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<u>Mass Schedule</u> Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 pm Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am First Saturdays 9:30 am Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 pm Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am

<u>Confessions</u> Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 pm–7:00 pm Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am–10:15 am Saturday, 3:15 pm–4:45 pm or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays 9:00 am-4:00 pm First Fridays 9:00 am-3:00 pm First Sundays 12:00 pm-3:00 pm

> Religious Education K4–Confirmation Sunday 9:50 am

<u>Church Hours</u> Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

<u>Office Hours</u> 1303 McLees Rd. Anderson Monday 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm Tuesday – Thursday 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Friday 9:30 am – Noon

Diocese of Charleston

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fr. Philip S. Gillespie, Pastor ~ pastor@sjccs.net



December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. — Jn 1:6-7

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MISSION

We the people of God at St. Joseph Catholic Church & School, acknowledge the mission of Holy Mother Church as seeking the salvation of souls by making disciples of all nations – teaching them all that Jesus Christ has commanded. (Mt. 28:19-20)

Welcome Newcomers! Registration forms are available in the Narthex of the Church or email **registration@sjccs.net**.

Church Staff 864-225-5341	
Fr. Philip S. Gillespie, Pastor pastor@sjccs.net	Mass Intentions
Fr. David A. Runnion, Retired Priest frrunnion@sjccs.net	17 SUNDAY — Third Sunday of Advent
Salvatore L. Cancello, OFS, Deacon Chet Johns, Deacon Chet Johns, Deacon Salvatore L. Cancello@sjccs.net	5:00PM (Vigil) <u>People of the Parish</u>
Linda McCormick, Office Admin.	8:30AM +Charlene Wewers rb Wewers Family 11:00AM +Grady Tollison rb Mary Ann Tollison
Denise A. Thompson, Secretary	
Jan Heithaus, Religious Education jan.heithaus@sjccs.net	18 Monday — Advent Weekday
Kate Edwards, Special Projects kate.edwards@sjccs.net	No Mass
Jerrad Fenske, Music Director jerrad.fenske@sjccs.net	19 Tuesday — Advent Weekday
School Staff 864-760-1619	5:30PM <u>+Dorothy Fox</u> rb Lori Seiler
Haymée Giuliani, Principal haymee.giuliani@sjccs.net Diana Cantú, Accounting diana.cantu@sjccs.net	20 Wednesday — Advent Weekday
Kathy Massey, Admin. Assistant kathy.massey.sjccs.net	8:30AM +Joseph Seneviratna rb Anne Fernando
Church & School Fax (864) 225-6432	21 Thursday — Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church
	5:30PM <u>+Barbara Frances</u> rb Linda Firneno
Online Giving	22 Friday — Advent Weekday
Look for the WeShare logo on the	8:30AM <u>+Aniceta Delgado</u> rb Rosie Howard
website at www.sjccs.net/church	
	24 SUNDAY — Fourth Sunday of Advent 5:00PM (Vigil) <u>+Carmel Jones</u> rb Jones Family
Church Weekly Budget Income \$ 10,500.00	8:30AM <u>People of the Parish</u>
Weekly Collection-December 10, 2023	11:00AM +Valerie Owens rb Davis Family
Received in Office \$ 9,094.00	24 SUNDAY — Christmas Eve
WeShare Online Giving <u>\$ 1,055.00</u>	6:00PM (Vigil) <u>+Michele Sullivan</u> rb Sullivan Family
\$ 10,149.00	
Over / (Under) \$ (351.00)	Daily Mass Readings
Second Collection-December 10, 2023:	· · ·
Retirement Fund \$ 830.00	17 SUNDAY — Third Sunday of Advent
Immaculate Conception \$ 2,090.00	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 (8) 18 Monday — Advent Weekday
	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 (194)
WeShare Online Collection-November 2023:	19 Tuesday — Advent Weekday
Support Our Saints \$ 610.00	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 (195)
School Scholarship \$ 125.00	20 Wednesday — Advent Weekday Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 (196)
Parish Charity \$ 335.00	21 Thursday — Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church
All Saints \$ 140.00	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45 (197)
All Souls \$ 140.00	22 Friday — Advent Weekday 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56 (198)
Guatemalan Mission \$ 175.00 Military Archdiocese \$ 150.00	23 Saturday — Saint John of Kanty, Priest
Military Archdiocese\$ 150.00Thank you for your support and generosity!\$ 1,675.00	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66 (199)
Thank you for your support and generosity: 5 1,075.00	24 SUNDAY — Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 (11)
Wedding Anniversary Blessings	
Need a blessing for your 25th, 50th, or 60th ?	
Please contact the Parish Office for scheduling.	Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Flease contact the Farish Office for scheduling.	
	If you or a relative are in need of an anointing, or if
153 Praying Days to Pentecost!	you have scheduled surgery, please call in advance to
Come Holy Spirit!	arrange for the Anointing of the Sick by a Priest.
	Please do not wait until the last minute to call.
	In the event of an emergency,
	call the Parish Office: 864-225-5341.
Prayer to the Holy Trinity	After hours press 1 when prompted.
0 0	
Father, Son and Holy Spírít	Pray for the Sick
direct and protect, guide and provide,	
, - ,	December 17: Joe Ball, George Chastain, Billy Ellison, Pat
inspire and set on fire my heart for	Jourdan, Mary Beth McCarty, Suellen Pometto, Denise Wallace, Tommy Wallace, Kenneth Yuravich, Kathleen Turner, Family of
Love of You and my neighbor in all things. Amen	Denise Thompson, Maria Cozzoni, Sherion Black, Bo Hendry,
	Frank DeMario, Donna Owens, Charlsie Gard, Juan Cantu, Jim
	Bayne
Please pray for the Repose of the souls of	December 10: Connie Bennett, Ray & Ruth Hamel, Alison
rease pray for the repose of the sours of	Henderson, Lynn Herold, Ray Herold, Leif Hope, Fr. Ignatius, Frann Melanaski, Lucille Pekarik, Jim Sernak, Don Black,
Holy Souls in Purgatory	Charlotte Black, Debbie Lollis, Jacob Lollis, Rosemary Gregory
i C i	December 03 : Ann Kohlmayer, Laura Nunn, Diane Krolak, Dot
May the faithful departed be aided by our prayers.	Bismack, Barbara Kaliski, Joe Modzel, Beatrice Runnion, Ewa
<i>Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen</i>	Pedzimaz, Carolyn Schilling, Becky Black, Ronnie Richie,
apon mon may mey rost in peace. minen	Michael Clark, Len Krolak, Jean Hughes, Walker Faurot
	Additions or Deletions? Please email prayers@sjccs.net
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December 17, 2023 - Third Sunday of Advent

