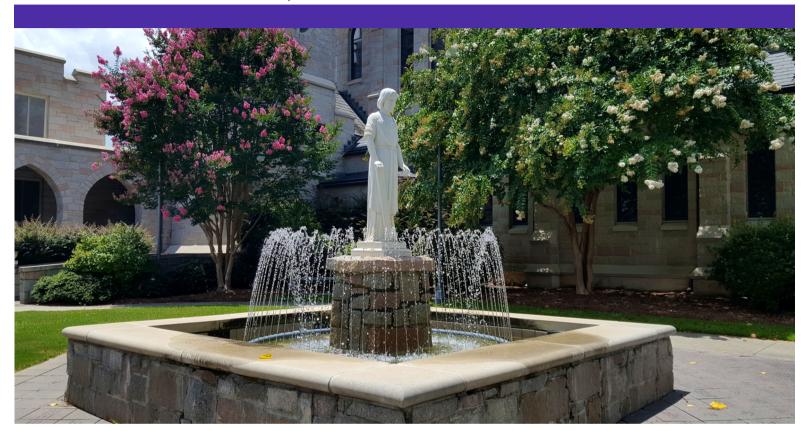


### DECEMBER 10, 2023 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 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 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

### CLERGY OF PARISH

Rev. Msgr. Richard D. Harris, Pastor msgrharris@stjosephcolumbia.org Rev. William Frei, Parochial Vicar frfrei@stjosephcolumbia.org Rev. Christopher Loester, Parochial Vicar frchristopher@stjosephcolumbia.org

### 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 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

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM and by appointment

#### 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 of time 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.

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

Submit all announcements by Wednesday 12:30 PM 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 the protection of children. All volunteers who work with children must complete Safe Environment Training and required Diocesan paperwork. If you would like to volunteer at St. Joseph's, please contact Jamie Vickrey at jamie@stjosephcolumbia.org. The following numbers are provided for your information:

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

### SPECIAL NEEDS:

WHEELCHAIR SEATING

Available in the front row of the Church

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:

In order to access the Loop, a hearing aid must be programmed for the "T" setting, which can be done by a hearing aid specialist. When in the Church, the user can go to the "T" setting on their device and will be connected to the speaker system via their hearing aid.

### **SACRAMENTS**

### BAPTISM:

Parents must attend one baptism seminar before having their child baptized. Baptism Seminars are offered quarterly - Upcoming seminar dates: 1.14.24, 4.14.24, 7.14.24 & 10.13.24

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. (Please note that we have purchased HEPA air purifiers for both parts of the confessional, in an effort to provide a safer environment for everyone.)

# **WORSHIP**

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 10

8:00 am - Prodencio Vasallo

10:30 am - Parishioners of St. Joseph

12:15 pm - † Phil Wilson

Tuesday, December 12

7:30 am - † Rodolfo Ramirez

† Mary Sue Crump

Wednesday, December 13

7:30 am - † Bob & Louise Dillon

Thursday, December 14

7:30 am - † Charles M. Hill

† Nadia Mubarak

Friday, December 15

7:30 am - † Bobbie Connor

8:15 am - School Mass - † Fadia Mubarak

Saturday, December 16

5:30 pm - Rev. David Nerbun

Sunday, December 17

8:00 am - † François Asmar

10:30 am - † Norman & Shirley Luker

and Merlin & Lois Meyer

12:15 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

## JOIN US FOR A RORATE MASS



The "Rorate" Mass is an ancient Advent tradition that takes its name from the first word of the Introit: Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant iustum, "Drop down dew, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness." This Mass in honor of Mary is a beautiful candlelit Mass that begins in the darkness of early morning. The interplay of light and darkness as the church becomes progressively brighter with the sunrise symbolizes the coming of the Eternal Light, whom we await during the Advent season. Our Mass will be on Saturday, December 16 at 6:30 AM, starting with silent prayer and reflection at 6 AM. Open to all parishioners.

