years -- at 7:30 p.m. local time -- so that those invited to attend could get home in time to observe Italy's 10 p.m. curfew. Much like the liturgies during the Easter season, the pope celebrated a pared-down Christmas Mass at the Altar of the Chair in the back of the basilica. Some 200 people, including bishops and cardinals concelebrating, were present, all donning masks and observing social distancing regulations.

The Mass began with the Christmas proclamation of Jesus' birth, known as the "kalenda." The pope then lifted a cloth, revealing a life-sized statue of the baby Jesus, which he reverently kissed and blessed with incense.

Despite the more subdued Christmas Mass, the ornate bouquets of poinsettias adorning the Altar of the Chair, along with the sound of sacred music and the bells of St. Peter's ringing during the "Glory to God" brought an air of joyful celebration in uncertain times.

In his homily, the pope said Christ's coming is like the birth of a child which is such a joyous and exciting occasion that it "makes us think nothing of weariness, discomfort and sleepless nights." "That is what Christmas is: the birth of Jesus is the 'newness' that enables us to be reborn each year and to find, in him, the strength needed to face every trial," he said.

Reflecting on the day's readings, the pope noted that those who proclaim the birth of the Savior often use the phrase "for us." For Christians, he said, those words mean "that the Son of God, the one who is holy by nature, came to make us, as

God's children, holy by grace." "Yes, God came into the world as a child to make us children of God," the pope said. "What a magnificent gift! This day, God amazes us and says to each of us: 'You are amazing.'"

Despite this great gift at times humanity's injustice toward those less fortunate may give rise to doubts whether God was "right in giving us so much." Nevertheless, the Lord does this knowing people's limitations "because he is madly in love with us." "This is his secret for entering our hearts," the pope said. "God knows that we become better only by accepting his unfailing love, an unchanging love that changes us. Only the love of Jesus can transform our life, heal our deepest hurts and set us free from the vicious circles of disappointment, anger and constant complaint."

Recalling the night of Jesus' birth in "the lowly manger of a darkened stable," Pope Francis questioned why the "greatest of kings" was born "without decent accommodation, in poverty and rejection." God, he answered, "loves to work wonders through our poverty" and placed "the whole of our salvation in the manger of a stable." "The Son of God was born an outcast, in order to tell us that every outcast is a child of God," he said. "He came into the world as each child comes into the world, weak and vulnerable, so that we can learn to accept our weaknesses with tender love."

The pope also reflected on Christ's birthplace and noted that the meaning of the city's name, "Bethlehem" -- which means "house of bread" in Hebrew -- serves as a reminder of humanity's need for God "like the bread we eat." "How often instead, in our hunger for entertainment, success and worldly pleasures, do we nourish life with food that does not satisfy and leaves us empty within!" he exclaimed.

"It is true; in our endless desire for possessions, we run after any number of mangers filled with ephemeral things, and forget the manger of Bethlehem," the pope said. "That

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manger, poor in everything yet rich in love, teaches that true nourishment in life comes from letting ourselves be loved by God and loving others in turn."

Pope Francis said that in choosing to come into the world as a vulnerable child, God wanted to encourage men and women to "care for others" and comfort the "tears of the suffering."

"God came among us in poverty and need, to tell us that in serving the poor, we will show our love for him," the pope said. *(By Junno Arocho Esteves / Catholic News Service)*