

# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:00am-4:00pm and is closed during  
lunch 12:30-1:30pm.

**Bulletin Deadline:**  
Friday-a week prior at 12:00pm

**Web Pages:**  
Church: <http://www.saintjosephcc.com>  
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HFS: <http://www.holy-family-school.com>  
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**Catholic High School (430-1760)**  
Mr. Vince Aquila, Principal



## MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays:	Monday, Wednesday-Friday	7:00am
	Tuesday	7:00pm
	Saturday	8:00am
Weekends:	Saturday (Anticipated)	5:00pm
	Sunday	8:30am, 11:00am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:00-4:45pm each Saturday or by appointment

## BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

- *Infants.* Parents need to be registered and practicing members of the parish. Please make arrangements for baptism through the parish office.
- *Adults and Children.* Adults and children of catechetical age, for baptism and for entering the Catholic Faith are welcomed through the Order of Christian Initiation. Anyone inquiring or desiring to join the Catholic faith, or Catholic adults for Confirmation, should arrange for an initial consultation.
- *Youth Confirmation.* Catholic youth participate in a one year preparation program.

**MARRIAGE.** Couples planning marriage should discuss preparation arrangements with a priest at least four to six months prior to the expected wedding date.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK.** This sacrament is conferred upon request as the person's health warrants it by calling the parish office. In any case, please let us know when any parishioner is ill at home or in the hospital.

**FUNERALS.** Our parish community mourns with parishioners as they grieve the the loss of a loved one. In order to ease the burden at this time, we offer a number of funeral ministries. Our funeral ministries help in planning funeral liturgies and in setting up funeral luncheons. Please feel free to contact Kathy Greer or Cathy Wissel if you would like to learn more about what is offered through these services.

**PARISH REGISTRATION.** New parishioners are asked to complete and forward a registration form to the parish office to indicate a commitment of belonging to our parish community.

**Change of Address/Phone Number**  
Please notify the Parish Office  
if you have a change of address or phone number.

# HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## DECEMBER 30 & 31, 2006



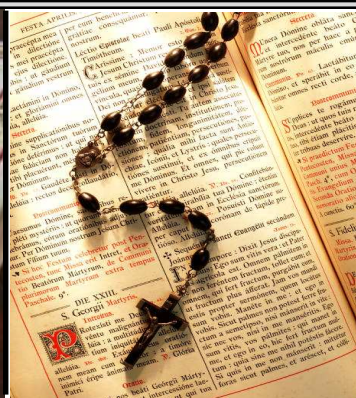
### MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 30	8:00am	+Livinus Keke
	5:00pm	+Javier Trujillo
Dec 31	8:30am	+Catherine, Vincent & Edward Zimmerly
	11:00am	+Johanna Vanderbeck
Jan 01	7:00am	+Glen Caylor
	9:00am	For the Parish
Jan 02	7:00pm	+Lloyd Root
Jan 03	7:00am	+Mihyun Wissel
Jan 04	7:00am	+Judy Foster
Jan 05	7:00am	+Susan McGaw
Jan 06	8:00am	+For the Unborn
	5:00pm	+Amos Boren
Jan 07	8:30am	+For the Parish
	11:00am	+Helen, Nicholas & Mary Mangus



### Pray FOR THE SICK

George Sauro, Clovice Lewis, Gertrude Simmons, Hattie Bell, Shirley Taylor, Louise Cox, Stanley Ezeokafor, Richard Searcy, Jeanne Wilson, Cynthia Campbell, Winnie Burns, Jane Dodd, Rosa Chapelle, Jane Desmond, Louise Tucker, Angelo Salvo, Jim Glassford, Jane Gilmore, Bunny Whetley, Frances Gingrich, Mary Rose Holotanko, Leo Oliver, Robert Campbell, Robert Rooney, Louise Joiner, Jimmy Sanders, Marie Tremblay, Lania Rivamonte, Doris McKenna, Mary Windlin, Eva Banks, Dawn Reich and LaVeta Stiles.



### MODELS OF CHRISTIAN LIVING



**The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God** is celebrated on Monday. On this day we honor Mary as THEOTOKOS, the Christ Bearer. It is also the 40th World Day of Peace. Pray with the Pope for the right to life and the right to religious freedom, the foundations of peace.

