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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 22: Vigil

8:00 Fr. Martin Dolan
5:00 Augustinhe Gouveia, Thomas Falcon,
Martha Plenca

Sunday, December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:45 Dino Lezaja
9:00 Rosario, Gatana & Filippo Giacone,
Giovanni Vicari
10:30 Jose & Dolores Inga, Maria Gonzalez &
Alfredo Sanchez
12:00 Anton Frankovic & Luci Jan Veselica
7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, December 24: Vigil of Christmas

12:00 People of the parish
6:00 pm Children's Pageant Mass
11:00 pm Christmas Hymns & Carols
12:00 Midnight Solemn Mass

Tuesday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

7:45 Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
9:00 Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
10:30 Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
12:00 Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Wednesday, Decemebr 26: St. Stephen

8:00 Nativida Almonte, Bolivar Ramos
12:00 Mladenko Grgas, Anna Milcetic
7:30pm Cris-Angel Paulino

Thursday, December 27: St. John

8:00 Steven Velci
12:00 Eleanor Alfonso

Friday, December 28: The Holy Innocents

8:00 Mario Marussich
12:00 Rose Antonelli

Saturday, December 29: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

8:00 Accion De Gracias Barros Guterrez
5:00 Arcangelina D'Elia & Loretta Myers

Sunday, December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:45 Pawla & Mariano Cauchi
9:00 Darrigo Family
10:30 *Mass Available*
12:00 Maria Antonia Russo
7:00 p.m. *Mass Available*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND

Regina Burlando, Tosso, Carmela Sotomayor Gardella,
Suzanne Rush, Wilson Roberto Fattore

Those Who Have Entered into Eternal Life

Raymond Henricks, Myrna Garcia Bedoya,
Maria Della Polla

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 2018

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. — Luke 1:42

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and recollecting.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12 21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of Dec. 24–28 will burn in memory of Hazel Louise Incantalupo as requested by: The Incantalupo Family



BREAD & WINE for the week of Dec. 24–28 will burn in memory of Hazel Louise Incantalupo as requested by: The Incantalupo Family



The parish office will close at noon on Monday, December 24th and will reopen on Thursday, December 27th at 9am.

Merry Christmas

**CHRISTMAS SEASON
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**



Christmas Eve Monday, December 24

Mass Schedule

12:00 Noon

6:00 p.m. Children's Pageant Mass

11:00 pm ~ Christmas Hymns & Carols

12:00 Midnight ~ Solemn Mass

(Please note there will be no 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve)

Christmas Day ~ Tuesday, December 25

7:45 am.,

9:00a.m. (English/Italian),

10:30 am (Spanish),

12:00 Noon

(Please note that there will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day)

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God**

Mass Schedule

New Years Eve, Monday, December 31

12:00 Noon

Vigil Mass ~ 6:00 pm.

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1

10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.

**NEW YEAR'S
EVE PARTY**



Monday December 31, 2018

7:30pm to 1:00am

St. Joseph's Academy
Auditorium

Cocktails ~ 7:30pm

Dinner ~ 8:30pm

Complete Buffet Dinner,
Cash Bar, Music and Dancing
Complimentary Champagne at Mid-
night, Party Favors,
Noisemakers, and More!!

**Watch the Ball Come Down at
Midnight!!**

Reserve your tickets before
Thursday, Dec. 27th!!

Individual Tickets ~ \$50 per adult, \$15 per
child.

Special Table Package for 8 Adults ~ \$350
(\$43.75 each)

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!!

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent and our readings call upon us to contemplate the role of our Lady and St Joseph in salvation History. While most of the time, we emphasize the Story of the angel Gabriel coming to our Lady asking her if she would cooperate with God's plan, today we see in our brief Gospel that St. Joseph also had to say yes and collaborate with God's plan too! He had his concerns and doubts and an angel appeared to him to remind and reassure him that God is with us. He too accepted God's plan and did what the angel commanded him and took Mary into his home.

As Christmas day quickly approaches I hope and pray that all of us will continue to work together and allow the Word (Jesus) to take flesh in us and we are once again renewed in His love. Working together as a family to make the joy and hope of Christmas a reality in our lives. The First reading from the midnight mass on Christmas reminds us "A people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." By working together we scatter the darkness and let his light shine. A light of renewed hope.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your generosity and support in making Christmas here at St. Joe's a little taste of heaven. Thank you if you sponsored a Christmas tree, thank you for your generosity in your Christmas gift to the parish, Thank you for your generosity with the Christmas flower collection. Thank you for your kind words and encouragement as we venture forward together. On behalf of Fr's Cesar, Bill and myself our best wishes for a blessed Christmas for you and your family with our sincere wishes for a Happy and healthy New Year. If you are traveling and will be away rest assured of our prayers.

In closing I hope to see you around in the upcoming Holidays and I just want to remind you that the rectory office will close at 12p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Tuesday Dec, 25 and Wednesday Dec. 26 (small Christmas gift to our dedicated staff).

And in the words of Tiny Tim from Dickens: A Christmas Carol "God bless us all each and everyone!"

