

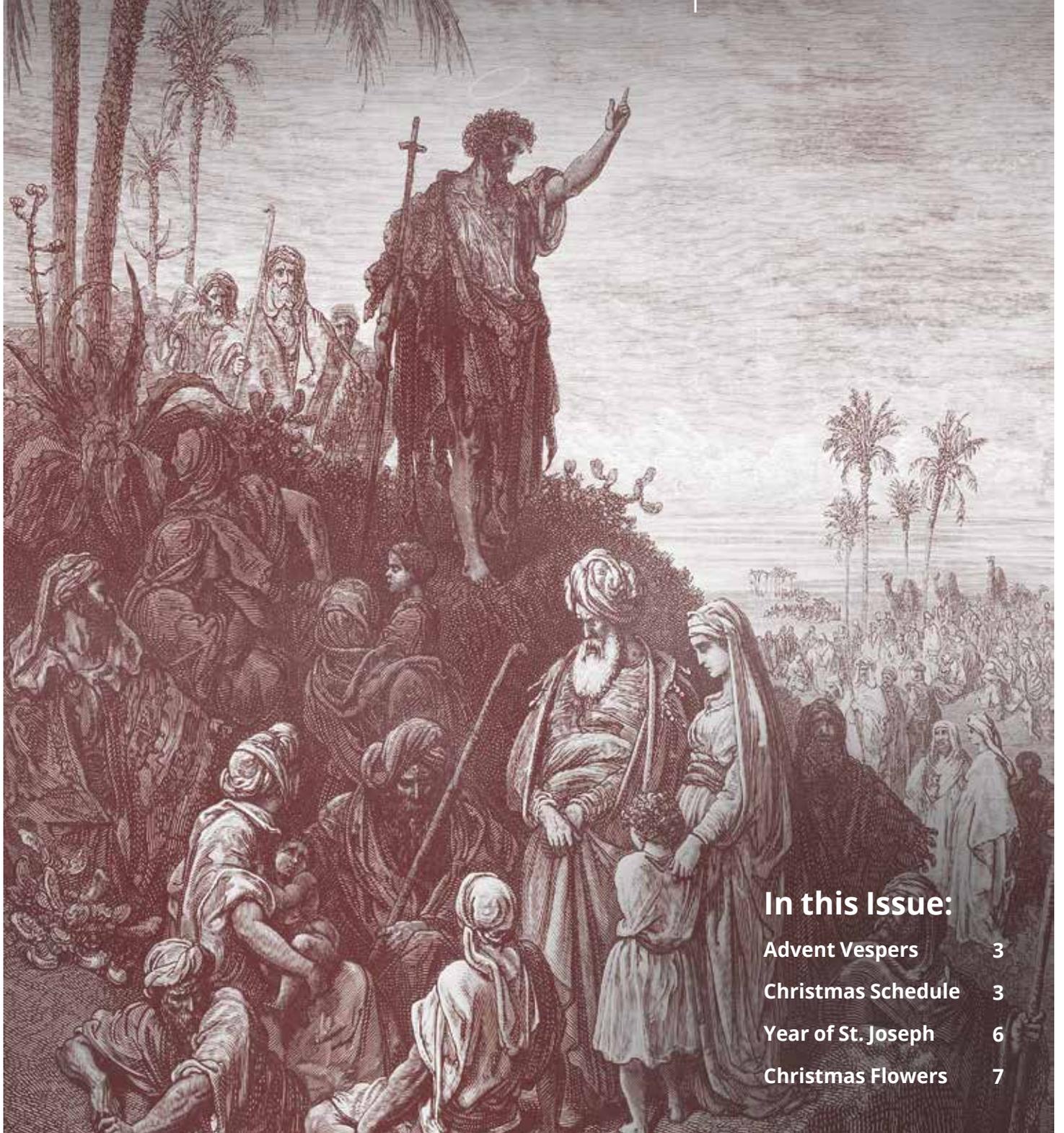
# THE Cathedral Courier

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

December 13 - 20, 2020

## SUN 13 Third Sunday of Advent

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Chris Miller  
8:00 am Mass for Bernard Carson Monnes  
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners  
6:00 pm Vespers

## MON 14 Saint John of the Cross

12:05 pm Mass for Adiel Anghie

## TUE 15 Advent Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Bartholomew Purpura

## WED 16 Advent Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Antonina Purpura

## THU 17 Advent Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for James Evangelist

## FRI 18 Advent Weekday

11:15 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for Paul & Dorothy Fillipovich

## SAT 19 Advent Weekday

9:00 am Mass for Ron Radcliffe  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

