

St Joseph Catholic Church



The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2022

Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest.”

December 25, 2022 • Christmas

Luke 2:13-14

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Welcome to Visitors & New Members

You are welcome to worship with us at any time. If you are new to the Randolph County area, may we invite you to register as a member of the parish. Registration forms are available in parking lot vestibule or by calling the office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Saturday/Sabado

1:00pm-3:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA FIRST FRIDAY/ PRIMER VIERNES 9AM– 5AM

Mass Schedule/ Misas

Saturday/Sabado:	4:00 PM English
	6:00 PM Spanish
Sunday/ Domingo	7:00 AM Español
	9:00 AM English
	12:00 PM Español
	4:00 PM Español
Weekly Masses/ Misas entre semana	Monday and Friday 8:15 AM
	Wednesday 6:00 PM
	Thursday 7:00 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk / Del Escritorio del Padre

We have been preparing to celebrate Christmas with prayers and meditations and many seasonal festivities as expressions of our joy of the Lord's coming to us.

Two models for our reflection are Mary and Joseph. Both of them welcomed Jesus into their hearts and then let Him rule their lives. That is how they experienced the first Christmas. We have to follow those models. Once they welcomed Jesus their life became Christ centered. All that they did was for Him. All the difficulties and obstacles in life they faced for Him. In spite of the chronological precedence they became true followers of Jesus.

Today our Christmas celebration becomes meaningful and relevant only if we are able to do the same. Truthfully we are confused and distracted by many messages and focused agenda of the liberal world. Even our Christmas Feast itself is being manipulated.

Like St Joseph and Mary, we have to welcome Jesus into our hearts and let Him rule our lives.

We will not be afraid of the powers of darkness out there. We will courageously claim and proclaim Him . We will sing hallelujah to the King of Kings. Then we can see that our Merry Christmas greetings stem from the abiding presence of Jesus in our hearts.

Obviously we are challenged for an examination of conscience. Let us welcome Jesus into our hearts and let Him rule our lives. This happens only through prayerful meditations and humble submission to God's plan for our salvation . This is an ongoing process. Let such Christmas celebration become the foundation of our spiritual journey. Welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let Him rule our lives

Merry Christmas to You All

Nos hemos estado preparando para celebrar la Navidad con oraciones y meditaciones y muchas festividades estacionales como expresiones de nuestro gozo por la venida del Señor a nosotros.

Dos modelos para nuestra reflexión son María y José. Ambos acogieron a Jesús en sus corazones y luego le permitieron gobernar sus vidas. Así vivieron la primera Navidad. Tenemos que seguir esos modelos. Una vez que dieron la bienvenida a Jesús, su vida se centró en Cristo. Todo lo que hicieron fue por Él. Todas las dificultades y obstáculos en la vida que enfrentaron por Él. A pesar de la precedencia cronológica se convirtieron en verdaderos seguidores de Jesús.

Hoy nuestra celebración navideña se vuelve significativa y relevante solo si somos capaces de hacer lo mismo. Sinceramente, estamos confundidos y distraídos por muchos mensajes y la agenda enfocada del mundo liberal. Incluso nuestra propia Fiesta de Navidad está siendo manipulada.

Como San José y María, tenemos que acoger a Jesús en nuestro corazón y dejar que Él gobierne nuestra vida. No tendremos miedo de los poderes de las tinieblas allá afuera. Valientemente lo reclamaremos y proclamaremos. Cantaremos aleluya al Rey de Reyes. Entonces podemos ver que nuestros saludos de Feliz Navidad provienen de la presencia permanente de Jesús en nuestros corazones.

Obviamente estamos llamados a un examen de conciencia. Acojamos a Jesús en nuestro corazón y dejemos que Él gobierne nuestra vida. Esto sucede solo a través de meditaciones en oración y sumisión humilde al plan de Dios para nuestra salvación. Este es un proceso en marcha. Que esta celebración navideña se convierta en la base de nuestro camino espiritual. Acoger a Jesús en nuestros corazones.