### **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

is extended to the families of Agnes Kuhs (12.4.23), parishioner and sister of Teri Kuhs and Jeffrey DeJames (12.3.23), son of Dolores (predeceased), husband of Shawn DeJames, brother of Karen Hattler, father of Dylan DeJames Bonds (Robert), Torin, Aidan, and Pierson DeJames. May their souls rest in peace.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for those

who are shut-ins, ill, or recuperating at home, especially:

Alice Abdalla, Libba Anderson, Lucille Andrews, Patricia

Atkins, Chuck Barnett, Margaret Briggs, Mary Brockington,

Dorothy Brown, Joanne Childs, Dianne Dawson, Lindsey

DeBorde, Mary DeLay, Joe DeMichael, Therese Dionne, Bill

Dukes, Joann Dukes, Katie Dukes, Paula Durocher, Katie Egan,

Susan Faust, Jameson Finney, Sylvia Flynn, Tripp Furman,

Marjorie Fusci, George Gallo, Olga Gallo, Kevin Gantt, Betty

Gatipon, Laddie Gatling, Iris Gauthier, George Geckle, Richard

Georgeson, Karen Gray, Claire Hadfield, Kristine Handley,

Jessika Johnson, Bill Jones, Nadine Jordan, Mary Kahaly,

Angie Kempson, James Kinard, John Kinard, William Kinney,

Agnes Kuhs, Janice Lambka, Charlene Landry, Brennan Logue,

Lynn Mancino, Christina McKinney, Inge Miller, Hope

Mosher, Mary Mulvihill, Christian Myers, Glenda Napier,

Brenda Nauful, Ellie O'Shea, Anita Owens Orf, Melissa

Osborne, Virginia Ozgar, Mike Padua, Ruth Patterson, Stella

Peeples, Maria Perez, Donna Peru, Jane Rando, Brianne

Rodriguez, John Rotureau, John Rushman, Anna Sakara,

Bonnie Siegers, Lois Simmons, Andrea Smith, Edna Soto,

David Steele, Karen Steele, Maria Stewart, Betty Stork,

Catherine Grace Stirling, Davis Bryan Stirling, Bettie Sturkie,

Anthony Warren, Neil Winter, Phyllis Yates



# CONGRATULATIONS MONSIGNOR HARRIS!



Congratulations and Happy 30th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood (December 11). May God continue to bless you with wisdom, understanding, strength, and grace. Thank you for all you do for the parishioners of St. Joseph Church and School.

### EXPLANATION OF MASS OBLIGATIONS FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



This year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. Christmas, a Holy Day of Obligation, falls on Monday. Catholics therefore have an obligation to attend both a Sunday Mass and a Christmas Mass. To fulfill your Sunday obligation you may attend one of the following Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass (Dec. 23) at 5:30 PM or Sunday morning Masses (Dec. 24) at 8 AM, 10:30 AM or 12:15 PM. To fulfill your Christmas obligation you may attend one of the following Masses: Christmas Vigil Masses (Dec. 24) at 4 PM, (Church) 4:15 PM (Gym), 6:30 PM or 10 PM (Church) or Christmas Day Masses (Dec. 25) at 9 AM or 11 AM, both in the Church.

The Nursery will be closed on Sunday, December 24, and Sunday, December 31.

## WITNESS

### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budgeted Goal for 2023-2024: \$31,448.46

Weekly Collection: \$37,141.70

Upcoming Second Collection -December 9/10 - Religious Retirement Fund



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May the peace of the Lord be with you, now and forever. I write to tell you about the upcoming collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious on the weekend of Dec. 9-10. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, past and present, have had on our diocese and our country. Their lives of sacrifice deserve our help now to ensure they are provided for in retirement.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to the Church, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities are finding it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including medical expenses, nursing assistance, and other necessities.

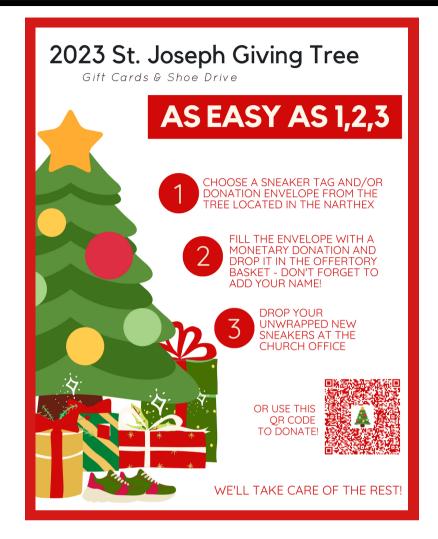
Your generous donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their brothers, sisters, and priests. This is an opportunity to express God's love through your gifts. As we have been instructed in the book of Romans, "Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality" (12:13).

