

4<sup>th</sup>

# SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” - Mt 1:21

# PADRE'S PONDERINGS

Dear Parishioners:

Please take note of a few important updates:

- It has been decided that more time is required to consider the future of the church building at St. Charles. As I announced at Mass at St. Charles this past week, **Bishop Tobin granted my request to revoke the decree of permanent closure and relegation of the church building.** Hopefully in the coming weeks and months, we will be able to form a committee to study possible future uses of the space. Please note that this request of mine, which the Bishop graciously granted, does not affect the decree of suppression. St. Charles Parish will *still* be suppressed as of January 12. Assets and liabilities will *still* be assumed by the Diocese of Providence. However, rather than close permanently, the church building will be closed indefinitely while we study the issue further. This also means that the church building will be available for limited use as pastoral needs demand (e.g., funerals, weddings, etc.). I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire and guide our deliberations moving forward.
- With the closure of St. Charles and the collaboration between All Saints and St. Joseph, **a new daily Mass schedule is in order.** After consultation with the daily Mass communities at St. Charles and All Saints, as well with Fr. Simas at St. Joseph, **our new daily Mass schedule will take effect on Monday, January 13, 2020:**
  - Monday—Wednesday at **8:30am** in All Saints Chapel
  - Thursday—Saturday at **7:30am** in St. Joseph Church
  - National Holidays at **9am** in St. Joseph Church
- Please note: the current Mass schedule at St. Joseph is **NOT** changing and the current weekend Mass schedule at All Saints is **NOT** changing.
- Please note that there are, on average, 13 (!) daily Masses at 7 (!) different times, from 7am to 7pm, all celebrated within a five-mile radius of 02895. Be on the lookout for more information about those Masses in an upcoming bulletin. **I know that change is always difficult, and that it is always easier to keep things the way they were. But these changes will make our collaboration with St. Joseph more feasible.**
- We have completed our **Bible Study for 2019.** We will not meet again until sometime in January. I am grateful to all those who have participated so faithfully, and look forward to offering the Bible Study in the New Year, although perhaps on a different day to facilitate wider participation. I also hope to invite members of St. Joseph's to join us as well. Be on the lookout for more information after the holidays have passed.
- **I hope you'll make an effort to join our Spanish-speaking community on New Year's Day for Mass at 10:30am.** We will wish them farewell and invoke the intercession of the Blessed Mother on their move to their new home. All are welcome!
- Many thanks to **Barbara Carpentier** who memorialized our new green stole and chasuble in honor of her husband, **Edward Carpentier.** May he rest in peace!
- Please join us tomorrow, Monday, December 23, at 1pm in All Saints Church as we **decorate for Christmas** and prepare for the coming feasts! Many hands make light work!
- Lastly, check out our Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule, and **be assured of my prayers for you and yours during this happy and holy time.** I look forward to seeing you on Christmas!