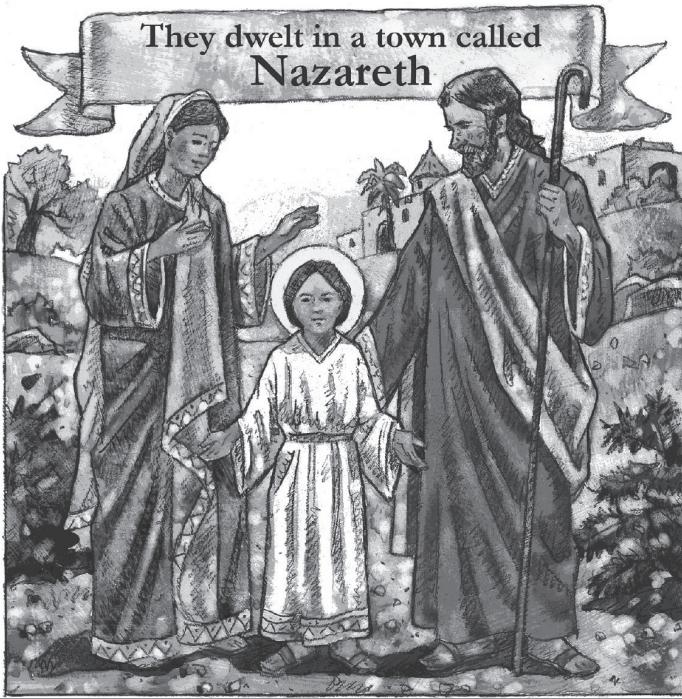
Que El gobierne nuestras vidas.

Feliz Navidad a Todos

Christmas can be disappointing. We remember the Christmases from our childhood, all the joy, the excitement, and the fun we had. When we grow up, we have to shop for gifts, write and mail the cards, put up the decorations, and do all the preparations that seem to stress us out. We may be sad that the day did not meet our expectations. Now that most of that is done, we can reflect on how the first Christmas upset all expectations. I'm sure Joseph never expected to have a child so soon. And those Jews who looked forward to the coming of a Messiah never expected him to come as a baby. Yet God had his reasons for coming in this way. Jesus was born in a stable because no one had room for him. The first to see him were the shepherds, the migrant workers of the time. The political leaders (Herod and friends) wanted to kill him.

Jesus was born in this way to show that he came not for the important and wealthy, but for the poor and outcast. So today he continues to come to us in the homeless, the illegal alien, the sick, those in prison, the unborn infant, that we might find him where we least expect. Can we learn to see him in the unexpected, in our trials and difficulties, our own weaknesses? When we do, we will celebrate what Christmas is truly about.

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Week of December 25, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

- Mon 12/26 8:15am Sebastian & Anahi Lopez
by Alma Enciso
- Wed 12/28 6:00pm
- Thurs 12/29 7am St Joseph's Honor & Intentions
by Albert Hodges
- Fri 12/30 8:15am Special Intentions by Albert Hodges
- Sat 12/31 4:00pm (Vigil Mass) Adam Teague
by Margie & cliff Kitz
11:59pm
- Sun 1/1 **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God/**
Solemnidad de Maria, la Santa Madre de Dios
7:00am
9:00am
12:00pm †Almas del Purgatorio
by Cecilia Arellano

NO MASS AT 4:00PM

BIRTHDAY LIST

- 12/26 Pablo Arellano, Edgar Barrios, Evangeline Beltran, Lilia Godinez, Dennis Otero, Angelina Pincus, Enrique Suarez, Araceli Telles
- 12/27 Juana Aguilar, Juan Calvillo, Eliza Mendoza, Yaritza Ramirez
- 12/28 Oscar Alexander Flores, Inocenta Hernandez, Patricia Linin, Priscila Maya, Sophia Meza, Royce Murillo, Elvia Osorio, Jaime Perez, Randall Perez
- 12/29 Teresa Aguilar, Giovanny Arellano, Nanci Banda, Jesus Canuto, David Garcia, Oliver Joachin Jr., Cecil Piansay, Janet Rivera, Leticia Romero, Minerva Solórzano
- 12/30 Christian Sosa
- 12/31 Oscar Aguilar, Leonardo Balderas, Ernesto Carbajal, Ever Castro, Ruby Delgado, Brian Donnelly, Leonardo Melendez, Luis A Morales, Justin Navecero, Ana Camila Olascoaga, Evelin Robles, Alejandro Silva, Maribel Silva, Hai Tang, Hong Tang, Luis Zepeda
- 1/1 Ronald Estes, Yazmin Leon, Esther Mejia, Fernando Perez, Irma Rico, Matthew Thompson

Have a Very Blessed Birthday



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm — The whole world has seen God's salvation (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Monday:	St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Tuesday:	St. John
Wednesday:	The Holy Innocents
Thursday:	St. Thomas Becket; Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Saturday:	St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Verá la tierra entera la salvación que viene de nuestro Dios (Isaías 52:7-10).