I invite you to give whatever you can toward this year's collection. In addition to your contribution, please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers and pray for an increase in vocations to the religious life.

May God, the giver of all good things, bless and keep you.

In Christ's love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS Bishop of Charleston



### **EMAIL AND TEXT SCAMS- BE AWARE!**

The recent surge in national email and phone scams involves impersonating parish priests/staff for fund solicitation. Beware of fake emails from our church personnel, requesting funds electronically—this isn't our practice. A new scam involves text messages from our clergy asking for donations; this is not legitimate.

### Spotting a scam:

- Scammers use casual, brief messages urging help or aid.
- Texts have non-local numbers; emails use fake addresses mimicking real ones.
- Check sender email addresses for phoniness, resembling but differing slightly from authentic ones (e.g., <u>FrJoe@gmail.com</u> vs. <u>FrJoe@msn.com</u>).

### Precautions:

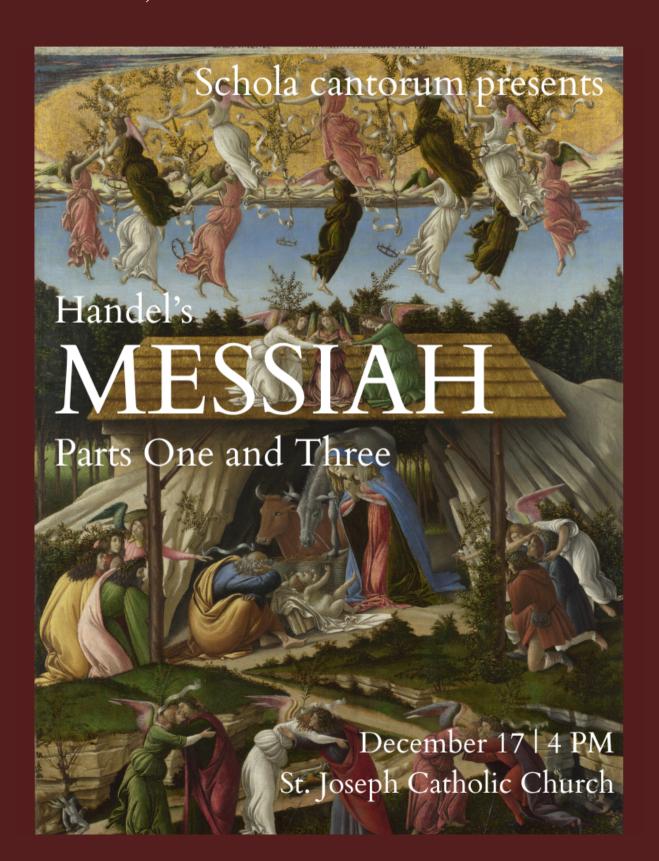
- Respond to money-related texts/emails in person/phone to verify legitimacy.
- Don't click on any part of these messages; they might contain malicious software.
- Avoid sharing passwords or opening infected email attachments.
- Scammers create urgency or curiosity to manipulate emotions.
- Be wary of urgent demands, requests to bypass policies, or offers that seem too good to be true (like winning a lottery).
- Our church primarily communicates through weekly electronic updates (via Flocknote) and mail.

For inquiries, contact Adrienne Carroll, our Business Manager, at <u>adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org</u> or 803.254.7646 ext. 439.

