



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Dec. 7, 2025

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation



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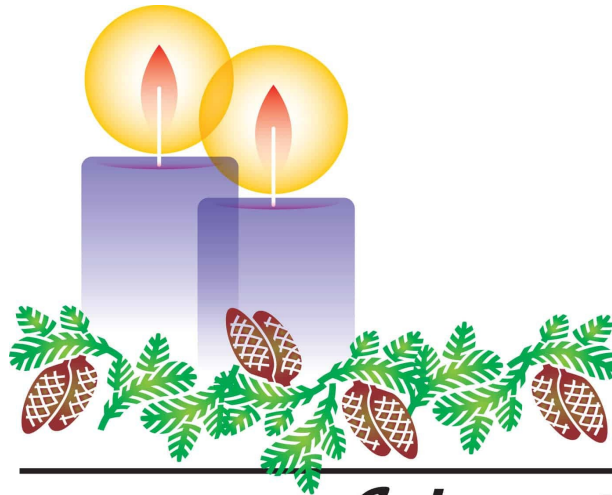
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SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*



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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

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A - 2025

“METANOIA” – Preparing the Way of the Lord

The voice we hear this Sunday is loud, urgent, and uncompromising: John the Baptist crying in the desert, “Prepare the way of the Lord!”

God wants to come into our lives not as a visitor but as a Savior. But He asks for a heart that is open, receptive, uncluttered. Our problem is not that God is far. Our problem is that our hearts are often too crowded with worries, distractions, resentments, fears, pride, sin. Thus, we are reminded to prepare a place where Christ can enter.

Thus, John calls for repentance or in the original word - “Metanoia.” But that word scares us. We hear “repent” and think of shame, guilt, and feeling bad. But “Metanoia” is much more beautiful. It means real conversion, a change of direction or a turning of the heart and thus attain a new way of seeing. Thus, “metanoia” is not a punishment it is an invitation to open ourselves for healing and freedom.

And to help us through this path of conversion, we must stand with John the Baptist in the desert because grace often begins there. For the desert is where distractions fade, illusions die, and essentials come into focus. The desert is where Israel first learned to trust God. It is where God speaks to the heart. And while the desert can be challenging even frightening, Advent teaches us that the desert is not a dead place. It is a place where God begins new things.

If we choose to tread the path of conversion (metanoia), then Christmas will not simply be a holiday. It will be an encounter with the One who comes to save us.

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*Please remember St. Joseph
Parish in your will!*

7 7:00 Mass-FP	8 6:00 Mass-FP 9:00 Mass-FF-SJS	9 6:00 Mass-FF	10 6:00 Mass-FF	11 6:00 Mass-FP	12 6:00 Mass-FP	13 7:00 Mass-FF
9:00 Mass-FP	10:30 OCIA	12:15 Mass-FP	12:15 Mass-FP	12:15 Mass-FF	9:30 Mass +C.Sapla FP	10:00 Confessions
11:45 Mass-FF	12:15 Mass-FF				12:15 Mass-FF	5:00 Mass-FP
6:00 Mass-FF	6:00 OCIA 7:00 Mass	6:00 Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer group				

Daily Readings

Monday, Dec. 8

Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac,
11-12, 13
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Isaiah 40:25-31
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and
10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, Dec. 11

Isaiah 41:13-20
Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10-11,
12-13ab
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, Dec. 12

Zechariah 2:14-17
Judith 13:18bcde, 19
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, Dec. 13

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-
16, 18-19
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, Dec. 14

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Sideline Store

Aloha Family and Friends of St. Joseph School!

Our St. Joseph Athletic

Department has recently

opened an account with [sidelinestores.com](http://www.sidelinestores.com) where apparel may be purchased that will help us to show our Cardinal pride! For those who have children who are part of our Junior Cardinals program, you will be able to have "Junior. Cardinals" printed on your apparel where the word, "Cardinals" is shown above.

If you have any questions with regard to how to place an order, please feel free to contact me! Mahalo for your support of St. Joseph Athletics! Go Cardinals!

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Michael Costales



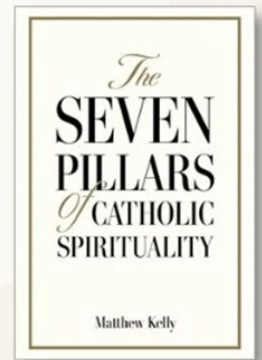
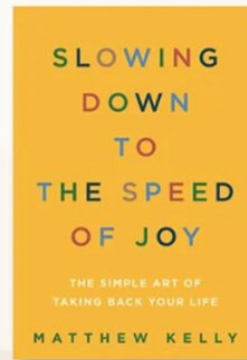
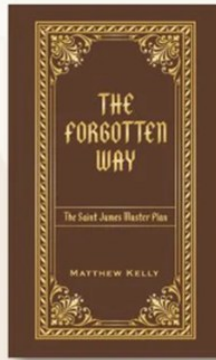
Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Nov. 25-Dec. 1	FYTD Actual
Collections	15,593.63	241,974.99
Other Regular Income	488.17	26,064.81
Unusual Income:		
Choirs	0.00	100.00
Convent Lease	0.00	34,000.00
R&M Collection	630.00	11,002.00
Security Project	10.00	1,065.00
Feed the Hungry	220.00	2,580.00
Other Unusual Income	0.00	3,715.28
Total Income	16,941.80	320,502.08
Designated Funds		630,339.94
Restricted Parish Hall		465,326.95



CHRISTMAS BOOK PROGRAM

The Right Book
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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!

We are looking for people interested in serving our Church as altar servers, lectors, choir members, church cleaners and/or hospitality ministers.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

DECEMBER 1-23:

Thursdays: 11-12 noon (Dec 4, 11, 18)
Fridays: 4-5 pm (Dec 5, 12, 19)
Saturdays: 10 am (Dec 6, 13, 20)
3-4 pm (Dec 6, 13, 20)

Advent Recollection/Adoration:

Dec. 14 10:30-11:30 am



COLLECTION WILL BE ON DECEMBER 13/14

Please give generously to the upcoming collection.

Retirement Fund for Religious

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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, DECEMBER 14 AT 10:30 FOR OUR
SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND PRAYERS



22. Marriage Matters—because it prepares children for their vocation.

“Children should be so educated that as adults they can follow their vocation, including a religious one, and choose their state of life.”

Second Vatican Council

Gaudium et Spes (Joy and Hope, the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World), 52

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