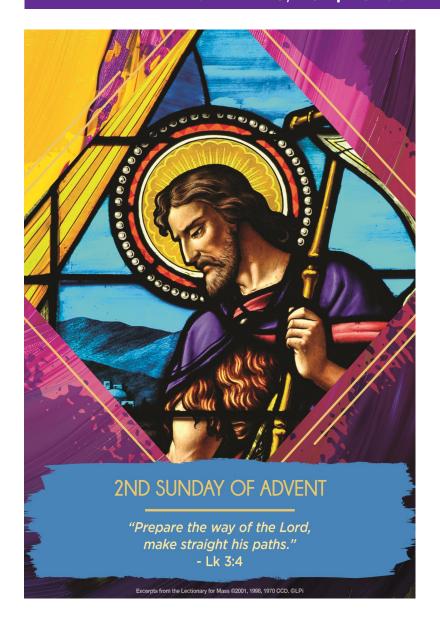
### PENINSULA CLUSTER OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES

#### **DECEMBER 8, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



O PEOPLE OF SION,
BEHOLD THE LORD WILL COME
TO SAVE THE NATIONS,
AND THE LORD WILL MAKE
THE GLORY OF HIS VOICE HEARD
IN THE JOY OF YOUR HEART.

#### First Reading: Bar 5:3-4

"For God will show all the earth your splendor:
you will be named by God forever
the peace of justice,
the glory of God's worship."

#### Psalm: 126

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

#### Second Reading: Phil 1:10-11

So that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.

#### Gospel: Lk 3:5-6

"The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT JOSEPH

Saturday 4pm (English) & 6:30 pm (Español) Sunday 8am & 11am

#### **SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA**

Saturday 5:30 pm Sunday 9:30 am

#### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

Saturday 4pm Sunday 10am

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#### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, December 7

St. Joseph (9am) +Laurent & Dussiel Family Members

by Christine Dussiel

St. Joseph (4pm) +Richard Re by Sue Murray

San José (6:30pm) ~Será Anunciado St. Mary (5:30pm) ~Pro Populo

St. Vincent (4pm) + Molly Clarke by Mary Giguere

#### Sunday, December 8

St. Joseph (8am) ~People of our Parish

St. Joseph (11am) +Barbara Wolkowich by the Family

St. Mary (9:30am) + John Ling-Yee Lam by the Cheung Family

St. Vincent (10am) ~People of our Parish

#### Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception (HDO)

St. Joseph (9am) +Souls in Purgatory

St. Mary (12:05) +Carl & Elisa Gose by the Family

St. Vincent (6pm) ~St. Vincent Parishioners and Their Families

#### Tuesday, December 10

St. Joseph (9am) +Mary Han Dinh by Yen Dinh

#### Wednesday, December 11 Mass & Adoration

St. Joseph (6pm) ~Aurea Laurent by Christine Dussiel

St. Vincent (12:05) ~St. Vincent Parishioners

#### Thursday, December 12

St. Joseph (9am) ~Marie Rex by Molly Edgette
St. Vincent (10am) +Anjel Rodus Chavez by Irma Mejia

San José (6pm) ~Será Anunciado

#### Friday, December 13

St. Mary (12:05) +Robert Epstein by Cecil Turner

#### Saturday, December 14

St. Joseph (9am) + Mary Fran Polino by Madonna Galvan

St. Joseph (4pm) +John Boerner by Mary
San José (6:30pm) ~Será Anunciado

St. Mary (5:30pm) +Carl & Elisa Grose by the Family

St. Vincent (4pm) ~People of our Parish

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Monday, December 9th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be celebrated at Saint Joseph at 9am,

Saint Mary at 12:05pm,

and Saint Vincent de Paul at 6pm

**Parish Registration:** To register in one of our cluster parishes, please pick up a registration form at Mass and turn it in to the parish office, or contact your parish office directly.

**Baptism:** For infants and children under the age of 7: a pre-baptismal preparation process for parents is required, and the sacrament is celebrated on a scheduled basis. Please contact your Deacon to register for preparation.

**RCIA (Becoming Catholic):** The RCIA process is for unbaptized persons, ages 7 and older, and those who were baptized in another Christian tradition. The process is one of conversion and formation and people are welcomed into the process year-round. Contact one of our Deacon's for more information.

**Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at St. Joseph on Wednesdays: 5pm & Saturdays: 3-3:45pm, St. Vincent on Wednesdays: 12:30 & Saturdays: 3:30pm and St. Mary's on Sundays: 8:45-9:15am.

### **Christian Formation**



O Come Emmanuel Advent Celebration: December 15, 2-4pm in Cordier Hall.

Dress Rehearsal: December 8th, 2-4pm at SJ.
Parents are asked to stay and assist.