Merry Christmas
Fr. Vincent

MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Hoy es el cuarto domingo de Adviento y nuestras lecturas nos llaman a contemplar el papel de nuestra Señora y la salvación histórica de San José. Mientras que la mayor parte del tiempo, enfatizamos la historia del ángel Gabriel viniendo a nuestra señora preguntándole si ella cooperaría con el plan de Dios, hoy vemos en nuestro breve evangelio que San José también tuvo que decir sí y colaborar con el plan de Dios también! Él tenía sus preocupaciones y dudas y un ángel se le apareció para recordarle y tranquilizarle que Dios está con nosotros. Él también aceptó el plan de Dios e hizo lo que el ángel le mandó y llevó a María a su hogar.

Como el día de Navidad se acerca rápidamente espero y rezo para que todos sigamos trabajando juntos y permitir que la palabra (Jesús) tome carne en nosotros y una vez más se renueva en su amor. Trabajando juntos como familia para hacer realidad la alegría y la esperanza de la Navidad en nuestras vidas. La primera lectura de la Misa de medianoche en Navidad nos recuerda que "un pueblo que caminaba en la oscuridad ha visto una gran luz". Al trabajar Juntos dispersamos la oscuridad y dejamos que su luz brille. Una luz de esperanza renovada.

Deseo aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecer a todos por su generosidad y apoyo en hacer de la Navidad aquí en St. Joe un poco de sabor del cielo. Gracias por haber patrocinado un árbol de Navidad, gracias por su generosidad en su regalo de Navidad a la parroquia, gracias por su generosidad con la colección de flores de Navidad. Gracias por sus amables palabras y aliento a medida que nos aventuramos juntos. En nombre del padre Cesar, Bill y yo mismo nuestro mejores deseos para una Navidad bendita para usted y su familia con nuestros deseos sinceros para un año nuevo feliz y saludable. Si usted está viajando y estará lejos esté seguro de nuestras oraciones.

En el cierre espero verles alrededor en el próximas vacaciones y sólo quiero recordarles que la oficina estará cerrada a las 12:00 medio día del 24 de Diciembre y permanecerá cerrada hasta el martes diciembre, 25 y miércoles 26 de diciembre (pequeño regalo de Navidad a nuestro personal dedicado).

Y en las palabras de Tiny Tim de Dickens: un villancico "Dios nos bendiga a todos y todo el mundo!"

Feliz Navidad,
Padre Vicente

**CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO
23 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2018**

Bendita eres entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre. — Lucas 1:42

RECUERDOS Y SUEÑOS

En el curso de nuestra vida mantenemos el idioma y los hábitos de nuestra región nativa y familia de origen. Cuando retornamos a nuestro hogar tras una larga ausencia, rápidamente volvemos a su manera de hablar y a sus prácticas familiares. Nuestros profundos recuerdos se reflejan en viejas historias y palabras y en modos de conversar. Esta familiaridad corre como un río subterráneo y nos acompaña a donde sea que vayamos. No solamente recordamos, sino que somos incorporados y formamos parte de una memoria más amplia. Cuando traemos recuerdos a la mente somos a la vez reunidos y recordados. Hoy recordamos a María, una joven frágil, que recorre zonas rurales para visitar a Isabel. Todos los grandes pronunciamientos y sueños de los profetas apuntan a este tiempo en que deben cumplirse las palabras del Señor a María. Las memorias de su pueblo están vivas en ella, y esas memorias alimentan nuestra fe viva.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom. In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition. There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

**CENA Y BAILE PARA RECIBIR
EL AÑO NUEVO**

La Parroquia de San José le invita a recibir el Año Nuevo con una Cena Bailable el día Miércoles 31 de diciembre de 7:30 pm a 1:00 am. Cena completa, música, baile, bar abierto, rifas de premios de dinero, y mirar caer la bola a la media noche. Los boletos son únicamente a \$50 por persona y \$10 por niños mayores de 12 años. Puede comprarlos en la oficina de la parroquia. Obtenga su boleto antes de que se terminen. Esta oferta es únicamente hasta el 27 de diciembre. Todos son bienvenidos. Aproveche de nuestra oferta especial. Por una mesa de 8 personas adultas usted paga \$350.

Nota: No se venderán boletos en la entrada.

**UPDATE ON PARISH WEEKLY
COLLECTION, DECEMBER 9, 2018**

Christmas Collection.....	\$5,554
Religious Retirement.....	\$1,147
Immaculate Conception.....	\$1,081
Total Collection.....	\$7,782

THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Please join us for our weekly meeting every Wednesday after the Noon Mass, in the Gathering Space; Length of meeting is approximately one hour.



FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 8:00 to 9:00am, to assist any parishioner that is need of food. To register please bring a NYC Benefit card.

Please Note: The Secure Food deposit Box...

Located in the front lobby of our church on the Rectory side. Please deposit all dry food (pasta, rice, beans, cans and bottles) there.

This will assist us in securing that your food donations go directly to the needy.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Please mark one:

- Please register me and, yes, send me envelopes.
- Please contact me about becoming a Catholic or completing my initiation as a Catholic through the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Please contact me about Religion Education for my child.
- Please contact me about how I can volunteer.

Name: _____

Last Name _____

Date of Birth : _____

Address: _____

Apt. # _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip code** _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please fill out this form, and deposit in the basket collection or in the Parish office, or e-mail rectory@stjosephastoria.org

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