

# THE Cathedral Courier

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.



# This Week

November 26 - December 3, 2023

## SUN 26 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for James LaFlam  
 8:00 am Mass for Kevin Keane  
 10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

## MON 27 Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 34)

12:05 pm Mass for Rita DiCarlo

## TUE 28 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Betty Hickman

## WED 29 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Thomas & Eugenia Tobin

## THU 30 Feast of St. Andrew

12:05 pm Mass for Jack DeMatte

## FRI 1 Weekday in Ordinary Time First Friday

11:15 am Confessions  
 12:05 pm Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie  
 12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration Begins  
 5:00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## SAT 2 Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary First Saturday

9:00 am Mass for Lee Hendershot  
 9:30 am Rosary  
 5:00 pm Confessions  
 6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

## SUN 3 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Mass for Joseph Truini  
 9:15 am Book Club (*Rectory*)  
 10:30 am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members  
 of the Nicholas & Nimnoon Ghaphery  
 and David & Faye Ghaphery Families  
 6:00 pm Sung Evening Prayer



## From Father Sateesh

"How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To Him belong glory and power forever and ever."



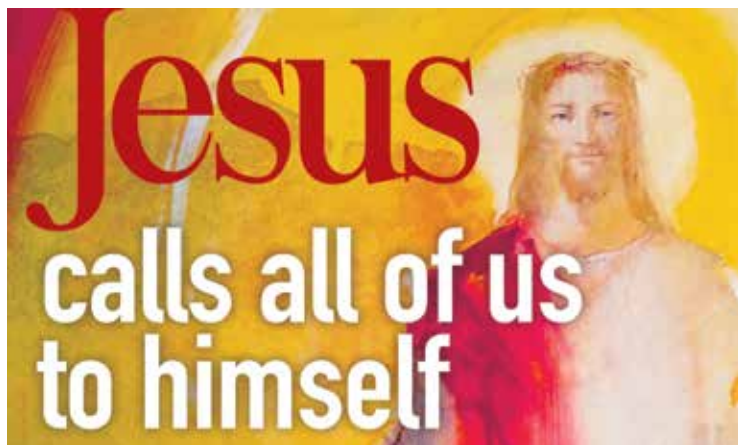
Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe which is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. Next weekend we begin the Season of Advent in preparation for the second coming of the Lord Jesus and his immediate birth. Since the announcement of his birth, the Only Begotten Son of the Father, born of the Virgin Mary, was described as "king" in the Messianic sense, that is, heir to the throne of David...for a Kingdom that would have no end.

The kingship of Christ remained completely hidden until he was thirty years old, years spent in an ordinary life in Nazareth. Then, during his public life, Jesus inaugurated the new Kingdom which does not belong to this world, and finally, with his death and resurrection, he fully established it. Appearing to the Apostles after he had risen, he said, "Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth." This power flows from the love that God manifested in its fullness in the sacrifice of the Son. The Kingdom of Christ is a gift offered to the people every epoch so that those who believe in the incarnate Word may not die but have eternal life. Jesus established an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, and a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. May our lives bear witness to this same God and Jesus Christ so that we who long for this kingdom may merit it through our belief in the all-powerful God!

This coming week on Friday, December 2, 2023, we will have our monthly Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning immediately after the 12:05 p.m. Mass and concluding with Benediction at 5:00 p.m. What a great way to begin the Season of Advent! Please make an effort to spend some time with Our Lord during this time of Adoration. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the Church to set a time for yourself.

## Advent & Christmas Schedule

The Cathedral's 2023 Advent and Christmas brochure available in the back of the church lists the special liturgies and events marking these holy seasons. Invite someone to join you for one of our Advent liturgies or for Christmas Mass this year. You will be giving the "perfect gift" of Jesus Christ.



