



# ST.

# JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Dec. 21, 2025

Church Dedicated on  
February 23, 1919

**Priests:**

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(ext. 131)  
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*Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament begins  
Monday-Thursdays at 11 am &  
Fridays & Sundays at 4:00 p  
Saturdays at 3:00 p*

## Mass Schedule

6 am & 12:15 pm Monday—Friday  
7 am Saturday Morning

5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass  
7 am, 9 am, 11:45 am and 6 pm  
Sunday

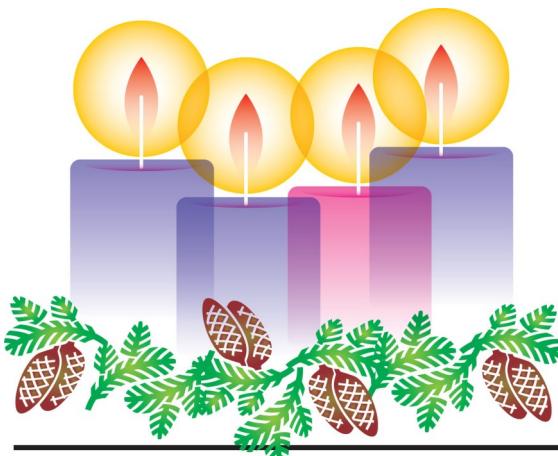
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*



## Homily – 4th Sunday of Advent (Year A)

### *Emmanuel, God Is With Us*

As Advent comes to its final days, the Gospel shifts our attention to Joseph. Joseph speaks no words in Scripture—but his silence is filled with faith. Joseph is described as a *righteous man*. That does not mean perfect—it means faithful. His first instinct is mercy

Righteousness does not protect us from confusion, fear, or painful decisions; it shapes how we face them. When Joseph learned that Mary was with child, his righteousness did not give him instant answers. He was thrown into crisis. This was not a small problem. His dreams, his reputation, and his future were suddenly uncertain. But his righteousness gave him a merciful heart. In the midst of crisis, he chose compassion over anger, silence over accusation, and trust over control.

God met Joseph not when everything was clear, but when he was faithful in uncertainty. Joseph taught us that holiness is not the absence of struggle, but the courage to remain faithful when life does not make sense—and to trust that God is still at work even in the middle of our trials.

When asked to take Mary to his home, Joseph obeys immediately despite his lack of understanding. In so doing, Joseph's Yes Makes Room for God. His yes is quiet but decisive. By taking Mary into his home, Joseph makes space for *Emmanuel—God is with us*.

*Praying for a truly grace-filled Christmas for you and  
your Ohana!*

# December 2025

Office hours are from 9-1 M-F

|   |  |   |  |  |                                     |   |
|---|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| 21<br>7:00 Mass-FP<br>9:00 Mass-FP<br>11:45 Mass-FF<br>6:00 Mass-FF | 22<br>6:00 Mass-FP<br>10:30 OCIA<br>12:15 Mass-FF<br>6:00 OCIA<br>6:00 Simbang Gabi-FF | 23<br>6:00 Mass-FF<br>12:15 Mass-FP<br>6:00 Simbang Gabi-FP | 24<br>7:00 Mass-FF<br>6pm-FP<br>9pm-FF | 25<br>Midnight:-FP<br>7am-FF<br>9am-FF<br>11:45am-FF | 26<br>6:00 Mass-FP<br>12:15 Mass-FF | 27<br>7:00 Mass-FF<br>10:00 Confessions<br>5:00 Mass-FF |
| Rectory Office Closed   |  |   |  |  |                                     |   |

## Daily Readings

### Monday, Dec. 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28  
(Ps)1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,  
8abcd  
Luke 1:46-56

### Tuesday, Dec. 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24  
Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10  
and 14  
Luke 1:57-66

### Wednesday, Dec. 24

Mass in the morning:  
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,  
16  
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and  
29  
Luke 1:67-79

### Mass during the Night:

Isaiah 9:1-6  
Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12,  
13.  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14

### Thursday, Dec. 25

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.  
Hebrews 1:1-6  
John 1:1-18

### Friday, Dec. 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,  
16bc and 17  
Matthew 10:17-22

### Saturday, Dec. 27

1 John 1:1-4  
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
John 20:1a and 2-8

### Sunday, Dec. 28

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.  
Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-  
17  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

## **Stewardship Report of Treasury for:**

|                              | Dec. 9-15        | FYTD Actual       |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Collections</b>           | 13,815.50        | 266,063.77        |
| <b>Other Regular Income</b>  | 294.05           | 27,110.23         |
| <b>Unusual Income:</b>       |                  |                   |
| <b>Choirs</b>                | 0.00             | 100.00            |
| <b>Convent Lease</b>         | 0.00             | 34,000.00         |
| <b>R&amp;M Collection</b>    | 305.00           | 12,062.00         |
| <b>Security Project</b>      | 10.00            | 1,185.00          |
| <b>Feed the Hungry</b>       | 190.00           | 2,870.00          |
| <b>Other Unusual Income</b>  | 0.00             | 3,715.28          |
| <b>Total Income</b>          | <b>14,614.55</b> | <b>347,106.28</b> |
| Designated Funds             |                  | 630,339.94        |
| Restricted Parish Hall Funds |                  | 465,326.95        |

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."*

This Christmas, we rejoice together in the greatest gift ever given — our Savior, Jesus Christ. May His light fill your hearts with hope, His love surround your homes with peace, and His joy overflow in your lives.

As we celebrate His birth, let us also carry His message into the world — to love one another, serve with kindness, and walk in faith every day.

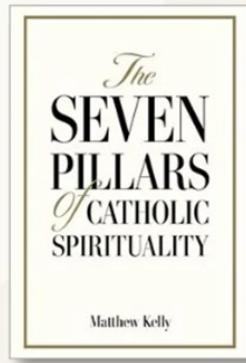
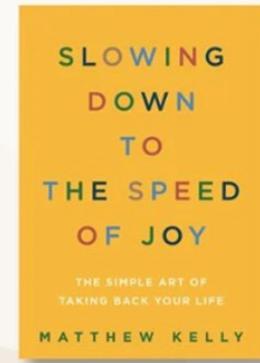
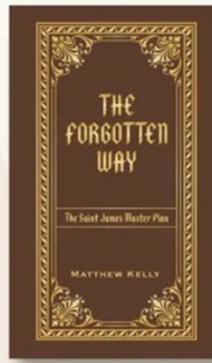
Merry Christmas, dear brothers and sisters in Christ. May the coming year draw us closer to Him and to each other.

**With love and blessings,**

**Fr. Poli, Fr. Ferdie, Dcn. Charley & Gwenda and Dcn. David**

## CHRISTMAS BOOK PROGRAM

# The Right Book at the Right Time Changes Everything.



This Christmas there will be three books to choose from.

Choose the right book for you and your family

More information available on our bulletin board or grab one of the take home booklets to review!

### Safety Tips for St. Joseph Church

**Keep exits clear during mass. No chairs by exits  
Accompany children under 16 to the restroom.**

**In the event of an emergency:**

**Stay calm**

**Avoid panic**

**Follow instructions**

**Emergency instructions may vary.**



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# The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.  
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole Cosmos  
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen.



*Franciscus*



PLEASE JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 10:30 FOR OUR  
SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND PRAYERS



We are looking for people interested in serving our Church as altar servers, lectors, choir members, church cleaners and/or hospitality ministers. Anyone who would like to join a ministry can obtain a voluntary form from the back bulletin board. Just fill it in and place it in the collection box. Upon receipt of the form, Coordinators will contact with you. Thank you.



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