

# Saint Joseph CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.  
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.  
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
or by appointment with the pastor.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is closed during lunch 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Submit all bulletin announcements to [bulletin@saintjosephcc.com](mailto:bulletin@saintjosephcc.com) no later than Friday, a week prior, at 12:00 p.m.



## Holy Family School—Huntsville

Jim Bell, Principal  
256.539.5221

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## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For all inquiries, please call Maritza Holland at the parish office. For sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, there must be at least one year of formation immediately prior to the preparation for the sacraments.

**BAPTISM.** Parents and godparents must attend a baptism preparation session before scheduling a baptism.

**MARRIAGE.** If you intend to be married at St. Joseph Church, you must be registered in the parish and be active by donating your time, talent or treasure in support of parish projects. Regular Mass attendance on Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation is also required. Couples planning marriage should contact the parish before setting a wedding date.

**OCIA.** Adults and children of catechetical age are welcomed into the Church through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

## ANointing OF THE SICK

Please call Fr. Joseph Lubrano at the parish office to schedule an anointing.

## FUNERALS

We have a number of people to help plan funeral liturgies. Please call the parish office before contacting the funeral home to avoid scheduling conflicts.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our parish and wish to register, please call the parish office for the appropriate forms.

# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00am: +Robert Ellis  
5:00pm: +Rick Harris

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:15am: +Viviana Uribe Torres  
11:15am: For the Parish

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00am: +Juan Carlos Rios Quiroz

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:00am: +Barbara Welker

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00am: +Lorenzo Carrillo

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

### **Thanksgiving Day**

9:00am: Stanley Family

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00am: +Ted & Jean Sikora

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00am: +Maria López  
5:00pm: +Oscar Rosas

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 01

### **1st Sunday of Advent**

8:15am: For the Parish  
11:15am: +Ted & Jean Sikora

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This meditation was for Tuesday, November 19 and comes from *The Loose Leaf Lectionary for Mass Nov. 1, 2024 – Jan. 31, 2025*. The readings for that day were: **Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22/Psalm 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Luke 19-1-10.**



We are about to begin a new Liturgical Year as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent next weekend. I thought that this meditation would be good for all of us to take the time to reflect and make ourselves ready for the many blessings and graces God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit want to shower on us.

### Reflection

Today we hear the Word, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me." (**Revelation 3:20**). To our surprise, Jesus called the sinner – Zacchaeus - to open his door and dine with him. Zacchaeus was the tax-collector known for his dishonest practices, a man burdened by his sins and societal judgment. Yet, when Jesus called him by name and expressed his intention to visit his home, Zacchaeus responded with joy. He didn't let his past mistakes define or keep him from the transformative encounter with Jesus. Instead, he eagerly opened the door of his heart to the Savior.

In our lives, our "door" symbolizes the entry point to our innermost selves - the core of our being where our thoughts, feelings, and desires reside. Jesus invites us to open this door to him, to welcome him into the depths of our being. Rather than serving as a barrier, our sins should become the very reason we open our door with humility and repentance. It is an acknowledging our need for a Savior that we create a space for the joy of salvation to enter.

So, where is our door? It is in the vulnerability of our repentance, the sincerity of our prayers, and the openness of our hearts to receive God's mercy. Our door is wherever we acknowledge our need for Jesus, inviting him into the messiness and brokenness of our lives. It is in the moments of reflection, prayer, and reconciliation that we find the door creaking open, allowing the loving presence of Jesus to enter and transform us from within.

I hope you have a wonderful week filled with many blessings and joys, and that you enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

**Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe**

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### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Last Sunday, we had our major annual church cleaning after the 11:15 a.m. Mass to prepare for Advent and Christmas. I appreciate John Filippo for organizing the afternoon of cleaning, members of the Spiritual Life Committee, members of the Knights of Peter Claver/Ladies Auxiliary, parish families and the many hands that helped get the job done. Thank you all for your time and energy.

**Fr. Joe**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Maddie Clearly, John Rourke, Jr., Cindy Morales, John & Linda Dimmock, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Bernice Geigel, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Wanda Boren, Richard Brown, Jena Lanszell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Matthew M., Selena M., Jackie Weems, Bob Strang, Mateo Hernandez, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburm, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Mary Bell, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Mary Vandergraft, Jeff Baldwin, Ben Sundry, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Claude Davis, Mary Platt, Kennita Turner, Eva Nave, Judy Blanche, Anna Belander, the Price family, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, Bruce Jansen, Mary Jean & Ron Travis, Jean Arndt, Mil White, Fr. Tim Pfander.

### Note

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Renate at the parish office. When that person recovers, please call again to remove their name so that others can be put on the list. **Thank you, Fr. Joe**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Luke 21:1-4	Friday	Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a Luke 21:29-33
Tuesday	Revelation 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13 Luke 21:5-11	Saturday	Romans 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Matthew 4:18-22
Wednesday	Revelation 15:1-4 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-9 Luke 21:12-19	Sunday	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
Thursday	Sirach 50:22-24 Ps 113:1-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Luke 17:11-19	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>			

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

**2024 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

December 9, Masses at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. with Holy Family School,  
and 7:00 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING**

After all weekend Masses December 14 & December 15

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

Every Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment  
Communal Penance/Confessions December 18, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

December 24

4:00 p.m. Family Mass

6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

December 25

12:00 a.m. Mass at Midnight (music starts at 11:30 p.m.)