# The Season of Advent

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH

## VESPERS (SUNG EVENING PRAYER)

**Sundays of Advent at 6:00 p.m.**

*Music by the Cathedral Schola*

## AFTERNOON OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MUSIC

**Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m.**

## ADVENT EVENING OF EUCHARISTIC ENCOUNTER

**Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Presented by Sr. Agnes Thérèse Davis, T.O.R.*

## CHRISTMAS IN INDIA WITH FR. SATEESH

**Monday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m.**

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

**Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m.**

## BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI

**December 16/17 Weekend Masses**

*"Advent is the time we are given  
to welcome the Lord  
who comes to encounter us,  
and also to verify our longing for God,  
to look forward and prepare ourselves  
for Christ's return."*

- Pope Francis



## Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage

On **July 17 to 21, 2024** the Church in the United States will gather as one family for a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN. This exciting event will be a five-day experience with prayer, Mass, Adoration, Catechetical sessions, fellowship, etc. with Catholics from around the country.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston was able to purchase 250 tickets at a discounted rate and Bishop Mark Brennan would like to make them available to members of the Catholic faithful at no cost.

**Because of the large number of Catholics across the state, the Diocese has decided to allot 2 tickets for each parish.** It is important to note that the complimentary ticket is only for entry into the venue. It does not include transportation, hotel, or meal costs. To help offset the cost for participants, the Diocese is partnering with Corporate Travel, the official pilgrimage partner of the National Eucharistic Congress, to make a comprehensive pilgrimage package available to participants at a discounted rate.

**Please see the flyers in the back of the church for more information as well as pricing. If you are interested in participating in this pilgrimage, please submit your name to the parish offices by December 6.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sundays of Advent** - Sung Evening Prayer, 6pm  
**December 3** - First Sunday of Advent  
**December 6** - St. Nicholas Party for Young Adults, 7pm  
**December 8** - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
**December 10** - Advent & Christmas Concert, 3pm  
**December 14** - Eucharistic Encounter with Sr. Agnes Therese  
**December 17** - Decorating the Church for Christmas, Noon  
**December 18** - Christmas in India with Fr. Sateesh, 6pm  
**December 19** - Christmas Caroling at Continuous Care, 6pm  
**December 24** - Christmas Eve Mass, 6pm  
**December 25** - Christmas Midnight Mass  
**December 25** - Christmas Day Mass, 10:30am  
**December 30/31** - Blessing of Families, All Weekend Masses  
**January 1** - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
**January 7** - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord  
**January 8** - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

## Magnificat Advent Companion

We are happy to provide the Magnificat Advent Companion in the back of the church to help deepen your prayer life during the upcoming Advent Season. This rich spiritual companion will accompany you through the four weeks of Advent with poignant scriptural reflections for each day of the season. You will also find a wealth of meditative prayers, essays, and poetry, an examination of conscience, and a unique feature: the Advent Stations. Please take one for yourself and allow this book to bring you ever closer to Jesus our Savior.

## The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Don't have cash or check? Consider making a contribution using our online services [www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving) or scan the QR code from your phone!



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## Collection

**November 19, 2023**

*The collection data was not available at the time of publication. It will be published next week.*

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## We Are One in Him

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and His Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

— Father John Muir

## Restored Parish Mission this January!

We are so excited to announce a Restored Parish Mission which will take place at our Cathedral on January 19 and 20, 2024 presented by Mr. John Edwards, an inspirational and nationally recognized speaker on the Catholic Faith. He is the Founder of Pew Ministries, Co-Founder of Virtual Catholic Conference and the Host of the popular podcast "Just a Guy in the Pew."

John Edwards will lead us through a series of inspiring talks and discussions for the whole family. This mission is a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, connect with others in the community, and find renewed hope and strength. Don't miss out on this special event that will leave you feeling uplifted and restored. **Mark your calendars and get ready for an incredible experience!**

JOIN US ON JANUARY 19TH & 20TH FOR ST. JOSEPH'S

# RESTORED PARISH MISSION



**JOHN EDWARDS**  
FOUNDER OF PEW MINISTRIES AND HOST OF "JUST A GUY IN THE PEW" PODCAST

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH**

- 7:00 PM** From Addict to Evangelist: John's Powerful Conversion Story
- 8:15 PM** Reception

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH**

- 9:00 AM** Mass
- 9:45 AM** Restoring Your Identity: Who You Are, Whose You Are, and Why You're Here
- 11:00 AM** The Most Important Thing: A Personal Relationship with Jesus
- 12:15 PM** Men's Lunch
- 12:45 PM** Men's Ministry Training

Cathedral of St. Joseph  
1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003




# THY KINGDOM COME!

# PARISH GROUPS

## Women's Group

Tuesday, December 12

6:30 - 7:30 pm in Chancery Cantina

A women's discussion, prayer, and faith-sharing community open to all adult women at any stage of life. Monthly meetings include Scripture study, prayer, fellowship, and fun.

