

St. Joseph Catholic Church

507 East 26th St. - Bryan, TX 77803

979-822-2721

www.stjosephbcs.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 7:00am
8:30am
10:00am
11:30am

5:30pm at Christ the Good
Shepherd Chapel
Coulter Drive

Monday - Saturday
8:15am and 6:00pm



Clergy

Pastor:
**Rev. Msgr. John A.
McCaffrey**

Associate:
Rev. Jared Cooke

**Deacon Pat Gallagher,
Deacon Gary Nelson
and
Deacon Jeff Olsenholler**

Sunday Nursery: For infants and toddlers, during the 8:30am, 10:00am and 11:30am Masses. Nursery is located in our Parish Activity Center. Director: Pam Couger

Sacraments

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact the priest at least six months before desired date

Sacrament of Baptism: Pre-Baptism Class held on the First Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the PAC

St. Joseph Catholic School System

Students 8 weeks old through Grade 12

Early Learning Center (8 weeks-3 year olds)

Emily Kemp 822-6236 or 779-0861

Elementary School - Middle School - High School

President: Jim Rike 822-6643 or 822-6641

Principals: Amy Lavender and Stephanie Rayburn

website: www.stjosephschoolbcs.org

Mission Statement

The family of St. Joseph Catholic Church holds the Celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist and all it encompasses as God's Greatest Gift.

Through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we live out our faith as exemplified through spiritual growth, evangelization, social outreach and protecting the dignity of all human life.

We recognize the importance of providing for and encouraging Catholic development of all of our faithful, with continuing concern for our children, youth and young adults.

Religious Education (PK - Grade 6)

Lisa Storemski 823-5568 - lstoremski@stjosephbcs.org

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Taylor Schroll and Matt Rice

ABLAZE Catholic Ministries (ablazeyouth.org)

979-485-9910 taylor@ablazeyouth.org

Music Ministry Mr. Brian Stout

brianstout06@hotmail.com 1-979-402-4206

December 3, 2017 - First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3

Religious Education Classes for Pre-K - Grade 6 from 8:45 - 9:45am at SJ Elementary School
Sunday Studies for Adults in the PAC 8:45-9:45am
"Work of Human Hands" Fair Trade Sale - St. Mary-C.S. 9:00am - 9:00pm
Reflection and Rehearsal for Sacrament of Confirmation 1:00-5:00pm at Christ the Good Shepherd Chapel
Youth Ministry at SJ Secondary Campus 6:30-8:30pm for IGNITE Grades 6-8 and JOURNEY Grades 9 - 12

Monday, December 4

Men's Faith Formation in the PAC at 5:45am
Mass at Magnified Health Care-C.S. at 10:00am
NO Pre-Baptism Class
St. Joseph School Athletic Banquet at 6:00pm in the PAC
Czech Language Class 7:00pm in the PAC

Tuesday, December 5

Mary and Martha Wellness Group at 9:00am in the PAC
Prayer Service for our Country at Veteran's Park 12:15pm
Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6:30pm in Chapel
RCIA Session 7:00pm in the PAC
Folk Choir Practice 7:30pm in the Church

Wednesday, December 6

Women's Silver Advent Coffee 10:00am in the PAC
Wednesday Religious Education Classes PreK-Grade 6 from 6:00-7:00pm SJ Elementary School
American Heritage Girls meet at 6:00pm in PAC Annex
RCIA for Youth 6:30-8:00pm St. Joseph Secondary Campus
Novena to the Miraculous Medal at 5:45pm Mass 6:00pm
St. Joseph School Board Meeting at 6:00pm
Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Meeting 6:30pm in the PAC
Sanctuary Choir Practice in Music Room 7:00pm

Thursday, December 7

Vigil Mass 6:00pm at St. Joseph Church for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Advent by Candlelight for Women 6:30pm in the PAC

Friday, December 8

Holyday of Obligation
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Masses at St. Joseph Church 8:15am, 12noon, 6:00pm
Christ the Good Shepherd 9:20am
Friday Study Group 12 noon - 1:00pm in the PAC Annex
St. Joseph 4-H Club Christmas in the PAC