**Coffee with Clergy:** All are welcome to grab a cup of coffee with Fr. Dillon on **Thursdays from 10-11am at Buckroe Coffee.** This is an informal event each Thursday to learn about topics of your choice and to pick a priest's brain about any subject you want.

Advent Day of Recollection: Father Dillon will be leading an Advent Day of Recollection at Saint Joseph's on December 21st from 10am-2pm. On this mini retreat, we will seek to hear the voice of God as we meditate upon the mystery of the Incarnation and prepare ourselves for Christmas. Please bring your own lunch.

**Advent Book Study:** Join Father Dillon in a 3-week advent book study beginning on **December 7th.** We will be reading and discussing Caryll Houselander's *The Reed of God.* The group will meet on Saturday mornings from 7:30am-8:45am at Saint Joseph's Little White House. Please sign up using the forms in the back of the church or in the parish halls (Dec. 7,14,21).

**Ephesian Bible Study**: Father Dillon will be leading an 8-part bible study on the Letter to the Ephesians starting **Dec. 30th.** We will explore how this book of the Word of God helps us better understand the nature of marriage, the purpose and role of the Church, the preeminence of grace in God's plan, and the reality of spiritual warfare. We will gather on **Mondays at Saint Mary's parish hall from 7pm-8:30pm.** Please sign up using the forms in the back of the church or in the parish halls (Dec. 30 Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17).

**The Angelic Doctor:** Join Father Dillon on a 5-week series about Saint Thomas Aquinas and his theology. We will learn about the life of this great saint, how to read his theological works, and study his thoughts on God and the Christian faith. The group will meet at **Saint Joseph's Cordier Hall after the 9am Mass on Saturdays beginning January 4th** (Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1.)

#### **Upcoming Young Adult Series at St. Clare Retreat Center:**

Tues, Dec. 17, 2024, 7-9pm: Advent Movie Night and Popcorn

Tues, Dec. 31, 2024 7-9pm: New Years Eve Dancing & Midnite Adoration with Benediction

#### LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.

#### This Week's Scripture:

#### First Reading:

The prophet Baruch offers the Israelites in Babylonian exile a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. Is there a broken relationship you could help heal this Advent season? **Second Reading:** 

Paul prays with joy over the partnership he experiences with the believers in Phillipi. What relationships in your life bring you joy?

#### Gospel:

Luke is careful to place the activities of John the Baptist in their proper historical and political context, showing how God acts in human history. Can you think of a time in your life when you felt God present?

### Saint Joseph, Pray for us

 November 24, 2024

 OFFERTORY:
 \$3,571.61

 E-Giving:
 \$3,420.00

 Parish Charities
 \$841.00

 SOS
 \$35.00

 Food Pantry
 \$200.00

 Holiday Basket
 \$38.00

 Prayer Shawl Raffle
 \$135.00



#### Attendance:

Saturday 4pm: 127 6:30pm: 66
Sunday 8am: 100 11am: 145
Weekly budgeted offertory \$11,000
This week's second collection: Retired Religious
Next week's second collection: Parish Charities



**Food Pantry and Breakfast Ministry:** We appreciate all the generous donors and volunteers who make services to our patrons and friends possible! Holiday Food Basket efforts were bountiful and we served many in need this season. Thank you for helping us help others! Please continue to donate what you can to our weekly efforts as every gesture of charity goes a long way.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** would like to thank everyone who participated in our Prayer Shawl Raffle. Our lucky winner is Mike Araojo! We are grateful to the community for your outpouring of support. Our ministries last meeting for the year is December 13<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will resume the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January.

**Poinsettia Memorialization:** Saint Joseph's Arts and Environment will be offering Poinsettia Memorialization for the Month of December. These will adorn our worship space Christmas Season. Please keep a lookout for purchasing opportunity in the commons and additional information over the next few weeks.

**ANGEL GIVING TREE**: Saint Joseph's is again partnering with Catholic Charities to support local families in need, as well as some of our very own patrons and guests in need. Please help us to bless families who could benefit from a hand-up this season. All gifts should be returned **unwrapped** to Melanie in the office no later than **Friday, December 13**<sup>th</sup> so everything may be picked up and delivered to families in time. If you want to assist with wrapping you may also donate wrapping paper for families to use in wrapping their gifts. Thank you for always being active members of a fraternal charity community!



**Simbang Gabi Mass:** Father Romy has requested for the incorporation of Philippines' Christmas traditions into our parish. The Philippines has a 300 year tradition of celebrating midnight masses 9 days before Christmas called Simbang Gabi. The Masses begin on December 16 and end of December 24. Normally, attendees do not come home until 1 am. In lieu of the traditional midnight masses, the Filipino-American parishioners for Saint Joseph will sponsor a Mass On December 18 at 6pm. Snacks will be provided after Mass. All are invited to participate and bring a dish to share. Questions? Contact Cynthia Bowen 757-218-0212. Hope to see many of you there!

