

HOPE:
THE PROMISE OF A SAVIOR

ISAIAH 64:2–7

Saint Joseph CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 29, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time! If you attend St. Joseph's regularly and consider this your parish, you may register online at www.stjosephcolumbia.org/join-us or stop by the parish office to fill out a registration card.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
3600 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205

Parish Office Hours
Mon - Fri: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

3512 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205
803.254.7646 | info@stjosephcolumbia.org
After Hours Medical Emergency Number - 803.609.0317
www.stjosephcolumbia.org

St. Joseph Catholic School
3700 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205
803.254.6736 | www.stjosdevine.com

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM
**For the 10:30 AM ONLY Livestreaming on YouTube. and Broadcast on 90.9FM*
Nursery is available during the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses in the Ministries & Administration Building for children 4 and under.

Holy Days
Please check the bulletin or website for the schedule.

Daily Mass
Tuesday to Friday 7:30 AM
The Rosary precedes morning Mass.
First Saturday 8:30 AM

School Mass
Friday (Sept. - May) 8:15 AM

Reconciliation
Saturdays from 4 - 5 PM and by appointment

CLERGY OF PARISH
Rev. Msgr. Richard D. Harris, Pastor | msgrharris@stjosephcolumbia.org
Rev. Paul Lacombe, Parochial Vicar | frlacombe@stjosephcolumbia.org
Deacon Jerry White | gwhite@charlestondiocese.org

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON
The Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS.
14th Bishop of Charleston
https://charlestondiocese.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

OUR MISSION:

We, the people of God in the parish of St. Joseph, are constantly attempting to become a faith community of those who, believing in Jesus, proclaim God's kingdom and share the mystery of faith by worshipping the Father; enabling all members to grow in their relationship with each other through the Son; and witnessing our gifts through service to others in the Holy Spirit.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

The facilities and services of St. Joseph Church are available to active members. Three points determine active membership:

- Registration in the parish for a sufficient period and use of the envelope system and/or electronic giving in support of the parish;
- Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days;
- Volunteer and participate in Parish activities with time, talent, and resources as means permit.
- Join us! www.stjosephcolumbia.org/join-us

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Submit all announcements by Wednesday noon to info@stjosephcolumbia.org. Include name and phone number of contact person.

CHANGE OF NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE:

Please notify the Parish Office at info@stjosephcolumbia.org or 803.254.7646 of any change in your membership information.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN:

St. Joseph Church and School and the Diocese of Charleston are committed to protecting children. All volunteers must complete Safe Environment Training and required diocesan paperwork. To volunteer at St. Joseph's, please contact Jamie Vickrey at jamie@stjosephcolumbia.org.

For assistance or to report concerns:

- Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister: 800.921.8122
- Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: 843.261.0431

ARRIVING AT MASS:

Parishioners arriving after the Opening Prayer are asked to quietly find available seating upon entering the church, as ushers will not seat anyone after the Opening Prayer.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

SEATING FOR THOSE IN WHEELCHAIRS/MOBILITY ISSUES

Available in the front row of the Church (right side facing altar)

RESERVED HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

There are 12 reserved spaces in the Ministries & Administration Building Parking Lot - Sundays only (for 8 AM - 10:30 AM Masses)

HEARING LOOP IN THE SANCTUARY:

To use the hearing loop, your hearing aid must be programmed to the "T" (telecoil) setting by a hearing aid specialist. Once in the sanctuary, switch your hearing aid to the "T" setting to connect directly to the church's sound system.

PARISHIONERS HELPING PARISHIONERS

Our parish family can offer assistance to or request help from fellow parishioners. Visit our website to view listings or submit a request or offer of assistance:
www.stjosephcolumbia.org/parishioners-helping-parishioners
For questions, contact Adrienne Carroll, Business Manager, at adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

Parents must attend one baptism seminar before having their child baptized. Upcoming seminar dates:
1.24.27, 4.11.27, 5.23.27, 7.25.27
9.12.27, 10.24.27

Sessions will be held from 1:30-3:30 PM in the Ministries & Administration Building. Registration is open for all sessions. Baptisms will be scheduled approximately two times per month. Contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392 to register or for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Those contemplating marriage should contact the priest at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Contact Mindy McBurney at mindy@stjosephcolumbia.org or 803.254.7646 ext. 423 for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the Parish Office at 803.254.7646 to request hospital visits and for individual anointing when anyone is seriously ill or having surgery.

