

St. Augustine Catholic Church

601 NW 2nd Avenue | Cohasset, MN 55721

St. Joseph Catholic Church

315 SW 21st Street | Grand Rapids, MN 55744

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE AND FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 22 & NOVEMBER 29, 2026

WELCOME

Pastoral Office—St. Joseph
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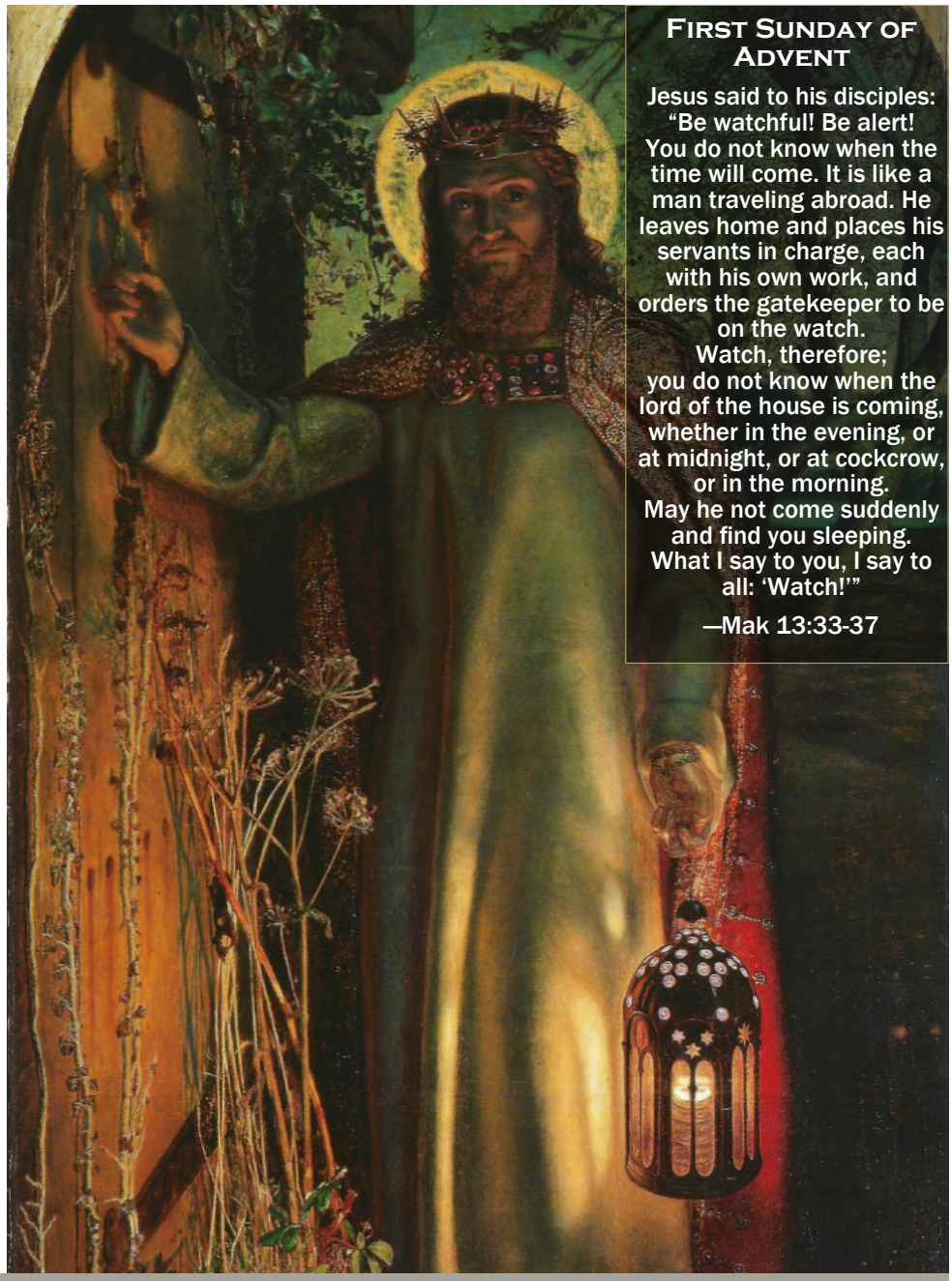

First Sunday of Advent

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.
Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.
May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.
What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

—Mak 13:33-37

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday* 4:30PM—St. Joseph
Sunday 8:30AM—St. Augustine
Sunday 10:30AM—St. Joseph