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

**CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU**

On November 16, Bishop Steven Raica came to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish. We had 15 young people and two young adults who received the Sacrament.

**Dawson Amos, Maleah Ballard, Ashlyn Brooks, Valerie Cortes-Garcia, Mariana Cortez, Maria Craig, Joel Espino, Lesly Fierro, Sean Kearney, Cristal Martinez-Quintana, Ronnye Perez, Nolan Simmons, Steven Terrell, Joseph Terry, Ifunanya Ukeje, Olivia Uzomah and Luis Zurita.**

In addition, I want to acknowledge the 8:15 a.m. Sunday Mass choir who shared their gift of music, and those who prepared our young people - Maritza Holland, Kevin and Michelle Nash, Morris and Carmen Amato, Jane Folk, Jillian Fried and the OCIA Team. I want to thank altar servers Matteo Ayala, Caed Lynch, Maddie Lynch and Lucy Fried. Finally, thanks to Claire Williams, Helen Taylor and the Joyful Workers for providing a wonderful reception. We are truly blessed with so many generous people who give of their time, talent and energy. If I missed anyone, please forgive me.

**Fr. Joe**



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

If you would like to make a donation to seasonal flower arrangements or request a special commemoration, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

**CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING**

Regular Collection	\$ 8,219.87
Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,625.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 01**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00pm:	Larry Bayer
8:15am:	Dawson Amos
11:15am:	Christian Ejimah

**LECTORS**

5:00pm:	Bonnie Johanneman, Susan Carr
8:15am:	Ellen Styles, Robert Styles
11:15am:	Bruce Taylor, Florence Okafor

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00pm:	Tammy Hoskins*, Jenny Craig, Gus Smith, Marian Kilgore, Karen Thompson
8:15am:	David Brost*, Cecilia Bruton, Rita Cusack, Josette Dant, Jamie Stewart
11:15am:	Donnis Aragon*, Bernita Briggs, Brenda Brown, Jane Dodds, Jerolyn Golightly

# Religious Education

## Formation and Catechesis

**CATECHIST NEEDED** for third and fourth grade religious education classes. We are also looking for volunteer catechist assistants. If you are interested, please call Maritza Holland in the parish office at 256-534-8459 during regular business hours.

### FORMATION CALENDAR

Nov. 24	<b>NO RE/OCIA—HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>
Dec. 1	<b>NO RE/OCIA—HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>
Dec. 7	1st Reconciliation 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Church
Dec. 8	RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Holy Family School/St. Francis Hall OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Building
Dec. 15	RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Holy Family School/St. Francis Hall OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Building



### CHRISTMAS BOXES 2024



It's Christmas Box time at St. Joseph! Please pick up a food item list in the church vestibule or the parish office. All donations must be returned to the church by December 7. You can also purchase Scrip for the boxes, put it in an envelope marked "Christmas Box Donation," and place in the offertory basket. We will have two collections designated for the Christmas Boxes— the Thanksgiving Day collection and a second collection at all Masses on November 30/December 1. Proceeds from these collections will be used to purchase item shortages and grocery store gift cards. The gift cards will allow recipients to purchase perishable items, such as meats and fresh produce, that we do not provide. Please help us on the following important dates.

Nov. 23/24	Bring food donations to church
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving collection
Nov. 30/Dec. 1	Second collection at all Masses
Dec. 7	Last day to bring donated food
Dec. 7	Count and sort donated items—9:00 a.m.
Dec. 13	Build packing boxes—5:00 p.m.
Dec. 14	Pack the boxes—9:00 a.m.
Dec. 15	Boxes available for pick-up

This is a big annual undertaking for our parish that could not be done without the efforts of all who contribute to this outreach ministry. Please give generously of your time, talent and spirit to make this another successful year. For more information, call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

### THE 2ND ANNUAL LOLA LIGHT THANKSGIVING DAY BAKE SALE is this weekend.

Sale hours are 4:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, and 8:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Sunday. Be sure to shop early for the best selection of homemade sweet, savory and breakfast treats.

### HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FALL RAFFLE

Buy a \$10 ticket for a chance to win a 60-inch TV; a large party basket with wine, cheese, chocolates and other delectable items; or a smaller snack basket with wine, cheese and chocolates. Limited tickets are available for purchase after all weekend Masses. The drawing will be held after the holiday bake sale on Sunday, November 24.

**ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** Admissions for the 2025-2026 school year are open from November 15, 2024 to March 1, 2025.

Visit [www.jp2falcons.org/admissionsprocess](http://www.jp2falcons.org/admissionsprocess) to learn more about our new admissions process and timeline, or contact our admissions office at 256-430-1760, ext. 117, or [admissions@jp2falcons.org](mailto:admissions@jp2falcons.org).

## Here Is What's Happening This Week

**HFS Closed Nov. 25-29 for Thanksgiving**

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Parish office closed—Thanksgiving

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Parish office closed—Thanksgiving

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 01

1st Sunday of Advent

**NO NURSERY at 8:15 & 11:15 Masses**

**NO RE/OCIA**

### Facilities Key

FMC = Messmer Center/Gym

SJC = St. Joseph Church

SFH = St. Francis Hall

LMR/LIB = RE Center

STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel

BRZWY = Breezeway

VBC = Von Braun Center