**Breakfast Ministry:** Once again, we will be taking a collection of McDonald's gift cards to include in our Christmas Holiday Gift for those in need of support this Christmas Season. We will continue to collect these cards through **December 18th** and appreciate any assistance you can provide.

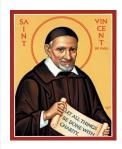


**Lighting of the Advent Wreath Sign-ups**: If you or your family would like to take part in lighting the Advent wreath, sign-ups are in the Commons. One sign-up per family Please!

All Cluster parishioners— please join us on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: We will start at 6:15 in a procession from the Saint Clare Retreat Center and continue to Saint Joseph. Mass will begin at 7pm. Please join us after mass at the Covered Dish Convivio in Cordier Hall. For more information, please contact Deacon Guillo

### Saint Vincent de Paul, Pray for us

November 24, 2024 **OFFERTORY:** \$1,572.00 E-Giving \$1,557.00 **Back Door Ministry** 105.00 Church Maintenance \$35.00 Thanksgiving Baskets \$400.00 **Christmas Flowers** \$190.00 Catholic Virginian \$15.00 **PORT** \$50.00



# Attendance: Saturday: 75 Sunday: 65 Weekly budgeted offertory \$6,080

This week's 2nd collection: **Retired Religious** Next week's 2nd collection: **Gen. Op. Shortfall** 



**Thank you** to everyone who donated money and food items to fill our Thanksgiving baskets. Thirty baskets were distributed. Valerie Hall, her husband, Gary, Ryan McKenna, Barbara Tucci, Gene Warren, and Brandon





Bowers, who is assisting in the food pantry for a few weeks, sorted and prepared the baskets which were picked-upped by the Newport News Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Newport News, Monday, November 25. Your assistance to those in need is greatly appreciated. We are grateful.

**Downtown Christmas Angel Tree:** St. Vincent's will hold the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Christmas for the needy in our community. This year our Angel Tree will focus on our backdoor guests, many of whom are homeless. We hope to serve about 75 of our guests this year along with 25 Families from Housing and 50 disabled individuals. We ask you to consider adopting an individual from our Angel Tree in the back of the church. Please bring this gift back, unwrapped to the Downtown Christmas collection box by **December 10th. Make sure the angel tag is attached to the gift.** Thank you for all you do to bring the joy of Jesus's birth to the least fortunate of our community.



**Christmas Flowers:** If you wish to donate to our Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please use the designated envelope in your packet of offertory envelopes or place cash or check in an envelope showing your name and designation for Christmas Flowers. For those wishing names of loved ones to appear in our Christmas bulletin flyer, donations should be submitted by **Monday, December 16th—PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** 

**2024 Downtown Christmas Needs Volunteers:** The Downtown Christmas is a large event that provides gifts, toiletries, hats, gloves, socks and snack bags to over 250 people. This will be our 39<sup>th</sup> year and we hope that you will be involved in this exciting ministry. We need your help for such a big event. We will be collecting donations, have an Angel Tree and wrapping and sorting of gifts. Dates you could volunteer would be **Dec 10, Dec 12, 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> starting each day at 9am**. If you have any questions please feel free and would like to volunteer please call Ellen Williams at 757-332-0988. Thanks!

**2024 Downtown Christmas Toiletry, Socks & Glove Request**: Donations of family-size toiletry items--shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes, hand cream, along with socks & warm gloves, are being collected. Please place donations in the box in the chapel marked, Downtown Christmas Toiletries. Thank you for your support!



### Saint Mary Star of the Sea, Pray for us

This week's 2nd Collection: Retired Religious Next week's 2nd Collection: Building Fund

Average Budgeted Offertory is \$3,033 per weekend.

November 24, 2024	Attendance:	Saturday: 48	Sunday: 131
OFFERTORY:	Basket	E-Give	
1st Collection	\$2,024.00	\$1,165.00	
Support Our Schools	\$20.00	\$115.00	
Building Fund	\$0	\$160.00	
Parish Charities	\$O	\$75.00	
Catholic Virginian	\$O	\$10.00	
CC Angel Tree Gift Cards	\$1,002.00	\$O	
Slate Roof	\$276.00	\$65.00	
Flowers	\$210.00	\$O	





Through the Sacrament of his Holy Baptism, we joyfully welcome John Moses Heubach, son of Matthew & Sara, of our parish.