Salmo — El mundo entero ha visto la salvación de Dios (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos ha hablado por medio de su Hijo, la imagen fiel de su ser (Hebreos 1:1-6).

Evangelio — El Verbo se hizo carne; y todos recibimos de él en una sucesión de gracias sin número (Juan 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Martes:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Miércoles:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Jueves:	Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:36-40
Viernes:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Sábado:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Domingo:	Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo:	La Natividad del Señor (Navidad)
Lunes:	San Esteban; Se inicia Kwanzaa
Martes:	San Juan
Miércoles:	Los Santos Inocentes
Jueves:	Santo Tomás Becket; Quinto Día de la Octava de Navidad
Viernes:	La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José
Sábado:	San Silvestre I; Vispera del Año Nuevo; Séptimo Día de la Octava de Navidad

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer at the Manger: With the Shepherds

Your Good News was sung by angels
to these lowly ones in the night.

Look on us in our lowness.

Let us rejoice in the glad tidings of Christ,
now and forever. Amen.



OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Christmas Time

The feasts that make up Christmas Time all illuminate in their own way the fundamental mystery of the Incarnation that stands at the heart of this sacred season. Each celebration sheds its own distinct light on our conviction that, in the birth of Jesus, earth and heaven have been wedded together for the sake of our salvation. The feasts of the Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord all have their own particular histories. But they have been joined together in a single seasonal flow that invites us to trace the unfolding meanings of the Incarnation from myriad perspectives. As we follow the successive meanings of Jesus' birth, his participation in family life, the meaning of Mary's motherhood, the significance of the Magi's visit, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, we are invited to explore in deeper and deeper fashion the staggering truth that Jesus has shared completely in our human experience, has truly become one with us, fully human while remaining fully divine. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

ESQUINA DE ORACIÓN CATÓLICA

Oración en el Pesebre: con los Pastores

La Buena Nueva fue anunciada por los ángeles a estos humildes en la noche.

Míranos en nuestra humildad.

Alegrémonos de la Buena Nueva de Cristo,
ahora y siempre. Amén.



She wrapped him
in swaddling clothes
and laid him in a manger,
*because there was no room for them
in the inn.*

— Luke 2:7



NUESTRA FASCINANTE FE

Tiempo de Navidad

Todas las fiestas que componen el tiempo de Navidad iluminan, a su manera, el misterio fundamental de la Encarnación, que constituye el núcleo de este tiempo sagrado. Cada una de las celebraciones arroja su propia luz sobre nuestra convicción de que, en el nacimiento de Jesús, la tierra y el cielo se han unido para nuestra salvación. Las fiestas de la Sagrada Familia, de María la Madre de Dios, de la Epifanía y del Bautismo del Señor tienen sus propias historias particulares. Pero se han unido en un único flujo estacional que nos invita a rastrear los significados de la Encarnación desde múltiples perspectivas. Al seguir los sucesivos significados del nacimiento de Jesús, su participación en la vida familiar, el significado de la maternidad de María, la importancia de la visita de los Magos y el comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús se nos invita a explorar de manera cada vez más profunda la asombrosa verdad de que Jesús ha compartido completamente nuestra experiencia humana, se ha hecho verdaderamente uno con nosotros, plenamente humano, aunque sigue siendo plenamente divino. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

† Sacraments †

****Sacrament of Baptism**—Baptism is a highly sacred event and deserves careful and complete readiness. Please contact the church office (336-629-0221) to register for the Baptism Preparation Class, which is done on a regular basis. Parents must be registered and participating members of our parish community

****Sacrament of Marriage** - Couples should contact the Pastor (336-629-0221) at least 6 months prior to the wedding date for necessary preparation.

****Ministry of the Sick**—Please call the church office (336-629-0221) to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a family member. Federal Privacy Law prohibits the hospital from giving room numbers, so we must have prior knowledge of a patient's room number before we visit the hospital. The Sacrament of Anointing is done upon request prior to surgery or a illness.



****Prayers for our Military**—please call the office (336-629-0221) to notify us of their Military Status

Out of respect for the Liturgy in which we partake, please turn off or mute all cell phones and pagers as you enter the Sanctuary of Our Lord. If your Children are acting up, please take them to the cry room in order not to disrupt the liturgy for others.

