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DECEMBER 20, 2020 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HELLO AND WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH PARISH!

Thank you for joining us today. Blessings! May you have a beautiful day. The St. Joseph Parish family extends a warm welcome to our visitors and new families. We are delighted to have you! If you are a new parishioner, ask one of the ushers for a parish census/registration form. Please complete and drop in the collections basket or bring by the church office during business hours. If we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know. We hope you will find a true home at St. Joseph Church!

RECORD OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

December 13, 2020

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$10,810.00
 Poor Box—\$11.00

Like Mary, may our lives, too
 reflect Christ's light to the
 world through our gratitude
 and generosity.

6:00PM—26
 11:00AM—49
 Total—75

Blessed Thanks!



Please pray for our sick, shut-ins, those listed in our book of intentions, parishioners residing in nursing homes, and others who have asked for prayers: *Gino Aureli, Gia Blanchard, Richard Cass, Brandie Castleberry, Sybil Cope, Shelley Dedman, Victoria Doyle, Theresa Failla, James Gross, Julie Dial Habelmann, Gene Hastings, Scott Howell, Anna Marie Jacks, David Jackson, Mary Ann Kizer, Mike Lambert, Lucille Marconi, Anthony Mayer, Scott McGeorge, Elaine McKenney, Jeff Miskell, Lynn Morgan, Franklin Murray, Linda and Thomas Oster, Judy Reese, Rose Mary Smith, and Laurie Stanfield.* Please keep them in your prayers in their time of need... And all others in need of our healing prayers. Also, remember the caregivers of the ill.

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*In your prayers, also remember the deceased, especially Hazel Turchi.
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration Chapel is now open. Please contact Mark or Mary Ives (870-489-4404) if you would like to send a quiet hour with our Lord on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

***The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass Schedule
 (Christmas IS a Holy Day of Obligation)***

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve Masses)

5:00PM Vigil - Holy Cross, Sheridan

7:00PM Vigil - St. Joseph, Pine Bluff

Friday, December 25 - 9:00AM - Christmas Day Mass - St Joseph, Pine Bluff

St. Joseph Parish offices will be closed December 24 & 25.

No Daily Masses Dec 28 & 29

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Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 31 - 5:30PM Vigil - Holy Cross, Sheridan

Friday, January 1 - 10:00AM Mass - St. Joseph, Pine Bluff



Please remember, during this temporary time of changes to our parish Mass and activities schedules, that we must still pay our bills. Your continued Stewardship is very important. Please place in the box in church or mail to the parish office. A BIG thanks to those sending in their Stewardship.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION DURING THE PANDEMIC

- **Bishop Taylor lifted the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation effective October 1. ALL HEALTHY CATHOLICS SHOULD NOW ATTEND SUNDAY MASS.**
- **SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil-6PM, Sunday Mass-11AM**
- **Daily Masses will be Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays at 8AM and Wednesdays at 5:30PM (*Wednesday Masses no longer count as Sunday Obligation.*)**
- **The only entrance to the church will be the east door (by the parish offices).**
- **Everyone over 10 years of age MUST wear a mask at all times.**
- **Everyone must sanitize hands when entering church and must disinfect the pew area where seated when arrive at church and again after Mass.**
- **Only sit in designated areas - 6 feet apart, unless a family group.**
- ***If you wish to come pray during the week (outside of normal Mass times), please contact the parish office (534-4701) for entrance into the church or chapel.***
- **Confessions will be heard from 11AM-12PM on Saturdays and anytime by request (behind the screen ONLY).**

Our Facebook page is *St. Joseph Catholic Church-Pine Bluff, AR*. Our 6PM Saturday Masses will be live streamed there. Additional information available, also.

Our website is www.stjosephpinebluff.org where you can get the latest bulletin and other important parish information.

A “Giving Tree” has been placed by the door on the west, front side of the church for any parishioners wanting to give a love offering and/or card to Father Joe for Christmas. Cards are available or you may bring your own card to place on the tree.

Please notify the parish office when you or relatives are admitted to Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Thank you! WE CARE!!

This week in our parish

Sun Dec 20 *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

9:30AM No Digital PRE (Christmas Break)

11:00AM †*Jamie Batzos* (Church)

Mon Dec 21 St Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor
of the Church

8:00AM †*Willis Bonvallain* (Church)

6:00PM RCIA (Office Kitchen)

Tue Dec 22

8:00AM No Daily Mass

Wed Dec 23 St John of Kanty, Priest

4-5PM Confessions Heard

Behind Screen ONLY (Church)

5:30PM †*Ryan Renfro* (Church)

(Wed Mass no longer fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Thu Dec 24

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

5:00PM Christmas Mass Holy Cross, Sheridan

7:00PM †*Nancy Curry* (Church)

Fri Dec 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(CHRISTMAS)

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

9:00AM †*Adaire Anderson* (Church)

Sat Dec 26 ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard

Behind Screen ONLY (Church)

6:00PM †*St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

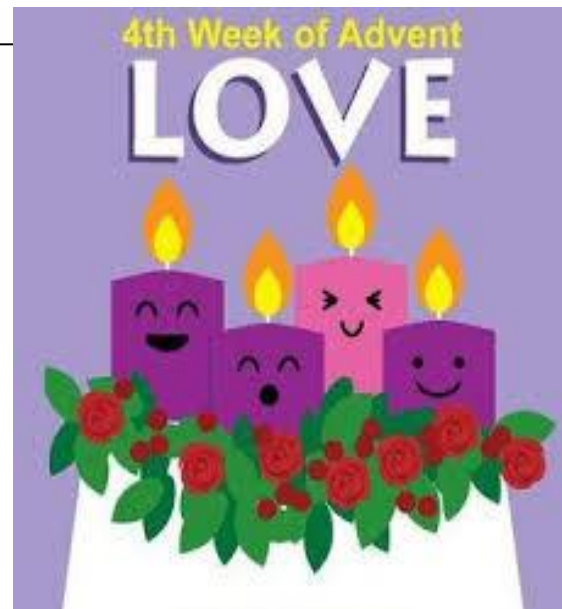
(6PM Mass will also be Live Streamed
on Facebook)

Sun Dec 27 *THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,*

MARY AND JOSEPH

9:30AM No Digital PRE (Christmas Break)

11:00AM †*George Batzos* (Church)



*“Hail, full of grace,
the Lord is with you!”*

~Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.



Christmas Blessings

*Wishing you a Blessed Christmas
and a New Year filled
with Peace and Love*

*Father Joe, Deacon Bud,
and*

The Staff of St. Joseph Parish