BECOMING CATHOLIC – OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

Individuals interested in becoming full members of the Catholic community participate in a process of Christian Initiation. Contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392 for more information.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM and by appointment. *Church doors open at 3:00 PM.*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

Tuesdays 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM
www.stjosephcolumbia.org/eucharistic-adoration

WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent
8:00 am- † Mary Jean Vickers
10:30 am - † Glenna McKivergan
12:15 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

Tuesday, December 1
7:30 am - † William Chalot
† John Edward Wade

Wednesday, December 2
7:30 am - † Ann T. Skehan

Thursday, December 3
7:30 am - † Miguel Laut
† Souls In Purgatory

Friday, December 4
7:30 am - † Bill Kauric
8:15 am - *School Mass* - Amy Sutton

Saturday, December 5
8:30 am - *First Saturday Mass* - † David Richardson
5:30 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

Sunday, December 6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
8:00 am - † Mary Jean Vickers
10:30 am - † Sylvia Flynn
12:15 pm - † Phil Wilson

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Libba Anderson, Lucille Andrews, Patricia Atkins, Terry Baggott, Chuck Barnett, Lois Barnett, Tom Barry, Imre Beke. Germaine Blake, Margaret Briggs, Mary Brockington, Dorothy Brown, Cindy Bumstead, Alex Butler, Judy Canada, Mary Jo Cavanaugh, Stephen Chelko, Joanne Childs, L. Cronin, Brantley Daniel, Dianne Dawson, Lindsey DeBorde, Joseph DeMichael, John DiGeorge, Jean Dingeldine, Linda Sue Ewing, Nancy Faller, Susan Faust, Samia Feghali, Sylvia Flynn, Tripp Furman, George Gallo, Olga Gallo, Betty Gatipon, Laddie Gatling, Iris Gauthier, Richard Georgeson, Cindy Guidry, Steve Guidry, Jeannine Hernandez, Candace Hester, Jessika Johnson, Nadine Jordan, David Josten, James Josten, Barney Kelly, Angie Kempson, Andrew King, William Kinney, Tom Kurimcak, Sheryl Leonard, John Lightsey, Irene Lightsey, Lynn Mancino, Natalie Marsha, Jared McLendon, Terry McWaters, Gayle Michaelis, Julian Montague, Shelley Montague, Michael Morgan, Mary Mulvihill, Glenda Napier, Carolyn Odle, Ellie O'Shea, Melissa Osborne, Virginia Ozgar, Mike Padua, Karen Pandur, Ruth Patterson, Stella Peeples, Irene Perez, Maria Perez, Thelma Perkins, Lori Ann Pisano, Joel Randall, Donna Rock, Brianne Rodriguez, John Rotureau, John Rushman, Anna Sakara, Bill Sanders, Kelly Schneider, Bernadette Scott, Bonnie Siegers, Jaime Simpson, Jr., McLean Sims, John Sisario, Andrea Smith, Edna Soto, Regina Spell, David Steele, Karen Steele, Bettie Sturkie, Edith Teyssier, Daniel Vallini, Mary Mason Walker, Allan Winemiller, Neil Winter, Phyllis Yates



THANK YOU, ALTAR SERVERS

Thank you to all our Altar Servers for your dedication and reverent service throughout the year. Your commitment is truly appreciated by our parish community!
A 2026 Christmas gift is available for each Altar Server in the vesting room.

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

The Tabernacle Vigil Candle,
from November 28 to December 11,
is offered in loving memory of Carmen and Martin Novellas
given by their daugther, Carmen Novellas.

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

No Eucharistic Adoration will be held on the following Tuesdays:
December 8
December 22
December 29
Eucharistic Adoration will resume on its regular schedule after these dates.

WITNESS

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Goal: $35,502.96

Parish Giving (11/21 - 11/22): $30,718.02
Second Collection (Catholic University of America): $2,310.54

St. Vincent de Paul Collection:
This weekend - 11/28 - 11/29

You can access online giving on our website or scan the QR code.