Until then,

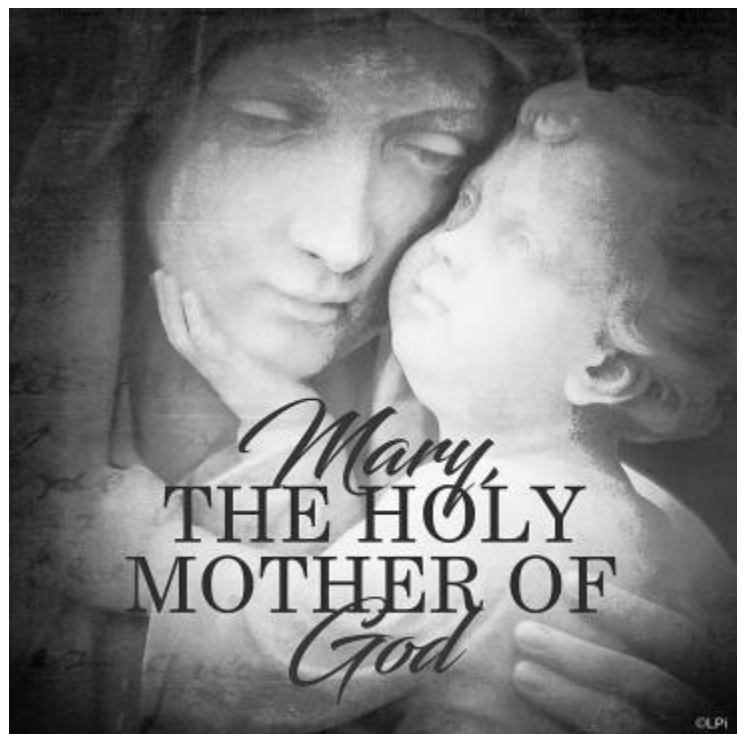
Fr. Joe

# HOLIDAY Mass Schedule



**CHRISTMAS**  
*A Savior Is Born*

Christmas Eve: 4pm Mass in Saint Charles  
4pm Mass in All Saints  
6pm Spanish Mass in All Saints  
Christmas Day: 9am Mass in Saint Charles  
10:15am Mass in All Saints



*Mary,*  
**THE HOLY  
MOTHER OF  
God**

New Year's Eve:  
4pm Mass in Saint Charles  
4pm Mass in All Saints  
New Year's Day:  
10:30am Spanish Mass  
in All Saints

## SAINT CHARLES: IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday, December 24, 4pm**—Final Christmas Eve Mass in Saint Charles Church
- **Wednesday, December 25, 9 a m**—Final Christmas Day Mass in Saint Charles Church
- **Sunday, January 12, 9am**—Final Mass in Saint Charles Church:



All who attend this special liturgy will receive a special memento, "a piece of Saint Charles," which will be explained at the final Mass. **Please note: there is no 4pm Mass on January 11.**



## Office Hours

**The office will be closed from Monday 12/23 to Friday 12/27/19.** We will reopen Monday 12/31 at 8:30am.

**We will also be closed from Tuesday 12/31 to Thursday 1/2/20.** We will reopen Friday 1/3/20 at 8:30am.

We wish everyone a happy, blessed, and safe Christmas and New Year's Eve!

**INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER**  
In the event that Woonsocket Public Schools are **CLOSED or DELAYED** on a snow day, Mass at All Saints and Saint Charles will be canceled.

## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

All Saints annual Christmas card and raffle, 12 Days of Christmas, is here again!

Thinking about buying one of the most beautiful Christmas cards ever produced for a friend or loved one. Also, give a friend or loved one a chance to win one or more of the 12 prizes at the Christmas Season. **For only \$10 it's a great for teachers, Secret Santa, or that hard to buy for friend!**

We will be selling tickets after all masses at the front door, or you can purchase tickets at the rectory.

The last day to purchase cards will be **TODAY** Sunday December 22nd. **All tickets MUST be turned in by TODAY December 22nd.** The office is closed the **entire week of Christmas.**



## WEEKEND FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 15th, 2019

### All Saints

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### St. Charles

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Thank you for your continued generosity!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 21st

4:00: (SC) M/M Philippe Tardif, *by family*

4:00: (AS) Domenic Gizzarelli, *by wife*

### Sunday, December 22nd

7:30: Sandra Guay, *by mom & dad*

9:00: Alberta Loretta Lamarche, *by their children*

10:15: Edward Zarski, *by family*

### Monday, December 23rd - All Saints

8:00: Kristen Montalvo, *by Steve & Deborah Champeau*

### Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

4:00: (SC) Roger & Mary Bebeau and Richard & Alice Levesque

4:00: (AS) Normand & Claire Lanoue and Caroline Davidge, *by the Davidge & Rochefort families*

### Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day

9:00: (SC)

10:15: (AS) Robert & Annette Lavallee, *by Paul & Kathy*

### Thursday December 26th - All Saints

9:00: Louise & Marcel Dupre and Ronald & Claire Champeau, *by Steve & Deborah Champeau*