*No Seasonal Mass Time Change

1st Saturday 9:00AM—St. Joseph

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday* 9:00AM—St. Joseph
Tuesday 8:30AM—St. Augustine
Wednesday 5:30PM—St. Joseph
Thursday 9:00AM—St. Joseph
Friday 7:30AM—St. Joseph

*No Monday daily Mass | Jun 1—Aug 31

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11:00AM—St. Joseph
Sunday 7:45AM—St. Augustine
Wednesday 4:30PM—St. Joseph

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SHEPHERD
FATHER BLAKE ROZIER

May the peace of the Lord be with you always



I am happy to inform you that our 40 Hour Retreat Weekend will be during Advent this year – December 4-6 at St. Joseph. Over the past several years, we held our 40 Hour Retreat Weekend during the season of Lent. I am excited about this change because I know a lot of us look for opportunities to slow down and focus on the Lord during the busy and fleeting holiday season. This 40 Hour Retreat Weekend will provide a wonderful opportunity to prayerfully enter the season of Advent and anticipate the graces of Christmas. I have also moved the 40 Hour Retreat Weekend because we are hosting a marriage renewal retreat weekend during the season of Lent. I encourage married couples to save the date for the weekend of February 19-20. Couples from around the region will come to Grand Rapids to participate in this opportunity. We have begun to advertise this marriage retreat weekend, so please look for information and pray if this opportunity is meant for you. The marriage retreat is called *Ascend*.

In relation to our 40 Hour Retreat Weekend, I am excited to welcome Fr. Scott Padrnos on that Saturday evening. He will present one talk at 7 pm to any students, middle school through college age. Fr. Scott is our diocese's vocation director. Many of you may recall when he celebrated Masses in our parish cluster over this past Divine Mercy weekend. Many of the clergy and youth ministers talk about how Fr. Scott has a charism in building relationships with our young people and how he impacts their hearts & minds for the Lord. They affectionately refer to him as Papa Scott. This should be a great evening, and I am looking forward to it. Please encourage our students to attend this evening.

As for the rest of the schedule for the 40 Hour Retreat Weekend, please look for more information. Also, as we have in the past, I encourage individuals & households to sign up for at least one hour of prayer, other than when you come to church for your Sunday Mass obligation. The church will be open throughout the 40 hours for Eucharistic adoration. The 40 Hour Retreat Weekend this year is entitled, *Emmanuel: God with Us.* We traditionally sing during the season of Advent, *O Come O Come Emmanuel.* This wonderful title of God means God with us. We know that when Jesus was born in Bethlehem that God came to be with us, and we anticipate His second coming in glory. In the meantime, we know that God is with us through sacred mystery. God is with us through the Eucharist. We are called to spend time with Him in this way. We are called to adore Him. When God came to us the first time, the shepherds and Magi answered the call and came to adore Him. When we sing the ancient hymn *O Come O Come Emmanuel*, it expresses the longing of the human heart to be one with God. The great blessing is that we do not need to wait until the Last Judgment. In fact, we are called to be with Him now because Jesus is with us. In being with Him now, we have the blessing of experiencing in part what we hope to experience in perfect glory at the end of time. This hope will become reality if we live for God faithfully. Will you answer the call to adore Him? Come, let us adore Him!

God Bless,
Father Blake Rozier



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 22
8:30am—SA | Carol Lessin
10:30am—SJ | Tim Thomas

Monday, November 23
9:00am—SJ | Jeannine & Don Moss

Tuesday, November 24
8:30am—SA | Ben Lewis

Wednesday, November 25
5:30pm—SJ | Carole Wiss

Thursday, November 26
9:00am—SJ | Nadine Hopkins

Friday, November 27
7:30am—SJ | Kay Kruger

Saturday, November 28
4:30pm—SJ | Miles Sobolik

Sunday, November 29
8:30am—SA | Our Parishioners
10:30am—SJ | Bernard Chandler

Monday, November 30
9:00am—SJ | Dean Villenueve

Tuesday, December 1
8:30am—SA | Dave Villenueve

Wednesday, December 2
5:30pm—SJ | Matt Villenueve

Thursday, December 3
9:00am—SJ | Darrell Kessler

Friday, December 4
7:30am —SJ | Susan Dekich

Saturday, December 5
9:00am—SJ | Deceased Carmelites
4:30pm—SJ | John & Helen Ovsak

Sunday, December 6
8:30am—SA | Marlin Cline
10:30am—SJ | Our Parishioners

*Mass Intention prayed privately by Fr. Blake when local Mass is not held.