**Angel Tree:** Once again, we are participating in the Catholic Charities Angel Tree Gift Card program which benefits our local brothers and sisters (of all ages) that can use a hand up this Christmas. Instead of asking you to make a special trip for a particular request, we ask that when you are already out on an errand, pick-up a gift card to donate and we will send them to Catholic Charities. They will pass them on to someone in need or do the shopping for us. It could be from a Big Box Store, a grocery store, wherever you wish. **Last year, your generosity totaled over \$2,500!** The collection card box is in the Hall. Please turn in or mail your gift cards to the office no later than **this Sunday-December 8th.** 

**Advent Wreath**: If your family would like to take part in lighting our Advent Wreath, please sign-up in vestibule.

Join Deacon Mike to celebrate the **Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** with Evening Prayer at 7pm on Wednesday, December 11th at Saint Mary Star of the Sea.

**Christmas Flowers and Decorations:** If you would like to contribute to our Christmas Flowers and Decorations, please use the envelopes in the vestibule. Please **PRINT ALL MEMORIAMS AND HONORIES IN ALL UPPERCASE LETTERS! Don't forget to include your name or Parish number!** 



#### Interested in becoming an Altar server? Please contact Deacon Mike.

**Our Music Ministry** is looking for volunteers to play chimes during the Caroling before our 5:30 Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. All over the age of 8 are invited and no experience is necessary. Please see Danny if you are interested.

**Sunday Socials:** Join us immediately following Sunday Mass for Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall. Hospitality is a cooperative effort to build our community and strengthen the bonds of our Parish family. Please consider signing up to host on the sheet posted in hall. All are always welcome!

### **CLUSTER**

**KPC Christmas Dinner Raffle:** The Lloyd F Stephenson St. Vincent De Paul Knights of Peter Claver Council 362 is sponsoring a Christmas Dinner Giveaway Raffle. The "dinner" consists of a Cracker Barrel Gift Card for \$70.00. Two gift cards will be awarded. The drawing will be conducted at St Vincent De Paul Church on **December 22, 2024, after the 10 am Mass.** The winner need not be present to claim their prize. Ticket price is \$10.00. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Knights of Peter Claver Council 362.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Cards after each Mass this weekend, at St. Joseph and St. Mary's. Next weekend December 14 & 15 2024 will be our last weekend for Christmas Card Sales. We still have a nice selection of Christmas Cards to choose from so-please stop by.

**Respect Life Ministry:** Join our Peninsula Cluster Parishes Respect Life Ministry as we pray and work for further protection for the unborn and vulnerable among us. We meet on the **2nd Saturday** of every month at 10am in the Little White House, 516 Buckroe Ave., Hampton. For further information or questions contact Carolyn Moore at (757) 719-6666 or www.respectlife.org

Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia (CCEVA) continues our work to serve the poor and working poor throughout our region -- serving more than 10,000 families -- distributing over 55,000 diapers and rent assistance of \$362,000 to prevent homelessness. CCEVA provides pregnancy & parenting support, to helping families in crisis avoid homelessness, to mental health counseling, to Guardianship and services for seniors -- CCEVA provides professional supports for the most vulnerable in our community. But we also provide numerous programs aimed at empowering families to move out of poverty.

"May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart."

### This Week's Readings

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt

13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt

17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk

3:10-18



St. Joseph: Don Boyce, Joe Boyce, David Braunbeck, Roxanne Brown, Jeremiah C. Burke, Wynette Burke, James Burns, Dean Charles, Steven Charles, Brian Emmons, Skip Fontz, Catherine Freel, James Freel, Rita Haynes, Mark Harmer, Cindy Hoffler, Cindy Jo, Ellie Kalski, Art Kelly, Michelle & Paul Kirkland, Annette Lyons, Mona Mazonkey, Eugenia Perugi, John Ruth, Barbara Scheuren, Delores Shackley, James

St. Mary: Larry Berger, Helene Biondi, Noreen Casey, Melynda Golla, Art Johnston, Tom Koelsch, Joe Leffson, Kate Luke, Bill Meidenbauer, Aaron Michalski, Gail Najarian, Tony O'Connell, Jennifer Oliver, A.P., Milia Panaccione, Arthur Regan, Steven Swyers, Terri Vidarri.

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Gary Vonderhaar, Éugenia Walters, Carol Williams, Danielle Winters,

St. Vincent: Irene Aleandro, Barbara Backus, Anthony Bland, Juanita Brown, Jim Buckman, Myasia Butler, Judy Drew, Charles Farquhar, Pam Haas, Doris Inman, Michael J. Link, Grayson Mineck, Bambi Mohammed, Brenda Orie, Vincent Paige, Pat Patterson, Angela Reilly, Lanny Smith, Mary Stephenson, Franziska Steverson, Karen Sudler, Tondalaya Thomas, Dillion Witherspoon

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AC White, Nellie Jo Yannarella

"and please rememberdon't forget to pray for me". ~Pope Francis



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