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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

HOLY DAY VIGIL: DEC. 7TH AT 5 PM

HOLY DAY: DEC. 8TH AT 7 AM, NOON, 7 PM

DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

CONFESIONS:

TUES.: 8:30-9 AM & WED.: 6-6:45 PM

SAT.: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION:

STARTING MASS MONDAY, DEC. 8TH AT 7 PM

ENDING MASS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10TH AT 7 PM

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**"HE COMES TO US
NOW IN GRACE,
SILENTLY AND
LOVINGLY, IF WE
WILL OPEN THE
DOOR OF OUR
HEARTS TO HIM."**

ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
PAROCHIAL AND PLAIN SERMONS, VOL. 5, SERMON 22



Saturday, December 6

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 7

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Connie Herr +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Raymond "Bud" Helm +

5:00 p.m. (*Holy Day*) Parish Family

Monday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Virginia Lenart

Noon Our Parish Family

7:00 p.m. Darlene Coulardot +

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Jackie Hazelton Family

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, December 10

7:00 p.m. Marj Sanders +

Thursday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Priests
of Our Diocese

Friday, December 12

8:30 a.m. Mabel O'Keefe +

Saturday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Leonard Smythe +

Sunday, December 14

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Gonzalo Riveros +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Ps 98:1-4 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

Tues., Dec. 9 - Advent Weekday [2] - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin - Is 40:1-11 / Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 / Mt 18:12-14

Wed., Dec. 10 - Advent Weekday [2] - Our Lady of Loreto - Is 40:25-31 / Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 / Mt 11:28-30

Thurs., Dec. 11 - Advent Weekday [2] - St. Damasus I, Pope - Is 41:13-20 / Ps 145:1, 9-13ab / Mt 11:11-15

Fri., Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19 / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Sat., Dec. 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr - Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun., Dec. 14 - Third Sunday of Advent - Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 7, 2025

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation and falls tomorrow (*Monday, December 8th*). As our nation's patronal feast day, we rejoice in how God preserved the Blessed Virgin Mary from all stain of sin so that she might be truly free to embrace her mission as *Theotokos*, Mother of God. To aide in our obligation to assist at the Sacrifice of the Mass for this holy day, we will offer four Mass times for the Holy Day.

Vigil Holy Day Mass on Sunday, Dec. 7th at 5 PM

Holy Day Masses on Monday, Dec. 8th at 7 AM, Noon, and 7 PM

Please Note: We have an obligation to assist at Masses for both the Second Sunday of Advent and the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception. The special Sunday Vigil Mass at 5 PM can count for ONE of these obligations, NOT both.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION & ST. JOSEPH CONSECRATION

Join us for the start of our third annual **Forty Hours Devotion** with our opening Mass celebrating the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** on **Monday, December 8th at 7 PM**. Our Eucharistic Speaker, Dcn. Rob Lortie, will offer the homily at our opening Mass. He will also lead our eucharistic reflection on **Tuesday, December 9th at 7 PM** and offer our homily at the closing Mass on **Wednesday, December 10th at 7 PM**.

The closing Mass on Wednesday will conclude our parish's **Consecration to St. Joseph**. At the end of Mass, we will pray the Act of Consecration together; Those who cannot be with us are encouraged to do so privately.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE—DECEMBER 17TH FROM 6:00-7:00 PM

Our Advent Penance Service will be on **Wednesday, December 17th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Church**. We will be joined by three priests to help with hearing confessions. I would encourage you to join us, especially if it may have been some time since you've last had a chance to avail yourself of this wondrous Sacrament. What better way to prepare our hearts for **Christmas Day** than to give it over entirely to the Lord in Confession.

RENOVATION STARTING DATE - MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

"*Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: Habemus principium!*" Paraphrasing the script that announces the election of the Holy Father, *I announce to you great joy: We have a start date!* **Shawnee Construction** has set **January 5, 2026** as the official start date for the general construction of our parish renovation project. We are anticipating twenty weeks for total construction, with a tentative completion date of **Pentecost Sunday** (May 24, 2026).