		WEEK AT A GLANCE
SAT	DEC 16	 Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot Saturday Servants, 10:30 AM, Parish Office CWS Meeting, 9:30-11:00 AM Hall in Use, 2:00-4:00 PM Confessions, 3:15-4:45 PM Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN Third Su	DEC 17 unday of Advent	
		Divine Mercy Chaplet/Penitential Prayers, 3:00 PM
MON	DEC 18	• Boy Scouts, 6:30 PM, Hall
TUE	DEC 19	 Mary's Prayer Cenacle Rosary, 8:45-10:00 AM, Church Mass, 5:30 PM Confessions, 6:15 PM -7:00 PM
WED	DEC 20	 Mass, 8:30 AM Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM & 4:00–5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 AM–4:00 PM
THU	DEC 21	 Mass, 5:30 PM Confessions, 6:15 PM –7:00 PM
FRI	DEC 22	 Parish Office Closed - Christmas Mass, 8:30 AM Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM & 4:00–5:00 PM
SAT	DEC 23	 Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot Saturday Servants, 10:30 AM, Parish Office Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN Fourth S	DEC 24 Sunday of Advent	 Mass, 8:30 AM Bible Study, 9:45–10:45 AM, Office Religious Education, 9:50–10:45 AM, School Mass, 11:00 AM The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass, 6:00 PM
	DEC 25 Nativity of the Lord	 Parish Office Closed - Christmas Mass, 8:30 AM Mass, 11:00 AM

A GLANCE AHEAD				
DECEMBER/JANUARY	JANUARY	AND BEYOND		
RCIA, Dec 17 th	Catholic Book Club, Jan 4 th	Catholic Book Club, Feb 1 st The Shepherd Who Did not Run		
Hilltoppers, Jan 2 nd	Movie: The Staircase	by Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda		
Speaker: JT Foster, Probate Judge	K of C Fish Fry, Jan 5 th	K of C Fish Fry, Feb 2 nd		
Entrée: Beef Stew	Lay Carmelites, Jan 6 th	Hilltoppers, Feb 6 th		
Pray the Rosary	Epiphany Mass, Jan 7 th with Brass & Timpani Accompaniment	Catholicism for Dummies Feb 6 th /7 th , 13 th /14 th , 20 th /21 st		
Everyday! Fr. Philip S. Gillespie	Catholicism for Dummies	SJCCS Gala, Feb 10 th		
	Jan 9 th /10 th , 16 th /17 th , 23 rd /24 th , 30 th /31 st	Craft Fair, Feb 17 th		
	Confirmation Retreat, Jan 20 th	Parish Mission—Fr. Knab, Feb 25 th -27 th		
	Sacramental Parent Class, Jan 24 th	Sacramental Parent Class, Feb 28 th		
	SJCCS Chili Cookoff, Jan 26 th			
	CWS Italian Dinner, Jan 27 th			