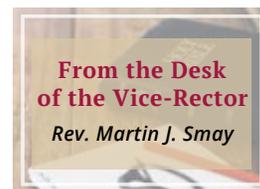
## SUN 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Mass for Madeline Belby  
10:30 am Mass for John & Shirley Sheets  
6:00 pm Vespers



Dear Parishioners of the Cathedral Parish,

This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent which has come to be called "Gaudete Sunday." *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice!" The name of this Sunday comes from the first word during Mass which, in former times, the priest would say out loud or, in more solemn Masses, the choir would chant as the priest was processing to the altar. Today, technically this may still be done, although it is unlikely that this is the first word that the congregation will hear during Mass in our time because we have moved from doing chants from the Roman Missal to singing hymns (perhaps more on this in another column). The full text of the entrance chant is "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." This is a Sunday which is to be marked by a kind of lightness or levity, a break from the fasting and penance which was characteristic of Advent at different points in history.



This "lighter mood" pervades the liturgy of the day. Most notably the sacred ministers set aside the penitential and more somber violet vestments in exchange for the rarely used rose vestments (in fact, rose is a color which is used only twice a year, the other time being during Lent). Advent has not always started on the 4th Sunday before Christmas as it does today. In times past, it has started as early as November 12th, the day after the feast day of St. Martin of Tours. Thus Advent used to last 42 days (Sundays inclusive) and in that way would mirror Lent and was even known in some places as "St. Martin's Lent." The penitential character of this season used to be so predominating that the sacred ministers would not wear violet but black vestments. We can imagine that if the Advent fast were much stricter and more severe and it were much longer, the Catholics living in those times would have a great joy (and need) for a day of levity which our Holy Mother, the Church, so fittingly provided them. A break, as it were, from the harshness of the season. We are, figuratively speaking, in mourning and in a state of sadness while we await the arrival of our Lord whom we ought to love above all else. St. Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians that "Here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling" (5:2). Yes, we possess Him already by grace (pray God) and He has already walked among us and shed His Precious Blood to redeem us. This knowledge certainly adds a measure of joy and hope to our earthly pilgrimage to the Father's House and to our expectation of the second coming of our Lord at the end of time. But still "we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord... and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord" (5:6, 8).

Yet, there is one consolation above all others which serves to alleviate our sadness at being away from the Lord. This is what I wish to call "the Eucharistic meaning of *Gaudete* Sunday."

Our Blessed Savior, on the night He was betrayed, told His disciples "I will not abandon you, I will come to you" (John 14:18) and after this He took bread and a chalice of wine and instituted the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of His True Presence. Our Lord's love for us is so great that, just as we do not want to be far from Him, neither does He want to be far from us. And so He dwells, veiled under the appearance of bread and wine, in every tabernacle in every Catholic Church through the entire world. By faith He has given us knowledge that what appears to be bread and wine is truly the Lord. We must not think of the Eucharist as an inanimate object; our Lord is

alive there and He waits for us to come to Him, to seek Him out so that we might offer Him our cares, concerns and the love of our impoverished hearts; He waits for us to come to Him so that He might console us with His love. And this Real and physical Presence of our Lord among us is for us a break, a respite from the weariness that this world induces as we travel through this valley of tears to that "building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:2).

The Eucharist is a reason to rejoice every Sunday, because it is for us what *Gaudete* Sunday was in former times: a respite from hardship and a cause for joy because "indeed, the Lord is near!"

God love you and keep the Faith!

*Fr. Martin J. Smay*

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### When was the last time you invited someone to Mass?

Each one of us has a responsibility to evangelize - to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. How can we reach out to our friends, family members, and those we work with who are not practicing their faith? Consider inviting them to join you for Christmas Mass this year. Pray that the peace and joy of the Christ Child may enlighten their hearts and minds to accept His grace in their lives.

## GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS

### During the COVID-19 Pandemic

We ask that you please review and adhere to these guidelines while attending Mass in the Cathedral:

#### Wear Face Masks

The faithful are required to bring their own facemasks and to wear them during Mass.

#### Keep Your Distance

Social distancing is necessary at Mass while seated in the pew and during the Communion procession. Families living in the same household may sit together. We are only able to accommodate 92 people per Mass at the Cathedral. Seating will be on a first come first seated basis.

Some common, though optional practices of the Mass, will be omitted such as the use of hymnals, holding of hands during the Our Father, the Sign of Peace, and the offering of the Precious Blood of Christ to the faithful. The complete list of guidelines are available for your review on the diocesan website: [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org).

Please keep in mind that Bishop Brennan has given the faithful of the Diocese the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass. Therefore, sick persons and those more susceptible to infection – the elderly, those already in frail health – are urged to remain at home and participate in televised or online Masses. Anyone who fears being infected by attending Mass should stay home.