Saturday, December 9

"Grief and the Holidays" in the Adoration Chapel 9:00am
Knights of Columbus Council 11759 Christmas in the PAC 7:00pm

Sunday, December 10

Religious Education Classes for Pre-K - Grade 6 from 8:45-9:45am in SJ Elementary School
Sunday Studies from 8:45-9:45am in the PAC
Sacrament of Confirmation and Mass at 10:00am at Christ the Good Shepherd Chapel. 10:00am Mass at St. Joseph Church will be offered also.
St. Joseph High School Choir Concert 4:00pm at SJ Church
Youth Ministry at SJ Secondary Campus 6:30-8:30pm for IGNITE Grades 6-8 and JOURNEY Grades 9-12

Parish Support

Sunday Collection November 19	\$ 21,343.00
Electronic Funds Transfers (40)	\$ 4,335.00
Total November 19:	\$ 25,678.00

Sunday Collection November 26	\$ 21,768.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,234.00
Total November 26:	\$ 22,173.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

ELECTRONIC GIVING is available on the church website for your convenience at www.stjosephbcs.org. All major credit cards and/or bank drafts are accepted.

Baptisms

We WELCOME the following who received the Sacrament of Baptism November 19 and November 26:

Nasario Delarosa IV
Cheyenne Jean Holland
Andrew Jesse Martinez
Felicity Grace Schroll
James Baxter Staples III

Rest in Peace

Please remember in prayer the following who have died. Our sympathies are with the families:

Frances DeMottier
Lillian Holubec
Ann Fredericksen
Walter Lero
Alice Linklater
Joe Todaro
Linton Lipscomb
Father of David Lipscomb

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL



THANK YOU to everyone who made a donation to the Catholic Services Appeal this year. Each and every person's gift is important. For those who have not made a pledge yet, please join us in supporting the programs and services throughout the Diocese of Austin, that no single individual or Parish can offer. Simply complete your pledge card and place it in the offertory basket. If you misplaced your pledge card, more are available in the Church and from the Church Office.

Holy Day of Obligation



Friday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation. Mary, under the title of Immaculate Conception is the Patroness of the United States of America.

Thursday, December 7th 6:00pm
Vigil Mass

Friday, December 8th 8:15am, 12 noon and 6:00pm
at St. Joseph Church
9:20am at Christ the Good Shepherd Chapel

Advent 2017 Penance Services

December 5 6:30pm St. Mary – College Sta.
December 6 7:00pm St. Mary - Caldwell
December 7 7:00pm St. Francis - Franklin
December 12 7:00pm St. Mary - Bremond
December 13 7:00pm St. Thomas Aquinas - C.S.
December 14 7:00pm St. Mary - Hearne
December 15 7:00pm Sta. Teresa - Bryan

December 21 10:00am and 6:00pm
at Christ the Good Shepherd Chapel
St. Joseph and St. Anthony – Bryan

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Have you always wanted to visit the Holy Land?
Nativity Pilgrimage Tours is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" October 8 - 17, 2018. Fr. Jared Cooke will be the Spiritual Director for the trip which includes many wonderful places that you have heard about all your life. A brochure with details and cost is available at the Church Office. **An informational meeting is planned for Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30pm in the PAC.**

Religious Education News

Christmas Posada Program:

Sunday Classes: December 10 at 9:15am
Wednesday Classes: December 13 at 6:30pm

No RE beginning Sunday December 17
Classes resume Sunday January 7
and Wednesday January 10