PASTOR'S CORNER





ess in the day, in the midst of your usual rout al away to pray for your beloved Pastor nownst by most - effecting eternal affairs. May God richly reward you - now and later - for your fidelity and sacrifice

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.... Heb 4:13a

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Starting at St. Joseph Catholic Church

There is a women's prayer group starting at our parish for Fr. Gillespie. We will offer prayer for him in the form of Holy Hours, using a simple structure by the Seven Sisters Apostolate, an international ministry, that has at least one group in every

USA state and several countries!

Want to learn more? Contact: Lisa Commerford

at (864)556-2136 or lcommerford@hotmail.com



Coats for Kids and Families Update

KC 8295 wishes to thank the many parishioners who donated the beautiful coats and sweaters for the needy.

The clothing was distributed on December 8 to: Safe Harbor, Soup Kitchen, Clean Start, Hope Mission, New Foundations School, Anderson Pregnancy Center, AIM, and St. Mary of the Angels Church.

Over 250 items were passed out with an acknowledgement that St. Joseph parishioners were the generous donors. God Bless All.

REMEMBER: FR. GILLESPIE WILL NEVER, NEVER, NEVER,* EVER SOLICIT FUNDS OR GIFT CARDS THROUGH EMAILS, TEXTS, OR VOICEMAIL. If you have questions, please call the Parish Office 864-225-5341. * NEVER means NEVER, EVER

CATHOLIC MEDIA RESOURCES

Listen: Kresta in the Afternoon ~ Ave Maria Radio Catholic Radio ~ Search: MediaTrix" Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ ~ Search: The Catholic Current

Read: Magnificat~www.Magnificat.com Magnifikid~Search MagnifiKid

Watch: The Chosen ~ Search The Chosen **EWTN for Mass, Movies, Programs** @ EWTN.com



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registration@sjccs.net – To register in the Parish, OR to update information		1/7	12/24
prayers@sjccs.net – To submit prayer requests for the bulletin – "Pray for the Sick"		1/14	12/31
daily.message@sjccs.net – Message about campus activities and daily Religious Education weekly.bulletin@sjccs.net – For bulletin announcements – Submit in Word or Publisher format			1/7

ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2023 *							
	December 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Christmas	Christmas						
Eve	Day						
31							
*C = (*C = Confessions; See times listed below by day & date.						
Dec 19 th			(Tue)	6:00-	6:00–7:00pm		
Dec 20 th		(Wed)	9:15-	9:15–10:15am & 4:00–5:00pm			
Dec 21 st		(Thu)	6:00-	6:00–7:00pm			
Dec 2	Dec 22 nd			9:15	9:15 to 10:15am & 4:00-5:00pm		
Dec 23 rd			(Sat)	3:15-	3:15- 4:45 pm		

Christmas Day Mass Schedule (Note only 1 Mass Christmas Eve)

Christmas Eve: 6:00PM Christmas Day: 8:30 & 11:00AM

Note: To satisfy your Mass obligation, attendance for the 4th Sunday of Advent AND attendance for Christmas is required.



SATURDAY SERVANTS New Location for 2023! Parish Office at 10:30AM Three Saturdays left! December 16, 23rd & 30th

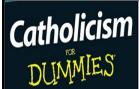


St. Joseph Catholic Church supplies <u>125 bag lunches</u> to support The Soup Kitchen in Anderson each weekend in December. There are five opportunities to help on <u>December 16, 23rd, & 30th</u>. <u>Volunteers are needed</u> to make sandwiches and help with packing the lunch bags.

If you are interested in supporting this effort our purchasing team will gladly accept <u>monetary donations</u>. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the Church office or in the collection basket during Mass. Please make your check payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church with **SATURDAY SERVANTS** in the memo line.

Please take advantage of this Christmas Season opportunity to give of yourself with time, talent, and treasure. The need is great here in our community and this is a way to teach your family the joys of giving back to others as **we celebrate the Birth of Our Lord.**

For more information please contact LeJean Carter, <u>lejeanc59@gmail.com</u> or call me at 989-590-3965.



Back by Popular Demand! Catholicism for Dummies 4th Edition

Learn more about Catholicism and answer your questions about the Faith? Tuesday Evenings 6:30-7:45pm Wednesday afternoons 12:45-2:00pm Starts January 9th/10th

Hilltoppers Monthly Social Are you over 50? Please Join us for the FUN!