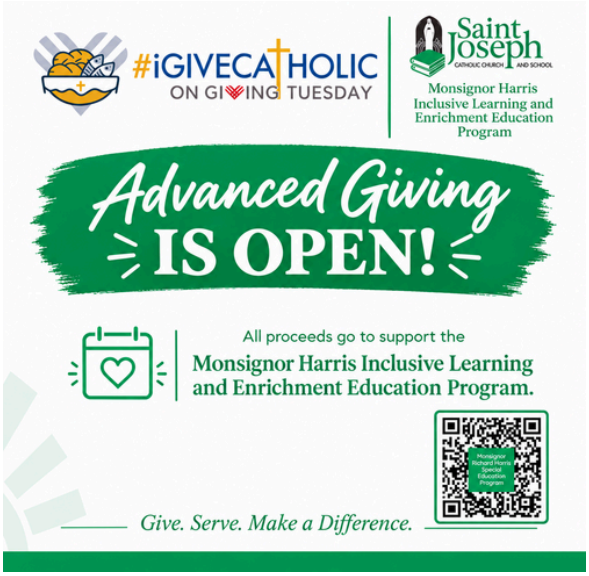
UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION:

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

On the weekend of Dec. 12-13, our diocese will take up the second collection to benefit the retired men and women religious in the Diocese of Charleston. Many of our religious sisters, brothers and priests spent decades teaching in our schools, caring for the sick and ministering to those in need. Through this collection, you have an opportunity to give back to those who have given their lives in service to the Church.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Join us at Our Lady of the Hills on December 8, from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM on December 9, for the National Night of Prayer for Life. This bilingual prayer vigil includes hourly rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration as we unite with Catholics nationwide to pray for an end to abortion and to bring the world closer to Christ.
The vigil honors the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the Unborn.
Location: Our Lady of the Hills,
120 Marydale Lane, Columbia, SC 29210
For more information, contact:
Deacon Steve Burdick: (803) 414-4598 or
sburdick@charlestondiocese.org
Kim Doire: (803) 295-6873 or kimberlydoire@yahoo.com





2026 St. Joseph Giving Tree

Gift Cards & Shoe Drive - Starting November 21st

AS EASY AS 1,2,3



1. CHOOSE A SNEAKER TAG AND/OR DONATION ENVELOPE FROM THE TREE LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX
2. FILL THE ENVELOPE WITH A MONETARY DONATION AND DROP IT IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET - DON'T FORGET TO ADD YOUR NAME!
3. DROP YOUR UNWRAPPED NEW SNEAKERS AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

OR USE THIS QR CODE TO DONATE!

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!

GROW

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

Thursday, December 3, 2026
6–7pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church

CONFESSION AVAILABLE
with Monsignor Harris and Father Lacombe

Families, adults, and children of all ages welcome!

INTRO TO CATHOLICISM

Interested in learning more about Catholicism or deepening your faith? Join our Introduction to Catholicism course beginning September 13, Sundays at 7 PM in the MAB (Donor Hall). All are welcome - bring a friend!
Questions? Contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392.

12/6/26 - Prayer and Fasting
12/13/26 - Living the Liturgical Year
12/20/26 - Are you saved? (and other common questions)

For the complete schedule, go to:
www.stjosephcolumbia.org/becoming-catholic-ocia



FRAUD ALERT: BEWARE OF NEW AND EVOLVING SCAMS

Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated, using emails, text messages, fake QR codes, and even artificial intelligence (AI) to impersonate trusted individuals, including priests, parish staff, family members, and businesses. Some scams use AI-generated voices to imitate loved ones claiming to be in an emergency, while others create convincing messages requesting urgent payments, gift cards, donations, or personal information.

Please remember: St. Joseph clergy and staff will NEVER request gift cards, financial assistance, or payments through unsolicited emails, texts, Venmo, PayPal, or QR codes. Official parish email addresses end in @stjosephcolumbia.org.

Protect yourself: Never click suspicious links, scan unfamiliar QR codes, or share passwords or verification codes. Be cautious of unexpected payments or requests to return money sent "by mistake." Don't let urgency override caution! Even if a message or voice sounds familiar, verify the request by contacting the person or organization directly using a trusted phone number.

If you receive a suspicious message claiming to represent St. Joseph, please contact Adrienne Carroll, Business Manager, at adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org or 803.254.7646, ext. 439.

When in doubt, STOP, VERIFY, and THINK before you respond!

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Your Advent on Formed.

Take the time to wait for God.

Starting November 28, embark on a pilgrimage with Sojourn's daily guide through Advent, directly to your inbox!

Every Advent, the Church sets out for Bethlehem.