## Men's Group

Begins this January!

A group of men committed to living out the Faith through prayer, friendship, and discussion, emulating the virtues of our patron, St. Joseph, and striving to become better husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers.

## New to the Parish?

Are you new to the Parish? Has your address or phone number changed? Are you a Catholic wishing to return to the Church? We would love to hear from you! Contact or stop by the Parish Offices to find out more information on how to become a member of the Cathedral Parish.

## Book Club

Sunday, December 3

9:15 - 10:15 am in Rectory

Our faith sharing book club meets monthly to explore topics of the spiritual life, literature, and culture in a communally enriching way.



## Christmas Caroling

Tuesday, December 19 at 6pm

Continuous Care Center

If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, this group is just for you!

**Help spread the joy and hope of the Christmas season by joining parishioners parishioners and friends for an evening of Christmas Caroling at the Continuous Care Center in Wheeling on December 19 at 6pm!**

## MONTH OF ALL SOULS



"It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins," observes the writer of Maccabees in the Old Testament (2 Maccabees 12:45-46; quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 958). Intercession on behalf of those who have died is a cherished tenet of our Catholic faith, springing from our belief in the resurrection of the body and the communion of saints. "Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayer and intercession (*Order of Christians Funerals*, 6). Trusting in God's mercy, we continue to pray for them, knowing that this spiritual bond with our brothers and sisters who have died can never be broken. In the month of November, when we celebrate All Souls, we pray in a special way for those who have died — those who are known to us, and those known only to God.

### Ways to Honor the Holy Souls

- ❖ Visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased
- ❖ Pray for the souls in purgatory with St. Gertrude's Prayer (see page 7)
- ❖ Perform acts of charity and sacrifices for the holy souls

YOUNG ADULT  
**St. Nicholas Day**  
PARTY

Join us as we launch our  
new young adult group with  
fun, food, and fellowship!

Wednesday, December 6  
7:00 p.m.  
Chancery Cantina

Please bring a covered dish to share!



# SAINTS OF THE WEEK

## November 30 - St. Andrew, apostle (1st century)

St. Andrew was the first of the Twelve Apostles to meet Jesus. He was one of the two disciples of John the Baptist who saw John point out Jesus and say, "Behold, the Lamb of God" (John 1:36). Much like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. Andrew's very name means strong and he was known for having good social skills. Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels, but it is believed Andrew was one of the closer disciples to Jesus. Per Christian tradition, Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras. He was bound, rather than nailed, to a cross, as is described in the Acts of Andrew. He was crucified on a cross form known as "*crux decussata*," which is an X-shaped cross or a "saltire." Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus." From the cross, it is said that Andrew preached for two days. *Patronage:* fishing industry; fisherman; mariners

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of November 26

#### THIS SUNDAY

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
Matthew 25:31-46

#### MONDAY

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20  
(Ps) Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
Luke 21:1-4

#### TUESDAY

Daniel 2:31-45  
(Ps) Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61  
Luke 21:5-11

#### WEDNESDAY

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28  
(Ps) Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67  
Luke 21:12-19

#### THURSDAY

Romans 10:9-18  
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
Matthew 4:18-22

#### FRIDAY

Daniel 7:2-14  
(Ps) Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81  
Luke 21:29-33

#### SATURDAY

Daniel 7:15-27  
(Ps) Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87  
Luke 21:34-36

#### NEXT SUNDAY

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

*The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.*

THE Cathedral of St. Joseph

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL 2022-2024

*He said to them, "Come and see." - Jn 1:39*

## An Evening of Eucharistic Encounter

with Sr. Agnes Thérèse Davis, T.O.R.