### SCHOLA CANTORUM PRESENTS: HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Saint JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH T5... ANNIVERSARY Pray, Serve, Celebrate

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 4 PM





# Immaculee Ilibagiza



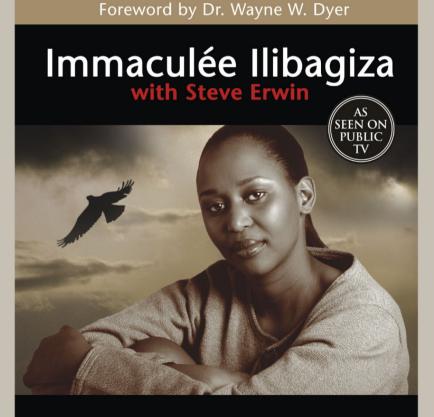
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### St. Joseph Catholic Church

Immaculée Ilibagiza survived the 1994 Rwandan genocide by hiding in a 3ft. x 4ft. bathroom for 91 days with seven other women. Immaculée endured fear, starvation, anger, and despair for months, all while her family, community, and nearly one million of her tribe were slaughtered. Remarkably, her tragedy transformed Immaculée into a strong woman dedicated to peace and reconciliation. She now travels the world sharing her story and healing the hearts of those struggling with fear, doubt, and hate. Her autobiography, Left to Tell, has sold more than two million copies and is in the process of becoming a major motion picture.

We are blessed to be having her join us at St. Joseph's on Thursday, February 1 to tell her story of faith, hope, and forgiveness.

To reserve your seat, go to <a href="https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/immaculee">www.stjosephcolumbia.org/immaculee</a>



# LEFT TO TELL

Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust

# INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM

All parishioners looking for a refresher on various topics of the faith are welcome to join the *Introduction to Catholicism* and OCIA class from 9:15-10:15 AM in the Ministries & Admin Bldg.

For more information, please contact Adam Fisher adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392.

### **Upcoming Topics:**

12/10 - Intro to Sacraments - Baptism and Confirmation 12/17 - Why do Catholics do that? (General Q&A, common practices, etc.)

1/7/2024 - The Holy Eucharist - Source and Summit of Our Faith

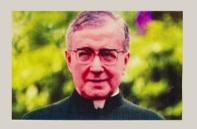
1/14 - Catholic Christian Worship

1/21 - The Holy Sacrifice of The Mass (a walkthrough)

1/28 - Holy Orders

# Friends of St. Josemaria Recollection A monthly mini-retreat for men

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



### Monday, December 18, 2023 at 7:15 PM Schedule:

7:15 SJI\* meditation in church (confessions heard)

7:45 Layman talk in meeting room (Corley Conf Room in Ministries & Admin Building)

8:10 Examination of Conscience

8:20 Benediction with SII\* meditation (confessions heard)

9:00 Get-together with snacks/drinks (Corley Conf Room)

\*Saint Josemaria Institue podcast Questions? john.regalbuto@gmail.com



### **ENROLLMENT OPEN**

We are pleased to announce that enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! Would you like to learn more about our wonderful parish school? We would love to welcome you for a personalized tour! Call or email Kerry Reedy (803.254.6736 or <a href="mailto:kreedy@stjosdevine.com">kreedy@stjosdevine.com</a>) to schedule. Or check out our Virtual Tour (<a href="https://stjosdevine.com/take-a-virtual-tour/">https://stjosdevine.com/take-a-virtual-tour/</a>) for a preview. Ready to apply? The application can be found on our website – <a href="https://www.stjosdevine.com">www.stjosdevine.com</a>. Click "Apply Now" to get started.

### ADVENT SEASON AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Advent Prayer - The school will host two prayer programs during this holy season. Our morning rosary group, Mary's Children, will meet every day that school is in session during Advent from 7:25-7:45 AM. Students will gather each morning in the cafeteria to pray the rosary and prepare their hearts for the coming of Jesus. The student body also gathers in the gym every Monday and Wednesday from 8-8:15 AM during Advent to light the Advent wreath, sing songs, and pray. We welcome parishioners to join us for any of these prayer programs.



You are cordially invited to Cardinal Newman School's annual Christmas Choral Concert on Tuesday,
December 12, 2023, at 7 PM at St. Joseph. This is going to be an outstanding evening of music. Cardinal Chorale,
CN's high school choir will present
Dan Forrest's Lux:
The Dawn from on High!
You will not be disappointed!
Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketsource.us/cardinal-newman-school.