Our Advent offering is a **free daily email guide** for you, running from Saturday, November 28 through Christmas Day. Each morning brings a short Scripture passage, a journaling prompt, a prayer, and one small resolution. The guide also features two series on Formed, *How to Advent* and *Adventus*, both open to everyone this season with no paid subscription needed.

daily.formed.org/advent



FROM THE Augustine INSTITUTE

DECEMBER 2026

Parish Calendar

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

For more details, go to www.stjosephcolumbia.org/parish-calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11/29 First Sunday of Advent **Mass 8 AM** No Nursery **Mass 10:30 AM** Livestream and on 90.9 FM No Nursery **Mass 12:15 PM**	11/30 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Senior Life - Bridge: MAB/Sr. Ctr. 12-3 PM Basketball Practice Gym 4:30 - 9:30 PM Boy Scouts Parish House 7 - 8:30 PM	12/1 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Adoration 8 AM-12:15 PM Benediction - 12:15 PM Adoration Chapel Ladies Prayer Group 1-3 PM - Blossom-A Sen Life Bible Study 1-2 PM - MAB/Sr. Ctr. Piccoli Cantori Choir Practice Music Room - School 3-4:10 PM Basketball Practice Gym 4:30 - 9:30 PM Bel Canto Choir Practice Ursuline Hall - 4:30 - 6:30 PM Holy Hour/Happy Hour for Columbia Young Adults 7-8 PM Church	12/2 Men's Prayer Group 6:30 AM - MAB/Sr. Ctr. Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry OPEN 8:30 - 11:30 AM Our Lady's Rosary Makers 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Senior Ctr. Mahjong 1 - 3 PM MAB/Sr. Ctr. Basketball Practice Gym 4:30 - 9:30 PM Choir Practice 5 - 9 PM Ursuline Hall/Church	12/3 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Cursillo Ladies Group 10-11 AM MAB/Corner Conf. Room Gilmore Ladies Group 10:00 AM-1:45 PM MAB/Sr. Ctr. Basketball Practice Gym 4:30 - 9:30 PM Family Holy Hour Church 5 - 7 PM KOC Business Meeting Blossom House - 6:30 PM	12/4 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM St. Joseph School Mass - 8:15 AM - Church Basketball Practice Gym 4:30 - 9:30 PM	12/5 Rosary: 8 AM 1st Saturday Mass: 8:30 AM Confessions before and after 8:30 AM Mass Lay Carmelites MAB/Sr. Ctr. 9:00- 11:30 AM "I Care I Share" weekend for St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Confessions 4-5 PM Mass 5:30 PM
12/6 Second Sunday of Advent **Mass 8 AM** Nursery Available **Mass 10:30 AM** Livestream and on 90.9 FM Nursery Available **Mass 12:15 PM** "I Care I Share" weekend for St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Cub Scout Pack Meeting Gym - 3 PM Youth Group Middle School (5-7 PM - Cafeteria) High School Youth Group (5-6:30 PM - Blossom House/Gym) OCIA MAB/Donor Hall 7-8:30 PM	12/7 Senior Life - Bridge: MAB/Sr. Ctr. 12-3 PM St Jos School 2 PM dismissal Basketball Practice Gym 4:30 - 9:30 PM Boy Scouts Parish House 7 - 8:30 PM	12/8 Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Parish Office Closed Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM School Mass: 9 AM Immaculate Conception Mass: 12:15 PM (livestreamed on our YouTube channel) Ladies Prayer Group 1-3 PM - Blossom Sr. Life Bible Study 1-2 PM - MAB/Sr. Ctr. Piccoli Cantori Choir Practice Music Room 3-4:10 PM Basketball Practice Gym 4:30 - 9:30 PM Bel Canto Choir Practice Ursuline Hall - 4:30 - 6:30 PM Immaculate Conception Mass: 6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Mthly Mtg 7 PM- MAB/Corner Conf. Rm.	12/9 Men's Prayer Group 6:30 AM - MAB/Sr. Ctr. Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry OPEN 8:30-11:30 AM Mahjong 1 - 3 PM MAB/Sr. Ctr. Basketball Practice Gym 4:30 - 9:30 PM St. Joseph Women's Society Christmas Cheer 5 - 7 PM MAB/Donor Hall Choir Practice 5 - 9 PM Ursuline Hall/Church	12/10 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Cursillo Ladies Group 10-11 AM MAB/Corner Conf. Room Gilmore Ladies Group 10:00 AM-1:45 PM MAB/Sr. Ctr. Basketball Practice Gym 4:30 - 9:30 PM	12/11 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Basketball Practice Gym 4:30 - 9:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Party 6 - 9 PM MAB/Donor Hall	12/12 Confessions 4-5 PM Mass 5:30 PM