Tuesday January 2nd, 11:30AM, Parish Hall Speaker – JT Foster, Probate Judge

Solo? Bring a friend! You will meet interesting people and form new friendships.

Entrée – Beef Stew

Feel free to bring a side dish, salad, or desserts to share with others, however not required.

Catholic Book Discussion Group Come join us!

This Month's Selection "The Staircase" Popcorn and a Move!!!



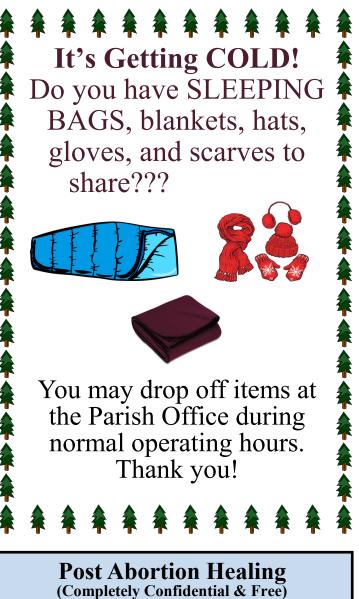
Come to either group:

Meets Thursday, January 4th 3:00 PM or 6:30 PM In the Parish Office

Based on a true story, The Staircase shows the desire of a dying nun in the late 19th century to see the construction of a much-needed staircase in a newly built chapel in a small New Mexico town.

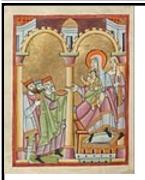
Contact Jan.Heithaus@sjccs.net for more information.

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Rachel's Vineyard Office of Family Life

Christy Brown, 803-554-6088



The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday January 7th 8:30 & 11:00 Masses

This year we will celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord with Brass, Timpani and Organ during the Sunday Masses on January 7.

The Brass Quintet will accompany festive Epiphany carols and also play selections from the *Mass for the Parishes* by Francois Couperin (1668-1733).

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<u>Safe Environment Program</u> ~ St. Joseph Church & School is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children and for upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" <u>All Volunteers</u> who serve at Masses (Ushers, Lectors, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers) and all parish office and school volunteers must undergo a background screening and complete *Safe Haven* online training.

<u>Prior to volunteering, the parish must receive the clearance paperwork back from the Diocese of Charleston.</u> Please contact the parish office or school for forms. For more information on how to report an allegation of abuse go **to** http://www.sccatholic.org and click on "Child and Youth Protection" at the bottom left of the homepage.

Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Denise Thompson, (864) 225-5341 or dthompson@charlestondiocese.org **School Safe Environment Coordinator**: Kathy Massey, (864) 760-1619 or kmassey@charlestondiocese.org **Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services**: (843) 853-2130x 209; **Diocesan Victim Assistance**: (800) 921-8122.



December 12, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of El Obeid in Sudan, Africa, covers an area nearly a third larger than the state of Texas. They prioritized vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life at their 2019 annual pastoral conference to meet the needs of clergy and religious ministering to Catholics spread across such a large area.

With assistance from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the Diocese of El Obeid recruited 15 new seminarians and four young women who entered the novitiate with the Congregation of Precious Blood Sisters in Nairobi, Kenya. One of the seminarian beneficiaries of the Solidarity Fund grant was ordained a deacon and others will be able to continue their studies.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa has been making real differences in the lives of Catholics throughout Africa for more than 15 years through its support of seminary training, formation of religious sisters and brothers, and other pastoral ministries that address the needs of the rapidly growing African Church.

We have several priests who have served or who are serving in the Diocese of Charleston from countries like Nigeria, Ghana and Kenya. When you participate in the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, you play a key role in forming today's seminarians to become the pastoral leaders of tomorrow.

The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that it can educate and form men and women to minister to the faithful as the Church continues to grow there and around the world. I encourage you to support this fund through the collection offertory envelope or your parish's online offertory platform on the weekend of **Dec. 16-17**.

In Christ's love,

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Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

Bishop of Charleston

P.S. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit <u>usccb.org/africa</u>. Social media graphics, parish materials and posters can be found online at <u>usccb.org/committees/church-africa/solidarity-fund-church-africa-resources</u>.



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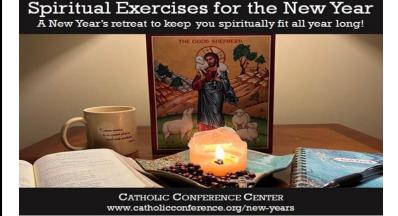
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<u>Catholic Campus Ministries</u> - If your child will be attending a College/University in South Carolina and they would like to join the Catholic Campus Ministry please contact their respective Campus Ministers:

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