### ADOPT-A-SOLDIER

Fort Jackson is asking for our participation in Adopt-A-Soldier program to be held on Christmas Day. They hope to provide all interested Trainees who remain at Fort Jackson over the holidays with the opportunity on Christmas Day to spend time with a family in their Faith community. Fort Jackson is asking for interested families to host TWO trainees or more. They will arrange for the host family to come on Christmas Day onto Fort Jackson to pick up their soldiers between 10:30 AM - 12 PM. This will allow the Soldiers to spend between 3 to 4 hours as your guests before you return them to their unit. If you are interested in participating in "adopting a soldier" on Christmas Day, please contact Jamie Vickrey at <a href="mailto:jamie@stjosephcolumbia.org">jamie@stjosephcolumbia.org</a> by December 15.

### DECEMBER 2023

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10 2nd Sunday of Advent  Mass 8 AM Nursery Available  CCD (School) 9:15 - 10:15 AM Intro to Catholicism (MAB) 9:15-10:15 AM Mass 10:30 AM Livestream and on 90.9 FM Nursery Available  Mass 12:15 PM	ll Senior Life - Bridge: MAB/Sr. Ctr. 12-3 PM	Men's Prayer Group 6:30 AM - MAB/Sr. Ctr. Rosary: 7 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Adoration 8 AM-12:15 PM Benediction - 12:15 PM Adoration Chapel Ladies Bible Study 10-11 AM MAB/Sr. Ctr. Senior Life Bible Study - The Gospel of Luke - 1-2PM MAB/Sr. Ctr. Lectio Divina Women's	13 Rosary: 7 AM Mass: 7:30 AM  Legion of Mary - 8:30-10 AM Blossom-B  St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry OPEN 8:30 - 11:30 AM - behind the church	14 Rosary: 7 AM Mass: 7:30 AM  Cursillo Ladies Group 10-11 AM Blossom-A Gilmore Ladies Group 10:00 AM-1:45 PM MAB/Sr. Ctr.	15 Rosary: 7 AM Mass: 7:30 AM School Mass - 8:15 AM School Christmas Break Begins - 12 PM dismissal	16
OCDS Day of Recollection Church 1:30-2:30 PM OCDS - MAB/Sr Ctr.2:30-5 PM Family Fellowship Sunday Dinner 5 -7 PM MAB/Sr Ctr.	Boy Scouts - Parish House Upper - 6:30 PM	Prayer Group 1-3 PM - Blossom-A Youth Group eteam- 6-8 PM Blossom House St. Vincent de Paul Mthly Mtg 7 PM- MAB/Corley	Youth Group 6-8:30 PM Blossom House School Christmas Program 6:30 - 7:30 PM (Gym)			Confessions 3-5 PM Mass 5:30 PM
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Schola Cantorum presents The Messiah - 4 PM (Church)	House - 6:30 PM Friends of Josemaria 7:15-10 PM Church	1-3 PM - Blossom-A Family Fellowship - Men's Group 7:30 PM - WECO Bottle & Biergarten Youth Group eteam- 6-8 PM Blossom House	Youth Group Christmas Party 6-8 PM Blossom House			Confessions 3 - 5 PM Mass 5:30 PM
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3] Feast of the Holy Family Mass 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM Inverteem and on 90 9TM Mass 12:15 PM Mary, Mother of God - Mass: 6 PM	1.1.24  Mary, Mother of God  Mass 10 AM  Livestream and on 90.9 FM  Parish Office closed					

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<u>ls 35:1-10;</u> <u>Ps 85:9ab</u> <u>and 10, 11-</u> <u>12, 13-14;</u> <u>Lk 5:17-26</u>	ZEC 2:14-17; JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19; LK 1:26-38	<u>ls 40:25-31;</u> <u>Ps 103:1-2, 3-</u> <u>4, 8 and 10;</u> <u>Mt 11:28-30</u>	<u>ls 41:13-20;</u> <u>Ps 145:1 and</u> <u>9, 10-11, 12-</u> <u>13ab;</u> <u>Mt 11:11-15</u>	<u>Is 48:17-19;</u> <u>Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4</u> <u>and 6;</u> <u>Mt 11:16-19</u>	Sir 48:1-4, 9- 11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15- 16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10- 13	Is 61:1-2A, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53- 54; 1 Thes 5:16- 24; Jn 1:6-8, 19- 28