# Christmas

## AT THE CATHEDRAL

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Thursday, December 24

**Mass: 3:00 p.m.**

Choral Meditations: 5:30 p.m.

**Mass: 6:00 p.m.**

Choral Meditations: 11:30 p.m.

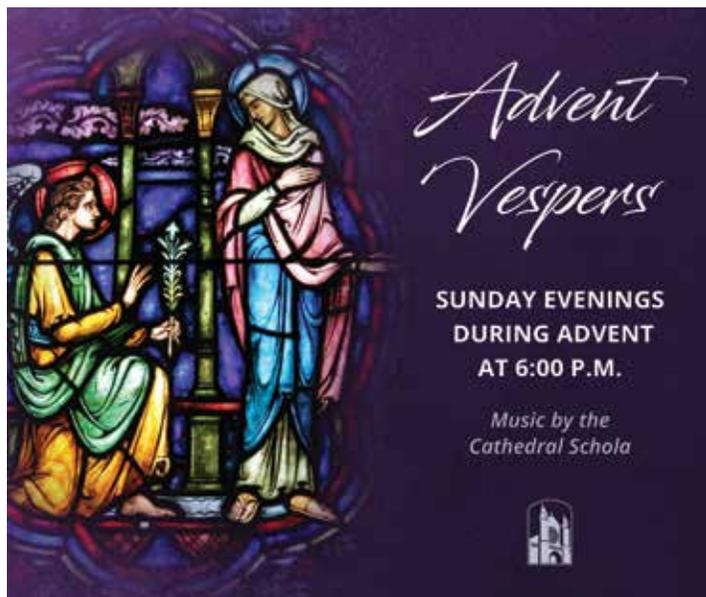
**Mass at Midnight**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Friday, December 25

**Mass: 10:30 a.m.**

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
**OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS**

**Mass: Thursday, December 31 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**& Friday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m.**



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December 6, 2020

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Saint Lucy (c.283-304), even from a young age, had a burning desire to serve God and an infinite love for the poor. Living in Syracuse, a city in Sicily, she fell prey to the Diocletian persecutions, which eventually resulted in her martyrdom. She resisted a man, believed to be a Roman soldier, who tried to rape her. He, in turn, denounced her as a Christian and had her tortured and killed. Numerous legends revolve around her death, but one that has gained popularity is that she tore out her eyes in an act to resist her attacker. Her name in Latin, *Lucia*, comes from *lux, lucis*, meaning light; therefore, many northern countries honor her at this time of year when darkness is pervasive. Sweden celebrates the virginity and martyrdom of St. Lucy during a festival of light with a sacred procession of young girls clothed in white dresses with red sashes, and crowned with lit candles.

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lottery. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as



gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.



# - DID YOU - KNOW?

★ FACTS ★  
ABOUT OUR PARISH

Bishop Swint worked closely with architect Edward Joseph Weber (1877-1968) to design the Cathedral. Weber trained in Boston and attended the prestigious *Ecole des Beaux Arts* in Paris from 1903 to 1905. He then moved to Pittsburgh where he designed many Roman Catholic ecclesiastical buildings. To the right of the main entrance of our Cathedral, next to the base of the door jamb, is a small stone lightly and poignantly carved with the architect's name, followed by the letters OPM, for the Latin *Ora Pro Me* (pray for me).

## Gabriel Project

The Wheeling Serra Club has launched its annual Diaper Drive to help the Northern Panhandle Gabriel Project. This year it's easier than ever to help the mothers and their babies. Just go to <https://go.rallyup.com/b20e94> to make an online donation. Or, if you prefer, you can write a check to Wheeling Serra Club and mail it to P.O. Box 4, Wheeling, WV 26003.

The Gabriel Project provides practical help to needy pregnant women and to families with infants and children two years of age and younger to give children a healthy and safe start in life.

Your donation will be multiplied thanks to the generosity of Team Sledd, which matches every diaper donated by the Serra Club up to 5,000 diapers. Project Gabriel helps about 150 women each month thanks to direct and indirect support from the Serra Club and Team Sledd.

For more information about the Gabriel Project, call (304) 639-5039.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### Catholic Life Explained:

#### Confession

#### Question:

If God knows everything we do, why do we need to go to Confession?

#### Answer:

Another term for the Sacrament of Confession is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We go to this sacrament not only to confess our sins, but to be reconciled with God. Of course, this begs the question, "If I can pray to God on my own, why can't I be reconciled to God on my own?" In the seven sacraments, we recognize the importance of community. Sacraments like baptism or matrimony happen in the context of the wider church to remind us of the communal impact of our lives. We are not alone in our walk of faith!