Join us for an evening of Adoration, reflection, and music to deepen our understanding of, love for, and living out of the Holy Eucharist

**Thursday, December 14, 2023  
7:00 pm**

**Confessions at 6pm  
Light Social to follow**

Cathedral of St. Joseph  
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Sr. Agnes Thérèse Davis is a member of the Franciscan Sisters, TOR, of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother. She currently assists her community in downtown Steubenville, serving those in material poverty.



## Confraternity of St. Nicholas

The Confraternity of Saint Nicholas is a public association of the faithful who, through prayer, fasting, and good works, are dedicated to the protection of all children from scandalization, abuse, and trafficking. Obligations are to attend Mass on December 6 and May 9, to say the Litany of St. Nicholas weekly, a brief daily prayer, and skip one meal every Wednesday.

For more information and to register, please visit: [www.confraternityofstnicholas.org](http://www.confraternityofstnicholas.org)

## Pro-Life Thought

*At all stages of life, we believe life is sacred. Whether it's at a child's conception to a senior on their last breath, life is a blessing that should be preserved as God intended.*

Susan B. Anthony (1889), abolitionist and early leader of the women's suffrage movement, opposed abortion, saying: "Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be killed away from them."

## The Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Holy Souls

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer	Chuck Fair	Kermit Klosterman	R. J. Stocke
Angela Niehart	David A. Kress, Jr.	Kristin Smith	Richard Simon
Archer Hatch	Dianna Albright	Langan Family	Rick Burgy
Arthur Danehart	Doug Jones	Liam Barns	Ron Hickman
Austin Cook	Eric South	Liam Manning	Rosalie Davis
Barb Mazzocca	Eva Wood	Lukie Brown	Rose Otey
Becky Schlosser	Fr. Joseph Wilhelm	Margaret Stocke	Sarah Hanasky
Beth Jochum	Frank Davis	Marge Mucheck	Sarah Sargent
Betty Teater	Frederick C. Schweizer	Marie Farnsworth	Shirley DeCaria
Bill Wilson	Gail Koch	Marie & Conner	Stanley Kyrk
Bob Armstrong	George Kirchner	Workman	Susan Graff
Billy Hanasky	Geri Adams Nagy	Mark Davis	Susan Mize
Brian Hanasky	Hines Rotriga	Marshall South	Susan Schulte
Brogan Gallentine	Jean Schultz	Martha Yocum	Susanna Kress
Caleb Hlebiczi	Jim Antill	Mary K. Schlosser	Tammy
Carol Young	Jim and Dee	Mary Walicki	Teresa Helfer
Carolyn Lash	Jimmy Hocking	Michael DeBlasis	Thelma Pearson
Carolyn Wiethe	Joe Bechtel	Milissa Rose	Tony Helfer
Catherine Lanham	John Petrella	Nadine Greenwood	Trystan Timmons
Charles Heizer	Jon-Michael Lasher	Nicholas Barns	Victoria Jeskey
Charles DeBeni	Judy Pack	Pete Cuffaro	Zoey Knight
Children of the	Julia Sheets	Pete Mack	
Youth Services System	Kathy Cooley	Philippa Shores	
Christina Helfer	Kaitlyn Hanasky	Rachel Wade	

## From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### Catholic Life Explained:

#### Anointing of the Sick

#### Question:

If isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

#### Answer:

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).

# The Cathedral of Saint Joseph



## MASS TIMES

- SUNDAYS** 6:00 pm (Saturday)  
8:00 am  
10:30 am
- WEEKDAYS** 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)  
9:00 am (Saturday)
- HOLY DAYS** Please consult the bulletin

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- FRIDAY** 11:15 - 11:45 am
- SATURDAY** 5:00 - 5:45 pm  
or by appointment

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, a visit can be scheduled upon request.

### MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.

Please notify the parish of address changes through contacting the parish office or by visiting the website.

**Bulletin Articles due by 9am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.**