MASSES WEEK OF DECEMBER 4-10

Monday	8:15am	Elaine Newland
Magnified Health	10am	Magnified Health Residents
	6:00pm	Jay P. Jones
Tuesday	8:15am	Leo Nitch (A) Marco Lopez
Good Shepherd	9:20am	NO Mass
	6:00pm	David Luera
Wednesday	8:15am	Sophie and Tom Popek Sr. Ann Konderla
Good Shepherd	9:20am	For Our School
	6:00pm	Linton Lipscomb
Thursday	8:15am	Marion and Ike Slafka
Good Shepherd	9:20am	NO Mass
	6:00pm	Mitt Bush Helen Matous
Friday	8:15am	Mary Nitch (B) Sister Mary Bashinski
Good Shepherd	9:20am	Randy Kemp Josephine and Jacob Boriskie
	12 noon	Ted Meiller
	6:00pm	Joe Branecky Josephine Adams
Saturday	8:15am	Special Intentions (MP)
	6:00pm	Ed and Joan Kosarek Patricia and Stanley Nemeč
Sunday	7:00am	Special Intentions (C&BA)
	8:30am	Maria T. Evans Norma Geronime Lydia Schumacher (B)
	10:00am	Edward B. Rhomberg (A) Joe Branecky Mildred and Robert Watkins
	11:30am	Dan and Gerald Zubik Jewel Markowski
Good Shepherd	5:30pm	For Our Parish Floyd and Eleonora Okonski Pete and Natalie Palasota

“Grief and the Holidays”

A Time of Reflection

Saturday, December 9th, 9:00am

In the Adoration Chapel of St. Joseph Church

Presented by: Deacon Gary Nelson

The Christmas holidays can present a difficult challenge for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. “Grief and the Holidays” will provide practical advice rooted in spiritual precepts to help the bereaved through the Christmas Holidays. It is a myth that the mourning process takes weeks or a few months. There is no timetable for mourning. This gathering will last about one hour. In preparation, you are urged to write a sealed letter to your loved one who has died and bring it with you. These letters will be placed in a Christmas Basket on the altar of the Chapel and remain there through the holidays. Anyone wishing to write a letter to their deceased loved one and place it on the altar are welcome to do so. ***There will be a closing service on Saturday January 6th at 9:00am in the Adoration Chapel. Closing Service should only last about 20 minutes.***

Construction Projects Completed

Construction on the Church Roof Replacement began in April. Soon after roof construction began, the A/C system for the Church and Rectory stopped functioning after 60 years and replacement parts were no longer available. If you wish to participate in underwriting some of the cost of these two projects, envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church.

At time of publication, the total is: **\$ 178,733.00**

We gratefully acknowledge our new donors:

**Rene P. Benson
David and Sherrie Patke
Nhi Pham**

Wedding Anniversaries in 2017



St. Joseph Parish along with Bishop Vasquez will be honoring couples in our parish who have celebrated their:

**25th ... 40th ... 50th ... 60th or over
60th Wedding Anniversary in 2017**

Marriage Recognition Certificates will be given to these couples at the Mass they attend on the weekend of **December 30-31**. These certificates bear the Seal of the Austin Diocese and the signature of the Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez, Bishop of Austin.

Please call, e-mail or bring by the name of the bride and groom, and the date of their marriage to the Church Office for the above listed Wedding Anniversaries

in **2017** by Wednesday, **December 13th** 822-2721 or hmetzer@stjosephbcs.org We will then send these in to the Diocese for the certificates.

Christmas “Giving Tree”

Thank you for choosing to share joy, thankfulness and peace with low or no-income families in the Bryan/College Station community! We had over 365 Angel Tags on the Giving Tree, and they have all been claimed. Don't forget wrap your gift, attaching the tag on the outside, and return your gift/s to the Church **no later than Monday**



December 11th so gifts can be delivered on time. If this is a gift of clothing, please include, if possible, a gift receipt to facilitate exchange if necessary.

St. Vincent de Paul Society needs volunteers!

Gift preparation:

Wednesday December 13

Thursday December 14

Friday December 15

Deliveries: Saturday December 16

If you'd like to volunteer, sign up online at:
<http://bit.ly/SVdPChristmas2017>

Contact: Esther Miranda at esthermiranda@yahoo.com or 979-676-0724

Fatima Centennial Tour for Peace



Saturday, December 9 St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish (College Station) will host the Fatima Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace from 8:00am - 7:00pm. The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is on a historic 2-year tour of America to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. It will be an extraordinary occasion of healing, hope and grace. Please join us that day to hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. Hundreds of favors and graces, including cures, and conversions are associated with the statue. The presence of this Statue is a great gift to our community.