**Mother Angelica** is celebrating the 60th anniversary of her first profession of vows on Tuesday. Pray for Mother Angelica and her Sisters, Brothers and Priests as they work to spread the Word of God through the modern means of communications.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1821)** is remembered on Thursday. She is the first American-born saint. Elizabeth was left destitute with five children in Italy when her husband died. She was impressed by the kindness of Italian Catholics. Elizabeth converted, founded the first American religious community, the Sisters of Charity, and began the parochial school system in the United States. Pay special attention to the power, for good or evil, of our example.

**Br. Sebastian Lauer (1986)** is remembered on Thursday. He served the parish in the 1950s. Pray for all the Salvatorians, especially those who served us.

**Bishop James Terry Steib, SVD** is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination on Saturday. Terry was the oldest of five children in a family that was Catholic for many generations. At age 11, he helped to desegregate his parish. Terry was a seminary and high school professor and administrator, pastor, Superior of his order three times and the 10th African-American Bishop. Pray for vocations from the African-American community.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK December 31 through January 7, 2007

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6,12-14	Ps 128:1-5	Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17	Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	Nm 6:22-27	Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8	Gal 4:4-7	Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28	Ps 98:1-4	Jn 1:19-28	
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:29-3:6	Ps 98:1-3,6	Jn 1:29-34	
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:7-10	Ps 98:1,7-9	Jn 1:35-42	
Friday:	1 Jn 3:11-21	Ps 100:1-5	Jn 1:43-51	
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:5-13	Ps 147:12-15,19-20	Mk 1:7-11 or LK 3:23-38 or 3:23,31-34,36,38	
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6	Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13	Eph 3:2-3a,5-6	Mt 2:1-12



The poinsettias in the church are courtesy of Nancy and Daniel Archuleta.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD SOMETIME IN YOUR LIFE?** St. Bernard Abbey is hosting a Benedictine "Come and See" vocation retreat on January 12-14, 2007 for men ages 18-50 who are interested in monastic life and the priesthood and desire to explore their vocation. To register, call (800) 722-0999, ext. 137; e-mail at [stbernardmonastery@yahoo.com](mailto:stbernardmonastery@yahoo.com); or visit the abbey website at [www.stbernardabbey.com](http://www.stbernardabbey.com).

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2. Normal office hours will resume on Wednesday, January 3. The office staff wishes all parishioners a happy, prosperous New Year.

**HUNTSVILLE ULTREYA.** Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. There is a covered dish supper at 6:00 pm, and the Ultreya proper begins at around 6:45 pm. All Cursillistas welcome! For more information contact Ed Wissel, 532-5279.

**HUNTSVILLE METRO AREA YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY.** Are you between the ages of 18 and 39? Are you single, married, divorced, with or without children? Are you interested in meeting young adult Catholics in the area? For more information contact Sean McKinley at 502-386-4185, or Paul Kosinski at 721-3684.

**AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE: 2007 Church Calendars** -- be sure to get your copy while supplies last! **Living Faith** booklets for January-March 2007 are on the shelf at the back of the vestibule for those who have signed up for them.

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS** must be made by the Friday one week prior to publication. The next due date is January 5 for the January 13 and 14 edition. Please e-mail your items to [bulletin@saintjosephcc.com](mailto:bulletin@saintjosephcc.com)

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** is now accepting applications for the 2007 - 2008 school year. Applications can be picked up in the front office of the school. Please remember that all students must have an application and a \$40 application fee on file before sitting for the High School Placement Test on Saturday, January 20, 2007. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 430-1760, ext. 102.



### Father Gary's Corner



#### Upcoming Classes



Starting this January, I will have two separate classes. One will cover the book *Dissent from the Creed: Heresies Past and Present*. The book can be ordered at Rose of Sharon, 532-4121, for \$15.95. Please order your copy now so that you will have it before January. The class will be at St. Joseph Wednesdays 10-11 am and 6:30-7:30 pm, beginning January 10, and will run 8 to 12 weeks. The object is to see how many of the heresies were proposed as possible solutions to genuine doctrinal problems, like the difficulty of the Trinity or of the Incarnation. The first group of heresies deals with "God as Triune"; the second group with "Was Christ 'God the Son'"; the third group with "Sacraments and Grace." The final section covers heresies dealing with the Church.

