



SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

Roman Catholic Church

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.”

-Mark 13:33



November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary - Roman Catholic Church
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Mass Intentions for 2021

The Mass Intention Book for 2021 will be open:

Monday, November 30 (St. Joseph, HOM Registered Members ONLY)

Intentions can be scheduled from **9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon** in the St. Joseph Center.

Tuesday, December 1 (Open to everyone)

Intentions can be scheduled from **3:00 PM – 6:00 PM** in the St. Joseph Center.

Thursday, December 3 (Open to everyone)

Intentions can be scheduled from **9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon** in the Parish Office.

Remaining available dates can be scheduled in the Parish Office **Monday, December 7 - Wednesday, December 9** between **9:00 AM – 11 AM** and **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM ONLY**. The book will not be available on weekends or evenings. We will honor (3) Mass requests per family and only (1) Mass request may be scheduled per month.

For your convenience, we have forms that may be picked up in the Parish Office on November 18 to be filled out ahead of time and brought with you the day of scheduling. **Forms will be accepted in person ONLY on the days/times above, with one form per person.** Do not leave your form with a staff member, as those requests will not be honored. Please fill the form out carefully and clearly, with your parish registration number on the line provided. The names will be printed exactly as they appear on the form. **No Masses will be scheduled before November 30 at 9:00 AM.**



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2020

	This Week	2019	2018
Sunday Offertory -11/15/20	\$14,470	\$25,574	\$28,773
Online Offertory	\$8,137	\$3,156	\$3,736
Total Offertory	\$22,607	\$28,730	\$32,509
Poor Box - Poverello House	\$ -	\$370	\$663

2020 CSA Goal:	\$265,510
Pledges:	\$292,126
Cash Receipts as of 11/15/2020:	\$279,656
Participating Families:	488

Electronic Giving

Our parish relies on your consistent financial support to better plan for yearly expenses. There are currently three forms of electronic giving to create easy opportunities for regular giving:

1. Give online by going to our website and clicking on the "Online Giving" link on our homepage.
2. Give via the GivePlus Church App by going to your App Store and downloading the free app.
3. Give via text by texting the dollar amount to 702.935.1246 and following the instructions.

We thank you in advance for your consistent support.

Stay Awake

Advent is upon us. The beginning of Advent every year is also the beginning of a new liturgical year. During the Advent season we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ at Christmas. While there is nothing wrong with physical preparations, the church invites us to enter this season in a spiritual way. Let us take the friendly warning of St. Mark seriously. "Be watchful! Be alert!" We prepare very well when we are expecting an important visitor in our homes, but how much do we prepare for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph?

Jesus came into the world as a child over two thousand years ago and He will come again to rule the world triumphantly. Between his first and second coming, we celebrate the Nativity every year. How do I want to receive Jesus into my heart this Christmas? What are the things I need to rid myself of during this time? Before we get too busy with the Christmas shopping, let us check the storeroom of our hearts and make a place for Jesus there. May He find us bearing fruits of kindness, peace, compassion, and love. "Watch out, stay alert; for you do not know when the appointed time is" (Mark 13:33).

-Rev. Fr. Mark Thomas Ameh, MSP



Scripture Readings

Today, Sunday

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

This Week

Monday: Romans 10:9-18; Psalms 19:8-11; Matthew 4:18-22

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalms 72:7-8, 12-13, 17; Matthew 10:21-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalms 23:1-6; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 21, 24-27

Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalms 147:1-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalms 85:9-14; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Weekly Gospel Reflection for Families

The Good News

Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful and alert. He tells the story of a man who traveled abroad and placed his servants in charge. Each servant had his own work to do, and the gatekeeper's task was to be on watch for the man's return. In the same way we are to watch for the Lord's return, taking care to not fall asleep.

Reflect

There is an old saying, "When the cat's away, the mice begin to play!" When our boss isn't looking, it may be tempting for us to slow down the pace. When we aren't home, our children might be tempted to play rather than do their homework. But we are each in our own way called to be like the servants in today's Gospel story—staying faithful to whatever tasks we've been given whether the master (the boss, the parent) is away or at home. Today, pray to be faithful to the tasks you have been given as a parent, a spouse, a coworker, a friend, and a disciple of Jesus.

Share

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. It is also the first day of the new liturgical year. Spend some time today preparing for this new year. Hang a new liturgical year calendar and create your family Advent wreath. Light the first candle, and talk about how you will celebrate the season of Advent. Talk about what you as a family can do to stay awake for the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

Talk

1. Some things that I am in charge of at home/school/work are . . .
2. When I do not do what I am supposed to do at home/school/work . . .
3. One way I can stay more awake for the coming of the Lord is . . .



Updated Mass Information



We are open in a **limited capacity**. Currently, we are able to take **50 people per Mass time**. Our Mass Schedule is Monday-Friday (8:00 AM), Saturday (8:00 AM, 4:30 PM), and Sunday (8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 2:00 PM). We are also celebrating a **6:00 PM Mass on Tuesdays during Advent**. Masses are in the Church, with a second Mass at 10:00 AM in the parish hall.

We are also able to offer Confession by appointment. **Reservations are required for all Masses. To make a reservation for Mass, must call the parish office during business hours and speak to a member of our receptionist team.** Per Diocesan policy, we are required to lock the doors once Mass begins. We ask that those with reservations arrive 25 minutes early so that everyone can be well-checked and seated on time. Thank you for your help in this matter.

This week the parish office is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, and Saturday from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. During this time the church is not open for prayer outside of the Mass. Masks must be worn at all times while on our property. Everyone is required to pass a temperature check. We thank you for your patience and look forward to welcoming you!



Watch Sunday Mass Online

We have returned to very limited Mass capacity, but you can still worship with us online. During this time, we are streaming the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass **on our YouTube channel**. To get notifications of these live streams, please “Like” our channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UC4tXYzcgG5aWCTqdmp0ozYQ. We look forward to celebrating with you!

SJHOM St. Vincent de Paul Offering Limited Services

Due to the ongoing pandemic, St. Vincent de Paul is currently able to provide very limited assistance with utilities, food, gasoline, or bus passes. They check messages on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM. If you are a parishioner or live within our boundaries, you may call them at 702.304.3034 and provide your name, good contact phone number, your parishioner number, your address, and the type of assistance you are requesting. After an SVdP volunteer returns your you may also be required to provide a copy of your photo ID and, if applicable, a copy of the first page of your utility bill to the Parish Office. All other types of assistance they have helped with in the past are currently suspended.



St. Vincent de Paul



How You Can Support Our Mission

We appreciate your financial support during this difficult time, as we depend on your regular giving to operate. Our parish relies on the constant financial support of the parish, and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a regular basis. We have several options for giving, including online giving, our Give+ App, and even from your phone via text message.

To Give online: simply visit www.stjosephhom.org/finance and click on the Online Giving link.

To Give via our online giving app: GivePlus Church is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit your App Store and search for “GivePlus Church” to download the free app.

To Give via Text: Text the dollar amount you would like to give to 702.935.1246 and follow the instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Office at 702.363.1902.

We thank you for your support of our mission!