Christmas Eve 4:00pm Mass

The RE office is helping to coordinate the Christmas Eve 4:00pm Children's Mass at Christ the Good Shepherd Chapel. Any children between the ages of 4 - 11 interested in helping to carry up gifts to “dress” the manger at the beginning of Mass, please contact us at 979-823-5568 or Istoremski@stjosephbcs.org. We also need middle and high school youth to dress up as the Holy Family to carry up the gifts at the Offertory, and to dress as Mary, Joseph, 3 Kings, Shepherds, and an Angel. (Costumes provided).

Adoration Chapel



For 25 years, parishioners have committed to prayer in the Chapel! It is very important that each hour is covered to be sure someone is present with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is wonderful for more people to stop by when they can but scheduled adorers are needed. You can choose morning, afternoon, evening or night hours. Call the Church Office or one of the following if you would like one extra hour a week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Substitutes are also needed.

David Elbel midnight to 6:00am 846-1234
Leah Ann Phillips6:00am to 12 noon 218-2709
Paulette Beatty12 noon to 6:00pm 775-0145
Terri Lipscomb6:00pm to midnight 220-3781

Advent for Women

All women are invited to attend the Women's Guild of St. Joseph Church Annual Advent Coffee and Advent by Candlelight at the Parish Activity Center. Reservations are now being taken:

Call Carrollyn Kropp - 979-775-1582 or
Patty Veazey - 979-777-5045

"The End of the World, The Coming of a New Hope"
with Guest Speaker, Dr. Tim Logan, Atmospheric Sciences,
Texas A&M University

Advent Coffee

Wednesday, December 6 - 10:00am

Advent by Candlelight

Thursday, December 7 - 6:30pm

Sign-up Deadline is Monday, December 4



St. Joseph Women's Retreat

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2nd Annual St. Joseph Women's Retreat will be:

**Friday evening January 26, 2018 to midday Sunday
January 28, 2018**

Mark your calendars and plan to join us and the Holy Spirit for a weekend of prayer, reflection, talks and sharing. The comments from the women attending last year's retreat were overwhelmingly positive and we are hoping to make this retreat even better. The Holy Spirit is the key player in our planning of this retreat and if you open your heart to the Holy Spirit, your lives, too, will be changed forever. Registration will begin the first part of January, 2018. Watch the bulletin for details.



Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the following in prayer that the healing presence of Christ will restore them to physical and spiritual health:

**Leonard LaJimodiere, Martin Vavra, Emily Nix,
Mildred Bartos, Grover Walker, Rev. Bob Meissner
Sam Paradowski, Sam A. LaBarbera, Mary Ann Roach,
Kim Duffer, Gianna Fontana, Elizabeth Perez, Andrea Rueda,
Amy Wearden, Rebecca Gutierrez, C.J. Hrachovy,
Crystal Ballew, Dorothy Berry, Mildred Nash, Claudia LeDoux
Jacquelyn Foster, Sarah Marucci, Henry Romero Sr.,
Emil Matura, Philip Nunez Jr., Preston Smith, Alice Medrano,
Daniel Rodriguez, Albert Caudillo, Alfonso Cabrera,
Michael Ashly, Cody & Kayla, Chris Jadowski**

Names remain on this list for 4 weeks and then transfer to the Book of Prayers on the Altar. If a name needs to remain in the bulletin, please call the church office 822-2721

SJ Church/School Lawn Care Bids

St. Joseph Catholic Church and School is soliciting bid proposals from qualified lawn care and landscape maintenance contractors to provide lawn care and landscape maintenance. Specifications relating to this request for bids may be obtained from the SJ Church Office or by e-mail: hmetzer@stjosephbcs.org Sealed bid proposals in response for the bids must be submitted no later than 2:00 pm **January 5, 2018**.

Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemeteries

Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery Properties, Bryan and Smetana: All space prices, except for a single ground space (\$750) at Mt. Calvary Bryan, are increasing as of January 1, 2018. Also, new Monument Regulations are in place. If after one year from date of death, if no granite monument is placed on the space, then no container or flowers will be allowed until a monument is erected, preferably with a vase or vases for flowers. All monument placements now require a permit submitted by an approved monument company. If you would like to purchase spaces at the current prices before the January 1st increases, please call the St. Joseph Church office at (979) 822-2721. and a sales representative will contact you. For the most current Rules and Regulations, see the St. Joseph Church website at www.stjosephbcs.org and choose the Cemetery Documents in the drop-down list for the Mt. Calvary Cemetery tab in the green heading. Thank you for supporting your Catholic cemeteries.