Parishioners of all Catholic churches are welcome to join these classes, so tell your friends at other parishes to join you at St. Joseph's!

There will be a second set of classes from the *Apologetics #9* book, which you can also order from Rose of Sharon. It deals with Islam, the monotheistic Muslim religion revealed through Muhammad as the Prophet of Allah. This series will be on two different days in two different parishes: Tuesdays, beginning January 9, at St. Mary, 10-11 am and 6:30-7:30 pm; and Thursdays, beginning January 11, at St. Joseph, 10-11 am and 6:30-7:30 pm. Classes will run for about 8 weeks. Remember to invite fellow Catholics from other parishes!

### BeFRIENDERS

"You cannot truly listen to anyone and do anything else at the same time." . . .  
*M. Scott Peck, author and psychiatrist*

Befrienders are trained to listen with care and hear with attention.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

### January 7

RCIA session 9:45am RE Center Library  
RE class 9:40-10:50am

1st Communion Intro for parents and children  
9:40am HFS Cafeteria

Confirmation Session - Candidate, Parent and Sponsor  
12:30pm RE Center



### Do You Want To Know More About The Catholic Faith?

A process called the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) helps you do just that! Currently, a group meets on Sundays at 9:45 in the RE Center. If you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic Church, please have them call Carmen Amato at 534-1310 to set up a meeting.

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# YOUTH MINISTRY

Linda Pohuski, Youth Director

(256)536-6349 ext. 22

## Trinity Youth Club

[www.trinityyouthclub.com](http://www.trinityyouthclub.com)

A high school youth ministry program, serving St Joseph, St Mary of the Visitation and Our Lady Queen of the Universe youth. High school youth and friends are welcome at all Trinity Youth Club activities. Friends are always welcome!

### High School Activities

Mass, Dinner	Jan. 7, St. Joseph, 4-6pm
Epiphany Party	<b>Bring a gift under \$8 to share</b>
Hang Out Night	Jan. 14, St. Mary
Spaghetti Dinner	Jan. 20, St. Joseph, 6:30pm <i>(2007 Mission Trip Fundraiser)</i>
Volleyball & Pizza	Jan. 28, St. Mary, 6-7:30pm

### Mission Trip

Spring Break trip to the coast, March 17-21.  
Sign up deadline is Jan. 7.

Mission Trip Meeting Monday Jan. 15, 6:30pm, St. Joseph

### Shadow Stations of the Cross

We will perform the Stations of the Cross during Lent, and will need several people for this production.  
Sign up ASAP.

### Middle School Madness

A middle school youth ministry program for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from St. Joseph, St. Mary of the Visitation, and Our Lady Queen of the Universe churches. **Middle School Madness** is Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm in the gym at St. Joseph. Friends are always welcome!

*There will be no MSM until Jan 9<sup>th</sup>.*



### ATTENTION TEENS!

### SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP TO THE COAST

Are you ready for another Mission Trip? We will be traveling to Kiln, Mississippi to help parishioners of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. We will assist in rebuilding and renovation of homes. Please sign up on the bulletin board ASAP. **Students must be at least 16 years old by March 1, 2007.**

We will have an informational meeting in December or early January. Space is limited. We will have fundraisers to limit costs. The plan is to leave on Sunday March 18 and return on Thursday March 22.

For more information, call Linda at 828-3706. **Sign Up Deadline January 7<sup>th</sup>.**

# Growing in FAITH™

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## One Minute Meditations

### It's personal

When we take care of others and make sure everyone has enough to eat, warm clothes to wear, and a place to stay, Jesus takes it personally. It's what he wants from us. *"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me"* (Matthew 25:40). He takes it personally when we don't, too.

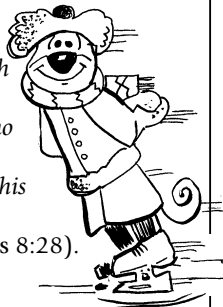
### The Eucharist is the heart of our Church

"To contemplate Christ involves being able to recognize him wherever he manifests himself, in his many forms of presence, but above all in the living sacrament of his body and his blood. The Church draws her life from Christ in the Eucharist."