**No Monday Daily Mass Jun 1—Aug 31

PRAYER Requests

ST. AUGUSTINE
Marlene Cole | 218-244-2828

ST. JOSEPH
Arlyce Perrault | 218-326-6983
Maryann Clafton |218-326-5968
Marge Petermeier | 218-244-9100



Since 1947

TOYS FOR TOTS

Toy Collection Dates:
November 10—December 6

We are Collecting
New Unwrapped Toys
for Area Children

All ages 0-18 with a little greater need for older kids
(games, sports related activities, etc.)

Drop off table will be located in Gathering Space | St. Joseph

Thank you!

MARINE CORPS RESERVE

HOME
is where the heart is
Dinner Fundraiser

A Benefit for Grace House

Thursday, December 3
5:00PM—10:00PM | Timberlake Lodge
Prime Rib Dinner—Tickets $65
($70 after November 30)

Available for purchase at:
Grand Rapids Super One Stores,
and Timberlake Lodge,
or call Grace House: 218-326-2790

GRACE HOUSE

PLEASE BE AWARE—Email and text hackers target the public in many ways, even posing as clergy, asking for money or personal information.
Please be aware of these fake phishing emails and texts that are enticing you to take the bait: such as click on a link, give personal information, or respond in some way. Delete these suspicious emails or texts and do not respond to them.
Our normal parish communications are clearly identified: USPS mail with proper return address, our weekly parish news email (Flocknote), parish bulletin and our website.



WELCOME

If you are a visitor or a newcomer, we are blessed to have you with us and hope that you find a spiritual home with St. Augustine and St. Joseph Catholic Churches. We are happy to have you join our parish cluster.
To register you may inquire within the parish office or go to our website:
https://www.itascacatholic.org/join-our-parish



St. Augustine—Adoration | 6:30PM—7:30PM
First Thursdays | No Adoration December 3

St. Joseph—Perpetual Adoration
Closes: 5:30pm Wednesday, November 25
ReOpens: 12:00pm Noon Monday, November 30

DAILY MASS READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2026

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; First Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 21:1-4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24: Revelation 14:14-19; Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13; Luke 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25: Revelation 15:1-4; Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Luke 21:12-19

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26: Sirach 50:22-24; Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; First Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27: Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a; Luke 21:29-33

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28: Revelation 22:1-7; Psalms 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Luke 21:34-36

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2026

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; First Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30: Romans 10:9-18; Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4:18-22

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-37

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4: Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8







Please join us for a special Holiday Breakfast hosted by Tom and Mary Jones to benefit a family member of Mama's Boys—the adopted and dearly loved Jamaican family whom Tom, Mary, and the parishioners of St. Augustine Catholic Church have faithfully supported for many years.

The menu will feature pancakes (including a gluten-free option), scrambled eggs, ham, fresh fruit, and apple crisp for dessert.

This breakfast is a free-will offering, with all proceeds going directly to support the family member, who was recently diagnosed with cervical cancer and requires surgery and ongoing treatment. Because health insurance is unavailable to them, any financial support is appreciated during this critical time. Whether or not you are able to contribute financially, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers; your spiritual support means the world to them and is deeply needed right now.





WE WILL BE CELEBRATING ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY WITH A FAMILY EVENT:
ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS FOR ALL THINGS FORMATION.
PROCEEDS WILL GO TO BOTH ST. AUGUSTINE & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES:
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM, BIBLE STUDIES, AND OTHER FUTURE CATECHIZING OPPORTUNITIES

We will be accepting donated items of "All Things Christmas".
FOR EXAMPLE: Garlands, ornaments, Nativity scenes, throw pillows and blankets boasting Christmas theme/color. Figurines of snowmen, angels, reindeer, St. Nicholas, nutcrackers, snow globes, etc. Jewelry and pins welcome.
Please be mindful when donating, items must be clean and in good condition.

DONATION DATES & TIMES:

THURSDAY, DEC. 3 | 8:30AM-4:00PM
(drop-off in the Social Hall)

FRIDAY, DEC. 4 | 8:30AM-4:00PM
(drop-off in the Social Hall)
Friday is Bake Sale drop-off day

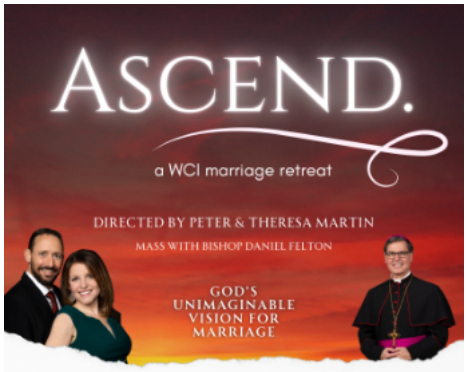
QUESTIONS AND/OR VOLUNTEER, CONTACT:
EDITH DORRY
bulletin@sjsgr.org | 218-999-6459

EVENT NEEDS:

BAKE SALE ITEMS—*Cookies, treats, cakes, bars, and breads.*
Need volunteers for day of the event.

ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS CORNER—*Need volunteers for day of the event (for sales, packing and clean-up).*

EXTRA NEEDS—*Donate plastic bins/totes ranging in size from shoebox to large tote for storage.*



ASCEND | WCI MARRIAGE RETREAT
FEBRUARY 19-20, 2027
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

TRUSTING THE RULE OF ST. JOHN PAUL II, WE ARE A FAMILY OF FAMILIES, STRIVING FOR HOLINESS, STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES, AND LIVING THE TRUTH OF HUMANAE VITAE WITH JOY!

Allow yourselves the opportunity to step into a place of peace and sacredness. You and your spouse will learn about St. John Paul II's Rule for Marriage & experience the deep spiritual union, available in sacramental marriage!

RETREAT OVERVIEW - *Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Daniel Felton*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Doors Open at 5:00PM
Social Hour at 7:15PM-8:30PM
(Confessions will be offered from 4:00PM-5:00PM)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Doors Open at 8:30AM
Closing Prayer at 4:30PM
(Refreshments, a light breakfast and lunch will be served Saturday)

RETREAT COST PER COUPLE:
$150.00

EARLY-BIRD SPECIAL PER COUPLE:
$125.00 before January 1, 2027
($150.00 thereafter)

FOR MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION:
https://www.itascacatholic.org/marriage-retreat



Christmas Memorial Offering

HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH YOUR MEMORIAL GIFT OF BEAUTY TO DECORATE YOUR PARISH DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

ST. AUGUSTINE

Complete the Christmas Memorial Garden envelope located in the back of the church and return it with your donation to the parish office by way of collection basket, mail or drop it off at St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH

Fill out the Christmas Flower Offering envelope located in the Gathering Space and drop in the secure parish mailbox near the parish office door with your donation.



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

2027 Daily Cash Raffle

A little ticket. A big difference.



154 cash prizes

Daily cash prizes of $20 or more!

Special-day prizes up to $500

PRIZE DATES

January 1 - June 3, 2027

WHERE TO BUY

Purchase from SJCS students and families, after Mass, or through the Parish Office (Monday-Friday | 8:30AM—1:00PM)

18+ to purchase or win. Need not be present.
Each ticket number can win only once.

RAFFLE DRAWING

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2027 | 2 p.m. CT
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Social Hall
315 SW 21st Street, Grand Rapids

Prize calendar, winner updates & official rules will be available at: itascacatholic.org

Questions? 218-326-6232 | secretary@sjsgr.org

Raffle permit no. X-01128



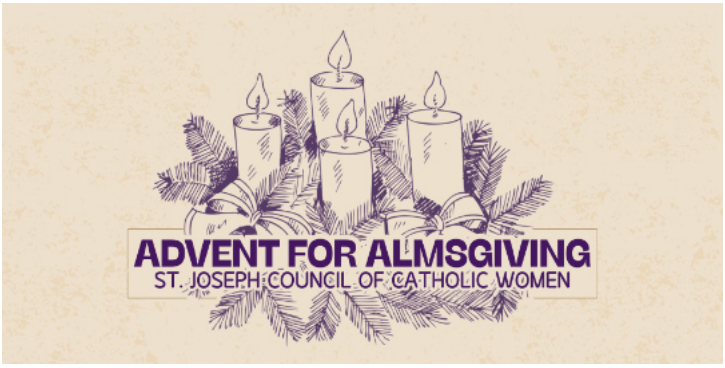
Friday, December 4
6:00PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:15PM—Advent Scriptural Readings and Music Meditation
7:00PM—Advent Reflection with Deacon Duane Stangler
8:00PM—Night Prayer
9:00PM—Music Meditation - Taize
11:00PM—Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

Saturday, December 5
3:00AM—Chaplet of Divine Mercy (recited)
7:00AM—Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary
9:00AM—First Saturday daily Mass
11:00AM—Confessions
Music: a'Cappella or instrumental
2:00PM—Music Meditation
4:00PM—Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
4:30PM—Mass
7:00PM— Fr. Scott Padrnos Presentation (Intended for Middle School through College age)
10:00PM—Night Prayer