PLEASE SUPPORT our Advertisers on the two pages of Bulletin Ads. They help make possible this Sunday Bulletin and we thank them.

Men's Advent

Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm in the PAC. ALL men of the parish (age 21 and over) are invited to St. Joseph Catholic Church 19th Annual Men's Advent Supper. If you would like to attend, please call the Church Office at 822-2721 or e-mail hmetzer@stjosephbcs.org by Monday, December 11th. Cost is \$5.00 per person. MEN are WELCOME to host a table. **David Lipscomb** will give the reflection on **ADVENT BLESSINGS**. Let

us all come together as we prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of Our Savior, Jesus Christ this Christmas 2017! Please get your reservations in as soon as possible so we can plan this special Advent evening!



Christmas Flowers

Donations for Christmas Flowers and Decorations in the Church are now being accepted. **Donations may be made in memory of, in honor of or in thanksgiving.** Flower Offering Envelopes are available in the Church and need to be returned by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 18th**. These names will be published in the Christmas bulletin.



Christmas Mass Offerings

St. Joseph Church will once again have prayers offered for your loved ones (living and deceased) at Christmas. All the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be offered for the names requested. Christmas Mass Offering Cards are available at the doors of the Church. These names will be placed on the altar for all the Masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. **These names will NOT be published in the Christmas Bulletin.**



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Case Coordinator Needed

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking a Case Coordinator working from 9:00am - 3:00pm, Tuesday-Friday who can work compassionately with clients. Position requires excellent computer skills, ability to multi-task, phone screening and scheduling appointments with clients, processing paperwork with utilities and landlords, handling payables, maintaining client records, and meticulous recordkeeping. Contact: Bobby Slovak, 979-775-7396.

♪ "The Hope of the Nations" ♪

Sunday, December 10th The St. Joseph High School Concert Choir will be presenting its 12th Annual Advent/Christmas Service at 4:00pm. The title of this year's program is "*The Hope of the Nations*" and it will be presented at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

All the members of the High School Choir are excited to be able to perform this traditional service made up of choral, organ and instrumental music. We hope that the music, weaved together with readings and narration, will be a meaningful preparation for the Christmas season. Assisting us in conveying our theme of "*The Hope of the Nations*" will be Mira Jun on organ.

This service is in part, a gift from St. Joseph School to you, the members of St. Joseph Catholic Church. We hope that you, your family and friends will attend.

"A White Christmas"

Monday, December 11th The St. Joseph High School Choir will also be featured at the Annual Christmas Concert performed by the Brazos Valley Chorale, entitled "A White Christmas". The concert will be held at 7:00pm at Christ the Good Shepherd Chapel.

St. Joseph High School Choir will be singing two selections on their own at this concert and will also be joining the 80 voices of the Chorale on several of their numbers. There will also be the chance for audience sing along throughout the concert.

Tickets for the Brazos Valley Chorale concert may be purchased online at bvchorale.org, or at the door on the day of the concert, or by calling (979) 476-8199.

Ushers Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 11th Ushers (Current and Retired) and their spouse are invited to St. Joseph Ushers Annual Christmas Dinner. Social begins at 6:30pm. Meal served at 7:00pm. Desserts welcome!

"Thin Mint Sprint" for SvDP

Two Cadet Girls Scouts, Hailey Hudson and Grace Wolfe, are earning their Silver Award. Their project is to host a 5K fun run on January 13 at the Brazos Expo Center for funding their projects. They have chosen two recipients of the funds: Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Down Syndrome Association of Brazos Valley. Twelve bikes for adults (with baskets filled with food) will be given to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for them to distribute to individuals needing bikes for transportation to work. T-shirts will be given to runners. Hailey and Grace are still accepting sponsors for this event. Sponsor names will appear on flyers and t-shirts. Contact cell number: 979.324.6062. For more information:

www.racedayeventservices.com/registration