The Word became flesh.



Calling all young men ages 10-18. Are you looking to grow in your faith, learn to become a community leader, or help your community and church all while having fun with other Catholic young man? Well, the Columbian Squires are looking for new members. The Columbian Squires is part of the Knights of Columbus family. For more information please have a parent contact Grand Knight Jason Kroeger at 336-301-4418



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



*The Knights are looking for new members to join their brotherhood. If interested please contact the church office and a Knight will return your call

COLUMBIETTES:



The St. Joseph Columbiettes – Auxiliary 10891 would like to extend an invitation to all the ladies of the parish to join our organization. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact the church office. A current Columbiette will return your call.



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PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES

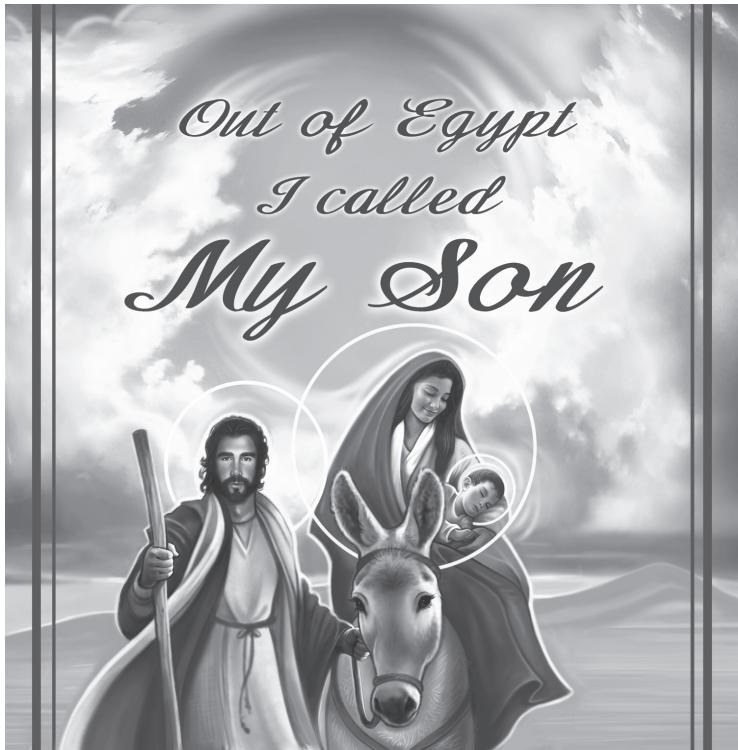
Please take a moment to pray for our parishioners needs, Illness, persona problems and our young men serving our country:

Christopher Gardner, Lillian Hazelwood, Colleen Greene, Gary Hutchins, Jose Espiallet, Monica Smith, Patrick Guarion, Raphael Guriel, Josefina Arellano, JR Newsome, Mary Matthews, Sara Dunmeyer's daughter, Donald Hills, Robert Barker, Mary Poremba, Sharon Derosi, Chester Devarney, Ernest Devarney, Luis Saavedra, Don Troup, Phyllis Morrison, Harry Chriscoe



Military: Adolfo Angel Vasquez, Matthew Bryant, Angela Salinas Ruiz, Carlos Chavez

Seminarians & Religious: Jose Palma, Kevin Martinez, & Jessica Palma



WHAT ALL THE WAITING HAS BEEN FOR

Today's readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul's letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

De pronto se le unió al ángel una multitud del ejército celestial, que alababa a Dios, diciendo:

“¡GLORIA A DIOS EN EL CIELO!”

Lucas 2:13-14

RECICLANDO

El Grupo de Juvenil esta colectando latas de aluminio, latas de comida o cualquier otro metal para apoyar las actividades del Grupo Juvenil. Por favor deposite los articulos que usted tenga en la esquina de la casita. Gracias a los que poneen en bolsa separadas el alumino y el acero. Articulos de acero como sartenes biejos, erramientas, palas etc.. Se convierten en efectivo. Porfavor Done. Muchas Gracias.



RECYCLING

The Youth Group is collecting aluminum cans, tin cans, and other metal items for recycling to support the Youth Group activities. Please leave your items by the shed in the corner of the parking lot. Thank you in advance for separating the cans into separate bags for aluminum and steel. Steel items like old fry pans, basketball hoops, poles, tools, shovels, tire rims etc. can be turned in for cash. Please donate. Thank you.





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