Pope John Paul II, On the Eucharist/Ecclesia de Eucharistia

### Another reason to trust God

*"We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose"* (Romans 8:28).



## 6 easy ways to show your faith

Can other people tell that you are a follower of Jesus? *"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"* (John 13:35). Without preaching on a street corner or bringing your Bible with you everywhere, here are some easy ways to let people know you belong to Jesus.

**Wear it.** Add Christian items to your everyday wardrobe. Wear a crucifix or holy medals around your neck or carry a Rosary or prayer card of your favorite saint in your purse or pocket. They all say, "I'm Catholic."

**Tell people you pray.** When someone is ill or troubled, offer whatever help

you can and let them know you'll be praying for them.

**Walk away.** Work hard to avoid gossip and when the conversation or jokes get vulgar, racist, or intolerant, leave. If you stay and say nothing, you give silent approval.

**Dress modestly** – men and women, young and old.

Clothing that is designed to attract attention and say, "look at me" can detract from your good deeds and virtues.

**Choose your words.** Avoid using bad language. *"Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil"* (Matthew 5:37).

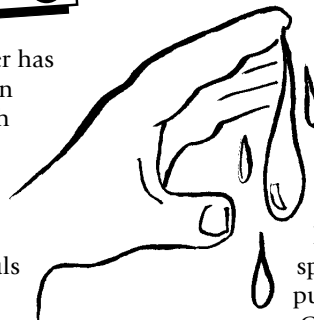
**Stay calm.** Assure others that our loving God is firmly in control, especially in times of trouble.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics use holy water?

The use of holy water has several purposes. When we bless ourselves with holy water before and after entering the church, for example, it calls to mind our baptism when our souls were washed clean of original sin.



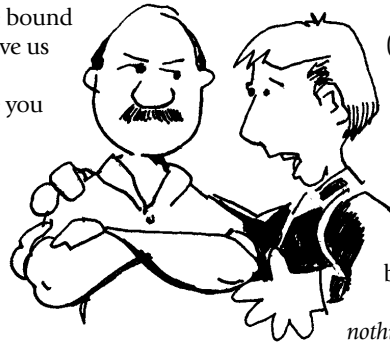
When we use it to bless items, it consecrates them to God and reminds us to use them in his service.

And, using holy water helps to drive away evil spirits and calls to mind the purity required of followers of Christ.

## Resolve conflicts Jesus' way

Human nature being what it is, we are bound to conflict with one another. So Jesus gave us advice on how to resolve conflicts with holiness instead of bitterness. Next time you conflict with someone:

**Admit you did wrong.** Jesus said, "...remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye." No matter what was done to you, admit your own errors even if they're minor in the conflict.



**Apologize.** In the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:21), Jesus told us that when the son returned home, his first act was to apologize to his father. Apologizing helps us to take responsibility for our errors.

**Ask for forgiveness.** If you ask sincerely, God will always forgive you – and other people usually will, too. Remember the criminal who was crucified along with Jesus? With his dying breaths, Jesus forgave the man his sins.

**Amend.** You can change with God's help, "for nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37).

### from Scripture

#### Luke 4:21-30, Live the truth

In Jesus' day, a popular idea about the Messiah was that he would be a triumphant king with extraordinary abilities. Someone familiar and ordinary was not what people expected.

Still, when the friends and neighbors from his childhood heard Jesus read Isaiah's prophesy about the Messiah and announce that he was its fulfillment, they were excited. They had heard reports about Jesus' miracles and wondered if their native son was the promised savior. Yet, that changed when they heard the tough



message Jesus had for the children of Israel about who would inherit the kingdom and what it would take.

Jesus' audience threw him out when his words didn't please them. They forfeited his blessings because they rejected his word.

There is no substitute for the truth, and turning our back on the truth will close the doors to the kingdom to us. The truth isn't always easy to hear, nor is it easy to live. For a follower of Jesus, though, there is no substitute. It's the only way to enjoy God's blessings and grace.