### Friday, December 27th - All Saints

8:00: Gerard Tardif, *by Gerard Martel*

### Saturday, December 28th

4:00: (SC) Robert & Molly Champagne, *by Molly & Don Burke*

4:00: (AS) Ray & Connie Patras, *by Tom & Gail Ranieri*

### Sunday, December 22nd

7:30: Levi Brooks

9:00: Walter Kowal

10:15: Jean, Eugenie, & Roger Barthelemy, *by family*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Each Advent season, we prepare to welcome Jesus into the inns and stables of our hearts. But Jesus' coming wasn't welcomed by everyone with choirs of angels. For St. Joseph, the first coming of Jesus was a bit more complicated. *"When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit."* For Joseph, opening his heart (and home) to Jesus meant, at best, appearing to all the world like a man who had impregnated his wife out of wedlock. At worst, he appeared a cuckold, raising the child of another man. God doesn't always appear the way we expect.

For some of us, the birth of Christ is a bit relationally complicated. Perhaps over the past few months, a loved one has died. This Christmas, you're taking it upon yourself to keep up the traditions and hold the family together. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming grief. Perhaps it's a difficult relative (or two or three) and it's all you can do to bite your tongue and swallow your pride while they're under your roof. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming strife, discord, and tension.

Yet *"do not be afraid,"* the angel says. Do not be afraid. Why? Because we celebrate the birth of *"Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"* Before Jesus' earthly ministry would begin, Jesus would lose his father, Joseph. God is with us in our grief. Wherever Jesus went, he stirred up controversy and faced down challenging personalities. God is with us in our stress. The trick is, like Joseph, to allow supernatural grace to prevail. Joseph was a good man, filled with natural virtue in that he didn't want to *"expose [Mary] to shame."* Yet he was prepared to *"divorce her quietly"* all the same. Our natural abilities only take us so far. Where is receiving Jesus complicated this Christmas season? Are you relying on your own strength to get you through, or are you truly ready to accept the grace of Emmanuel, God with us?

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**MISA DE NOCHE BUENA**  
Se celebrará el **Martes 24 de diciembre** a las **6pm.**

## Las lecturas de la semana del 22 de Diciembre de 2019

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Domingo:           | Is 7, 10-14/ Sal 24, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [7. 10]/Rom 1, 1-7/Mt 1, 18-24                            |
| Lunes:             | Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 25, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14/ Lc 1, 57-66                                     |
| Martes:            | 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29 [2]/Lc 1, 67-79                          |
| Miércoles:         | Is 52, 7-10/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 [3]/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o Jn 1, 1-5. 9-14             |
| Jueves:            | Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 31, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17 [6]/Mt 10, 17-22                           |
| Viernes:           | 1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 97, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12 [12]/Jn 20, 1. 2-8                                       |
| Sábado:            | 1 Jn 1, 5—2, 2/Sal 124, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8 [7]/Mt 2, 13-18  |
| Domingo siguiente: | Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14/ Sal 128, 1-2. 3. 4-5 [cfr. 1]/Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17/Mt 2, 13-15. 19-23 |

**1 de Enero de 2020**, es misa de precepto de la **Solemnidad de Maria, Madre de Dios**. Tendremos nuestra última misa en español en nuestra iglesia (Todos los Santos) antes de que nos relocalizemos a las **10:30am**, seguido de la Santa Misa se hará una procesión hasta la Iglesia la Santísima Trinidad donde el Padre Sweet nos dará la bienvenida.



## WELCOME!

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Saturday at 3pm

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## SAINT CHARLES PARISH: A MORE THAN 170-YEAR LEGACY OF FAITH, SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

In this space, we hope to include pictures and memories shared by Saint Charles Parishioners. Thanks to Wayne and Becky Kilcline for sending these along! Email any pictures or memories to Deb at [allsaintsrectory2@hotmail.com](mailto:allsaintsrectory2@hotmail.com).



*Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery 2002*



*Christmas Bazaar 2011*



*Confirmation 2001*

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