We don't need to confess our sins in front of the whole community – thank God! But going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others as well. Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God Himself. We receive an outpouring of grace and strength to sin no more and our relationship with Christ and his Body, the Church, are restored.

Rest  
in  
Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

**Bertha Wurtzbacher** (Dec 6, 2020)

**Marion "Lou" Musilli** (Dec 7, 2020)

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer  
Archer Hatch  
Arthur Danehart  
Austin Cook  
Barb Mazzocca  
Beth Jochum  
Betty Teater  
Bill Wilson  
Bob Armstrong  
Bob Jones  
Billy Hanasky  
Brian Hanasky  
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Youth Services System  
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George Kirchner  
Geri Adams Nagy  
Hines Rotriga  
Janet Cupp  
Janie  
Jean & Chuck Schultz  
Jim Antill  
Jim and Dee  
Jimmy Hocking  
Joe Bechtel  
John Petrella  
Jon-Michael Lasher  
Judy Pack  
Julia Sheets  
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Kaitlyn Hanasky  
Kenneth Shores  
Kermit Klosterman  
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Liam Manning  
Lucille Renowick  
Lukie Brown  
Margaret Stocke  
Marie & Conner  
Workman  
Mark Davis  
Marshall South  
Martha Yocum  
Mary Ann Fowler  
Mary K. Schlosser  
Mary Walicki  
Michael DeBlasis  
Millissa Rose  
Milly Burke  
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Nicholas Barns  
Norma Bosold  
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Philippa Shores  
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Thelma Pearson  
Trystan Timmons  
Victoria Jeskey



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

# SAINTS OF THE WEEK

## December 14 - St. John of the Cross (1542-1591)

Saint John of the Cross grew up near Avila, Spain in poverty. His father died when he was young, and his widowed mother struggled to support the family. Shortly after his ordination in 1567, he met Teresa of Avila and was drawn into her reform of the Carmelites. The reform set Carmelite brother against brother, and John was even imprisoned but used the time to write the *Spiritual Canticle*. For this, and for his other great work, *Dark Night of the Soul*, he is considered one of the greatest poets to write in Spanish. *Patronage*: contemplatives

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of December 13

#### SUNDAY

##### Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 1:1-2, 10-11  
(Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

#### MONDAY

Nehemiah 24:2-7, 15-17  
Ps 25:4-5, 6, 7, 8-9  
Matthew 21:23-27

#### TUESDAY

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13  
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23  
Matthew 21:28-32

#### WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25  
Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14  
Luke 7:18-23

#### THURSDAY

Genesis 49:2, 8-10  
Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 17  
Matthew 1:1-17

#### FRIDAY

Jeremiah 23:5-8  
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19  
Matthew 1:18-25

#### SATURDAY

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25  
Ps 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17  
Luke 1:5-25

#### NEXT SUNDAY

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

*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.*

## Pope proclaims year dedicated to St. Joseph

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus.

In a Dec. 8 apostolic letter, "*Patris Corde*" ("With a father's heart"), the pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble."

"St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all," he said.

As Mary's husband and guardian of the son of God, St. Joseph turned "his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home."

Despite being troubled at first by Mary's pregnancy, he added, St. Joseph was obedient to God's will "regardless of the hardship involved."

"In every situation, Joseph declared his own '*fiat*,' like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane," the pope said. "All this makes it clear that St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood and that, in this way, he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation."

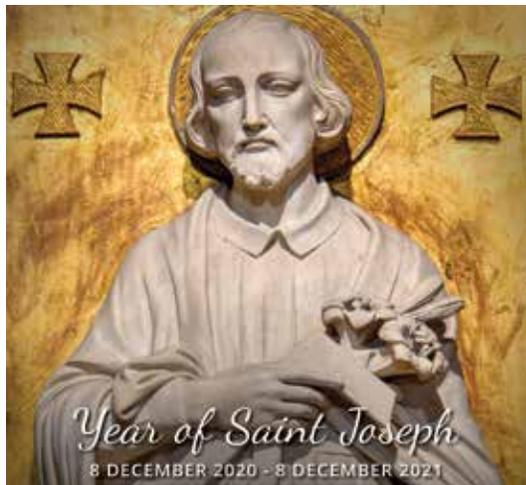
St. Joseph's unconditional acceptance of Mary and his decision to protect her "good name, her dignity and her life" also serves as an example for men today, the pope added. "Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence toward women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man," he wrote.

The pope concluded his new apostolic letter by urging Catholics to pray to St. Joseph for "the grace of graces: our conversion."

## *Prayer to Saint Joseph*

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.





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## 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.

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