### Feasts & Celebrations

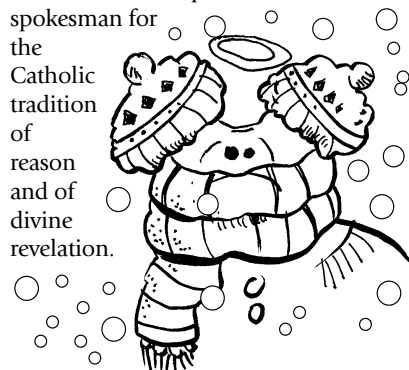
**January 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.** When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God and her son.

**January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1821).** A wealthy American, St. Elizabeth became Catholic after her husband died. She founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, a teaching order that established affordable schools.

**January 17 – St. Anthony the Abbot (355).** Born to a rich family around 250 A.D. in Egypt, St. Anthony gave up his riches to live a life of simplicity in the

desert. He is the founder of monasticism.

**January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas (1274).** St. Thomas was a Dominican teacher and scholar. He is considered by the Church as the preeminent spokesman for the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation.



### Q "Do Catholics & have more than A 10 Commandments?"

The Church has issued additional commandments, called precepts, which are designed to help us live the original Ten more fully. All the Church's laws are contained in the Code of Canon Law, but these are the principal obligations of every Catholic:

Honor the day of Jesus' Resurrection by going to Mass every Sunday and on holy days of obligation.

Receive Communion often, and go to Confession at least once a year.

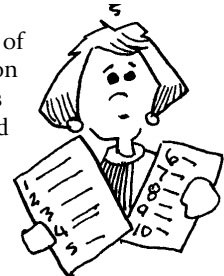
Make a lifelong study of Catholic teaching.

Observe the marriage laws of the Church, and give children religious training.

Strengthen and support the parish community, parish priests, the worldwide Church and the Pope.

Do penance, including abstaining from meat and fasting from food on the appointed days.

Join in the missionary spirit of the Church.



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# ***Spaghetti Dinner***

***Mission Trip Fundraiser***

***Helping Our Teens, Help Others***

***Saturday January 20, 2007***

***Serving begins at 6:30pm***

***St. Joseph's Parish Life Center***

*Sponsored by the Trinity Youth Club:*

*Teens from St. Mary of the Visitation & St. Joseph Catholic Community.*



## ***Menu***

*Spaghetti*

*Tomato Sauce*

*Meat Sauce*

*Salad*

*Rolls*

*Desert*

*Beverage*



*Tickets can be purchased at the door*

*Adults, \$7.00; Children 10 and under \$3.00*

*All proceeds from the dinner will go toward our Spring Break Mission Trip to Kiln, Mississippi to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina in their rebuilding and restoration effort. Donations are appreciated! For more information call Linda at 536-6349 ext 22.*



**HOME BIBLE STUDY.** Starting in January, you will be able to study the Old Testament in part, and the complete New Testament in the comfort of your own home. Each month you will receive a book(s) from the Bible to work on. You may do this alone, or with family or friends. For example, the first book you will receive will be Genesis, which has 39 multiple choice questions. I give you the chapter in which you can find the answer to the question. There will be one or more “super challenge” questions at the end of each book. Each month I will

send out a new book. It will be up to you to mail back your “book” to me so that I can correct your work. I will send the corrected book with our new book.

There is no charge for participating, but you are welcome to send a few dollars once in a while to help cover the cost of stamps and envelopes. That would, of course, be completely voluntary.

If you want to join me in this study, please sign up now by filling in the information below. You can drop your completed form in a designated box in the church vestibule, or mail it back to me at the St. Joseph church office.

*Fr. Gary New*



NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(Individual or group)

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# Dr. Martin Luther King:

## A celebration of his life and works

2:30 pm on January 7<sup>th</sup>  
at the Cathedral of Saint Paul  
in Birmingham

All are invited to join in this celebration. A bus is scheduled to leave St. Joseph Church at 12:15 pm after the 11:00 am Mass in route to the Cathedral

To help defray the cost of transportation,  
**\$10 per person (max. \$30/family)** is requested.

If you are interested,  
please contact the parish office  
to reserve a seat. For more information  
contact Karlos Blackmon  
at [blackmonf@saintjosephcc.com](mailto:blackmonf@saintjosephcc.com)

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