12/13 Third Sunday of Advent **Mass 8 AM** Nursery Available **Mass 10:30 AM** Livestream and on 90.9 FM Nursery Available **Mass 12:15 PM** OCDS MAB/Sr. Ctr. 1 - 5 PM Youth Group High School Christmas Bash (1-3 PM - Gym) Middle School Christmas Caroling in Shandon (3-5 PM) Family Fellowship SJS Cafeteria 5-7 PM OCIA MAB/Donor Hall 7-8:30 PM	12/14 Senior Life - Bridge: MAB/Sr. Ctr. 12-3 PM Boy Scouts Parish House 7 - 8:30 PM	12/15 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Adoration 8 AM-12:15 PM Benediction - 12:15 PM Adoration Chapel St. Joseph Ladies Prayer Group 1-3 PM - Blossom-A Senior Life Bible Study 1-2 PM - MAB/Sr. Ctr. Piccoli Cantori Choir Practice Music Room - School 3-4:10 PM Bel Canto Choir Practice Ursuline Hall - 4:30 - 6:30 PM	12/16 Men's Prayer Group 6:30 AM - MAB/Sr. Ctr. Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM SJS PTO Meeting MAB/Donor Hall - 7:45 AM St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry OPEN 8:30 - 11:30 AM Mahjong 1 - 3 PM Sr. Ctr. St. Joseph School Christmas Music Program 6-7:30 PM Gym Choir Practice 5 - 9 PM Ursuline Hall/Church Family Fellowship Women 7:30 - 9:30 PM MAB/Sr. Ctr.	12/17 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Cursillo Ladies Group 10-11 AM MAB/Corner Conf. Room Gilmore Ladies Group 10:00 AM-1:45 PM MAB/Sr. Ctr. Confessions 4-6 PM Family Fellowship Men's Beer Night - Hunter Gatherer Brewery | 7:30 PM	12/18 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM St. Joseph School Mass - 8:15 AM - Church St Jos School 12 PM dismissal	12/19 Confessions 4-5 PM Mass 5:30 PM
12/20 Fourth Sunday of Advent **Mass 8 AM** Nursery Available **Mass 10:30 AM** Youth Mass Livestream and on 90.9 FM Nursery Available **Mass 12:15 PM** Lesson and Carols Service 4 PM Church OCIA MAB/Donor Hall 7-8:30 PM	12/21 St. Joseph School Christmas Break Confessions 12-1 PM Senior Life - Bridge: MAB/Sr. Ctr. 12-3 PM Boy Scouts Parish House 7 - 8:30 PM	12/22 St. Joseph School Christmas Break Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Adoration 8 AM-12:15 PM Benediction - 12:15 PM Adoration Chapel St. Joseph Ladies Prayer Group 1-3 PM - Blossom-A Confessions 4-6 PM	12/23 St. Joseph School Christmas Break Men's Prayer Group 6:30 AM - MAB/Sr. Ctr. Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry OPEN 8:30 - 11:30 AM Parish Office closes at 12:30 PM for Christmas	12/24 Parish Office/School closed for Christmas Christmas Eve Masses: 4 PM - Church 4:15 PM - Gym 6:30 PM Church (livestreamed) 10:00 PM - Church	12/25 Merry Christmas! Christmas Day Masses: 9 AM - Church (livestreamed) 11 AM - Church Parish Office/School closed for Christmas	12/26 Confessions 4-5 PM Mass 5:30 PM
12/27 Feast of the Holy Family **Mass 8 AM** No Nursery **Mass 10:30 AM** Livestream and on 90.9 FM No Nursery **Mass 12:15 PM**	12/28 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Senior Life - Bridge: MAB/Sr. Ctr. 12-3 PM Boy Scouts Parish House 7 - 8:30 PM	12/29 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Senior Life Bible Study 1-2 PM - MAB/Sr. Ctr. St. Joseph Ladies Prayer Group 1-3 PM - Blossom-A	12/30 Men's Prayer Group 6:30 AM - MAB/Sr. Ctr. Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry OPEN 8:30 - 11:30 AM	12/31 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Cursillo Ladies Group 10-11 AM MAB/Corn Conf. Rm Gilmore Ladies Group 10:00 AM-1:45 PM Sr. Ctr. Parish Office closes at 12:30 PM Vigil Mass - 6 PM Mary, Mother of God	1/1/27 Mary, Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation Mass - Mary, Mother of God - 9 AM Mass - Mary, Mother of God - 11 AM Livestream and broadcasted on WZJO 90.9 FM Parish Office Closed	1/2/27 Rosary: 8 AM 1st Saturday Mass: 8:30 AM Confessions before and after 8:30 AM Mass Basketball Games/Gym 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM Lay Carmelites MAB/Sr. Ctr. 9:00- 11:30 AM Note: No confession Mass 5:30 PM