In preparation for renovations, our last weekend Masses in the Church will be on the **Feast of the Holy Family** (December 28th). After December 28th, our weekend Masses will move to the **Parish Social Hall**. We will use the week before construction starts to begin removing the pews from the Church and moving furniture and statuary to the **Parish Social Hall** as we transform the hall into a fitting sanctuary for our weekend Masses.

After the flooring has been laid and the repaired pews returned, the majority of work in the body of the Church will be completed. This means that, though construction in the sanctuary will be ongoing during the weekdays, we will be able to return to the Church for our weekend Masses before our renovation is completed. We are hoping to be back in the Church for weekend Masses before the start of **Holy Week** (March 29, 2026).

For our weekday Masses, we will transform the **Parish Conference Room** into a daily Mass chapel for the full duration of our renovations. This means that, throughout the week, the **Blessed Sacrament** will also be reserved in the **Parish Conference Room**, which will remain open at all hours as a place for prayer. As our project start date nears, we will transition the conference room into a suitable chapel while also trying to maximize available seating. ~Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, Richard Payne and Matt Norris.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**



Vigil Mass - Sun., Dec. 7th at 5 PM
Mass - Mon., Dec. 8th at 7 AM, Noon,
and 7 PM



Our Acts of the Apostles Bible Study continues
Monday, December 8th from **6:00 - 7:00 PM**
downstairs in the Parish Social Hall.



FORTY HOURS DEVOTION
Eucharistic Adoration

Opening Mass (Holy Day Mass)

Monday, Dec. 8th - 7 PM

Eucharistic Speaker: Dcn. Rob Lortie

Tuesday, Dec. 9th - 7 PM

Closing Mass & Consecration

Wednesday, Dec. 10th - 7 PM

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Dec. 6 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 7- Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 7 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 7 - *Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception* - Vigil Mass Time 5:00 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 8 - *The Feast of the Immaculate Conception* - Mass Times 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 8 - 40 Hours Devotion following 7:00 p.m. Mass
- Tues., Dec. 9 - 40 Hours Devotion continues - Mass 8:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Speaker at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 10 - Conclusion of 40 Hours Devotion - Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Consecration.
- Thurs., Dec. 11 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 11 - Adult Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- Thurs., Dec. 11 - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Fri., Dec. 12 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Dec. 13 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Dec. 13 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 14 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 14 - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Dec. 15 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- Tues., Dec. 16 - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Dec. 16 - *GIRL's Night Out Christmas Party* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Wed., Dec. 17 - *Advent Penance Service* - 6-7:00 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 18 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 18 - Adult Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH

MASS Cantors

5:00 p.m. Mike Morrissey

7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel

10:00 a.m. Jay Crisp

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Bruce Holland-Knights of Columbus

7:30 a.m. Christie Felger

10:00 a.m. John Vanderkolk

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Jill Morrissey

7:30 a.m. Beth Geisel

10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson, Tammi Helm, Monica Harris

Servers

5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

7:30 a.m. Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger

10:00 a.m. Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
for the Weekend of Nov. 29th / 30th**

Adult Envelopes - \$2,045.00

Loose - \$110.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$229.99

Votive Candles- \$333.02

Bulletin ad- \$175.00

Total- \$2,893.01

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$1,805.32** ahead of
our budget for the month
of November 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$5.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish
are greatly appreciated.
Thank you!*

To set up **Online Giving**
through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit:
www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton
or
Scan the QR Code on the right.



Our Annual **ADVENT BABY SHOWER** will be
supporting **Helping Hands Pregnancy Center**
Donations collected through December 21st

Requested Items

Pull ups | Wipes | Diapers size 4, 5, and 6 | Aquaphar
Clothes sizes 2T+ | Sippy cups | Baby Shampoo/Wash

Items can be placed in the playpen in the narthex.
Thank you for your generosity!

G.I.R.L.'s Night Out

The **GIRL'S Night Out** will have their
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
on Tuesday, December 16th at 6:30 p.m.
in the Parish Social Hall.

*Bring an appetizer & enjoy a time of fun & fellowship!
All women of the Parish are Welcome!*

Advent

PENANCE

SERVICE

Wednesday, Dec. 17th from 6-7 PM



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at all times and
when necessary
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A
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Before you speak....
T H I N K !
T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?

"Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."
- St. John Paul II