Sunday, December 6
3:00AM—Chaplet of Divine Mercy (recited)
7:45AM—Confessions at St. Augustine**
8:30AM—Mass at St. Augustine**
10:00AM—Glorious Mysteries of Rosary
10:30AM—Mass
1:00PM—Confessions with several priests from the area
Music: a'Cappella or instrumental
2:45PM—Procession with the Blessed Sacrament
Music: Tantum Ergo
3:00PM—Benediction & Conclusion of 40 hour Weekend
Music: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

All events take place at St. Joseph unless noted.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE...40 hours of Perpetual Adoration at St. Joseph: Sign up for one or more hours throughout the weekend. Sign-up sheets will be available at each parish. We desire to have several people adoring the Lord for each hour. You are encouraged, however, to stop by the church at various times throughout the weekend, whether you sign-up or not. Our Eucharistic Lord desires to spend time with us.



Advent gives us the opportunity to cultivate a spirit of generosity. It gives us a chance to share what we have with other people. It puts us in communion with others and helps us understand that we are all members of the Body of Christ.

Please bring in only the items requested for each Advent week to the Gathering Space at St. Joseph. These items have been specified as the most requested, needed and used. Donations will go to Second Harvest Northland (Grand Rapids Food Shelf).

WEEK 1 (NOV 23 - NOV 29)
- CEREAL

WEEK 2 (NOV 30 - DEC 6)
- PASTA & SAUCE

WEEK 3 (DEC 7 - DEC 13)
- CANNED MEAT: CHICKEN, SALMON, TUNA, ETC.

WEEK 4 (DEC 14 - DEC 20)
- PAPER PRODUCTS; FEMININE HYGIENE, BABY CARE AND PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

ADDITIONAL NEED: PET FOOD

THE PET FOOD MAY BE BROUGHT IN EACH WEEK DURING ADVENT FOR ALMSGIVING.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

No Daily Mass
Monday, December 14



Advent Schedule

First Sunday of Advent
4:30PM | St. Joseph—Saturday, November 28
8:30AM | St. Augustine—Sunday, November 29
10:30AM | St. Joseph—Sunday, November 29

40 Hour Weekend—Advent | Emmanuel: God with Us
St. Joseph—Weekend of December 4, 5 & 6

First Saturday Mass
9:00AM | St. Joseph—Saturday, December 5

All Things Christmas for All Things Formation
9:00AM—1:00PM | St. Joseph—Saturday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent
4:30PM | St. Joseph—Saturday, December 5
8:30AM | St. Augustine—Sunday, December 6
10:30AM | St. Joseph—Sunday, December 6

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation—Tuesday, December 8
9:00AM | St. Joseph
5:30PM | St. Augustine

Third Sunday of Advent
4:30PM | St. Joseph—Saturday, December 12
8:30AM | St. Augustine—Sunday, December 13
10:30AM | St. Joseph—Sunday, December 13

Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:30PM | St. Joseph—Saturday, December 19
8:30AM | St. Augustine—Sunday, December 20
10:30AM | St. Joseph—Sunday, December 20



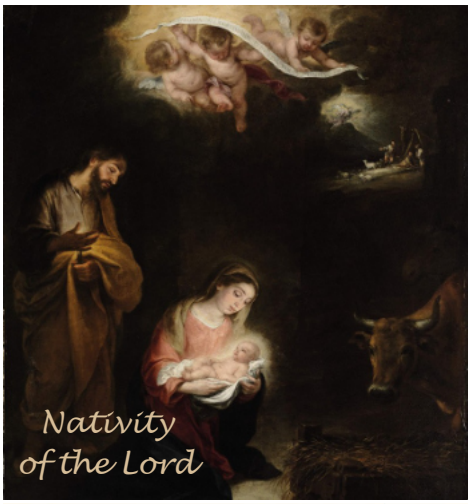
Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesdays
4:30PM | St. Joseph

Saturdays
11:00AM | St. Joseph

Sundays
7:45AM | St. Augustine

Monday, December 21
6:00PM | St. Joseph



Christmas Schedule

Thursday, December 24 — Christmas Eve
The Nativity of the Lord - Vigil
4:00PM | St. Joseph
5:30PM | St. Augustine

Friday, December 25 — Christmas Day
The Nativity of the Lord
9:00AM | St. Joseph



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE DATES—IN OBSERVANCE OF:

THANKSGIVING
Thursday, November 26
Friday, November 27

CHRISTMAS
Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25

NEW YEAR'S
Thursday, December 31
Friday, January 1