

# St. Joseph Parish

THE CHILD GREW  
AND BECAME STRONG,  
FILLED WITH WISDOM;  
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD  
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday  
5:00 p.m. Vigil  
Suspended till further notice

Sunday  
Mass on the Grass  
8:30 a.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)  
8:00 am  
Come Join Us

## Reconciliation

Saturdays  
4:00-4:45pm  
By the East Church Door  
parking lot

## Eucharistic Adoration

No Adoration till  
further notice due to  
Covid-19



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## FAMILY

On this feast of the Holy Family, we want to offer all families blessings. “Family” may have a lot of different connotations these days. In the United States, the “father, mother, child” family is less common now, and large Catholic families are not as common as they once were. The concept of family is more fluid with many forms of blended families due to second marriages, multigenerational households, and other living arrangements. In a recent survey by the Pew research center, four in ten babies are born to single mothers. Other children are being raised by grandparents or foster parents. In today’s Genesis story, Abraham was ready to concede to another form of family, making the child of one of his servants his heir. The reading from Hebrews reiterates the story of Genesis, and “your descendants will be more numerous than the stars.” The Gospel relates the story of the presentation in the temple.

## POWER IN PRESCRIBED RITUALS

Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the temple at eight days old, as was prescribed by Mosaic law. For many Catholic families, baptismal gowns were handed down through generations, and a baptism was a time of great celebration. Sadly, in our culture, baptisms continue to decline. There are many reasons for this: fewer practicing Catholics, more interfaith marriages, more secular weddings, fewer weddings by clergy, and problems or misunderstandings that turn people away. Many have left the church altogether because of the way they were treated. For some the parish is not a welcoming place. For others baptism has become just a ritual they go through for the sake of the grandparents.

## EXAMPLES IN OUR ELDERS

When someone does present a child for baptism, it can become too easy for others to pass judgment because the parents don’t know the rubrics well, or aren’t dressed better, or “why is that single mother having her baby baptized during Mass?” Notice that the Gospel says nothing about the priests of the temple and how they received Jesus. Rather it talks about Simeon and Anna. They are worth a study in themselves. Simeon is a devout man who is there waiting for a particular sign, and it is fulfilled when he see the Christ Child. Anna is just in the temple praying, as is her custom. After the presentation of Jesus, she does what she does best—she goes back to praying in the temple. Perhaps these readings teach us how we as a faith community can see the sacredness in those families presenting their children for baptism, and welcome them as did Anna and Simeon. May we all learn from their wisdom!

## TODAY’S READINGS

Genesis 15:1–6; 21:1–3  
Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9  
Hebrews 11:8, 11–12, 17–19  
Luke 2:22–40 [22, 39–40]



Dear Parish Family:

I hope that all of you are having a Blessed Christmas weekend! This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family as we honor the first family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. May the love that united their family clothe your family during this last weekend of 2020. May all of us look forward to a brighter, better and hopeful New Year in 2021.

For those staying at home this weekend, we invite you to drive-thru for a special Holy Family Blessing and reception of Holy Communion on Sunday, Dec. 27th from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM. We'll also distribute a Holy Family Prayer and Activities Sheet.

**This Friday, New Year's Day is the Solemnity celebrating Mary, the Mother of God.** We are all dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. However, we will have an in person outdoor Mass outside the east door of the church at 9:00 AM.

**Thank you for all of your support and I pray the Lord's abundance will be with you and your family in the New Year.**

Christmas Peace,  
Msgr. Kevin



**The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary, and Joseph  
December 27, 2020**

My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared  
in the sight of all the peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31

# Ministries

## Did you know?

Talk to teens about posting photos

The pictures we share on Instagram and other social media can reveal much more information than just the picture we want our followers to see. If your teens are on social media, talk to them about the dangers of posting photos with potentially identifying information — posing in front of their schools or cars, tagging their location, or providing other clues that would give a predator easy access. Consider having a family screening contract, where parents approve photos before children can post. For more information, request a copy of the **VIRTUS** article “**Technology Safety**” at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

## Meditation Group

**St. Joseph’s Meditation Group** now meets as a Zoom meeting every Tuesday at 7:00PM.

No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to experience both the prayerful and calming benefits of this ancient Christian practice.

For more information and to receive the Zoom log on information, please contact group leader, Frank McKown, at [frmckown@gmail.com](mailto:frmckown@gmail.com) or 310-633-1744.

## Movement for a Better World

*“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Mt 25:40*

Thanksgiving, Christmas Food & Gift Drive :

*We DID it!!* Amid the crescendo of closed, closed, cancelled, cancelled, the courage, heart, and soul of our St. Joseph Parish was marvelously displayed this Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Our warmest congratulations, gratitude, and best wishes for a Merry Christmas. *You earned it!*

Together we served 79 families, 350+ people, 225+ children served (twice); 250+ blankets; 425+ children's Christmas presents; 40+ teen gift cards; \$2,500+ gift card and special needs donations, 2 School food drives, \$11,000 Skip-a-Meal food and grocery gift cards.

Too many to list, our heartfelt gratitude for parish donations, about 15 leads, and 75 core volunteers: family referrals, Family Adoptions, telephone group, food and gift delivery drivers, "lost sheep" shepherds, mail communications, Blanket Drive, Christmas Present Drive and online child gift selection, food shoppers, food transporters, School Food Drive leads AND PARENTS!!, food box and delivery preparation, welcome and evangelization items, Msgr. Kevin and our pastoral leadership.

May the miracle of Christ dwelling among us fill your heart with joy and peace,  
Movement for a Better World Leadership



**A WAY TO GIVE / A WAY TO RECEIVE**— As we approach year-end, you may wish to note the following tax information as you consider additional charitable contributions to St. Joseph Church.

**NON-ITEMIZERS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTION**— Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted if taxpayers itemized their deductions. However, taxpayers who do not itemize deductions may take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions made in 2020 to qualifying organizations. The law changed in this area due to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

**TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF LIMITS ON CHARITABLE DEDUCTIONS**— Individuals who itemize their deductions may deduct cash contributions made in 2020 to a qualifying organization up to 100% of their adjusted gross income. Previously, the amount of charitable cash contributions taxpayers could deduct on Schedule A as an itemized deduction was limited to 60% of adjusted gross income.

**IRA CHARITABLE TRANSFERS**— Although Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are waived for the tax year 2020, IRA charitable transfers to a qualified organization may still be made without recognizing the distribution as taxable. The distribution must be from an IRA owned by an individual who is age 70 1/2 or over that is paid directly from the IRA to a qualified charity.

*This is intended to provide general guidance and is not intended to be tax or legal advice. Please consult with your tax advisor concerning special rules and limitations that may impact your particular set of circumstances.*



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## YEAR END CHARITABLE DONATION

Thank you for being an active and faithful member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church community. As 2020 comes to a close we would like to ask each of you to consider giving a year end charitable gift. By doing so you are showing that your parish has a meaningful place in your heart. Your gift will support our mission of fostering the formation and enrichment of parishioners in spirituality, worship, education, and sharing ourselves in service to others – your generosity will benefit many. During Advent we hold you and your family in our hearts and wish you a blessed and Merry Christmas.

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