

# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH

DECEMBER 6, 2015 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Sacramental Emergency: 706-461-6331

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## Clergy

Rev. David McGuinness, *Pastor*

Rev. Gaurav Shroff, *Parochial Vicar*

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Rev. Mr. Jim Gaudin, *Deacon*

Rev. Mr. Scott Medine, *Deacon*

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## Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración

**Fridays:** Silent Adoration

9:00 am - 6:00 pm, *Sanctuary*

Hora Santa, 7:30 pm, *Sanctuary*

## Reconciliation/Confesiones

**English:** Saturday at 9:00am or by appointment at Prince Avenue

**Español:** Antes de la misa del sábado (6:45-7:20pm), celebrada por el Padre Gaurav, o con cita.

## Office Hours at Epps Bridge

Address: 958 Epps Bridge Parkway

Monday - Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm

## Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 8:30am

First Friday: 8:30am, 12:00pm\*

Saturday: 8:30am, 5:30pm (Vigil), 7:30pm

(Español)

Sunday: 8:15am, 10:00am (nursery available), 11:45am (nursery available), 1:30pm (Español), 6:00pm

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:30 am, 12:00pm, 6:30pm, 8:00pm (Español)

### ***The following Masses are held at 134 Prince Avenue:***

- Weekday 8:30am Masses
- Sunday 8:15am Mass

### ***The following Masses are held at our new building, 958 Epps Bridge Parkway:***

- 5:30pm and 7:30pm Saturday Masses
- 10:00am, 11:45am, 1:30pm, and 6:00pm Sunday Masses
- First Friday Noon Mass (Sept-May)

**December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation.** There will be Masses in English at 8:30am, 12:00 noon, and 6:30pm and in Spanish at 8:00pm at the church on Prince Avenue.

*Welcome Newcomers!*

*We have an Exploring Catholicism class on Tuesday evenings. For information please contact [rcia@stjosephathens.com](mailto:rcia@stjosephathens.com) or 706-548-6332*

# Parish Information

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** IS 35:1-10; PS 85:9AB, 10-14; LK 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** GN 3:9-15,20; PS 98:1-4; EPH 1:3-6, 11-12; LK 1:26-38  
**Wednesday:** IS 40:25-31; PS 103:1-4, 8, 10; MT 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** IS 41:13-20; PS 145:1, 13AB; MT 11:11-15  
**Friday:** IS 48:17-19; PS 1-4, 6; MT 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** ZEC 2:14-17 OR RV 11:19A, 12:1-6A, 10AB; JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19; LK 1:26-38  
**Sunday:** ZEP 3:14-18A; IS 12:2-6; PHIL 4:4-7; LK 3:10-18

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** Memorial of St. Ambrose  
**Tuesday:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Wednesday:** of the 2nd Week of Advent  
**Thursday:** of the 2nd Week of Advent  
**Friday:** of the 2nd Week of Advent  
**Saturday:** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent



### Monday, Dec. 7/Lunes 7 de dic.

8:30am Helen Johnson (D)

### Tuesday, December 8/ Martes 8 de dic.

8:30am Phyllis Taylor (D)

12 noon: St. Joseph Parish

6:30pm: Loretta Jacobs (I)

8:00pm:

### Wed, December 9/Miércoles 9 de dic.

8:30am Mary Anderson (D)

### Thursday, December 10/Jueves 10 de dic.

8:30am Theresa Matt (I)

### Friday, December 11/Viernes 11 de dic.

8:30am The Military

### Saturday, December 12/Sábado 12 de dic.

8:30am Guadalupe Virrey Alcedo (D)

5:30pm Juanito Bullecer, Jr. (D)

7:30pm Sergio & Mirella Valenzuela (I)

### Sunday, December 13/Domingo 13 de dic.

8:15am Johnny Mitchell (D)

10:00am John Walls, Jr. (D)

11:45am RE Family Mass

1:30pm José Pérez & Vicenta Jaimes (D)

6:00pm St. Joseph Parish

Mass Cards are available through the Church Office. You may come in person or call the office. *Tarjetas para intenciones de misas están disponibles en la Oficina. Por favor acercarse para solicitar sus intenciones o pueden llamar a la oficina.*

## Contact Information

**St. Joseph Charities/ Caridades de San José:** (706) 549-4208 Call ONLY Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm./ Lllamar solo Lunes, Martes, y Miércoles entre las 10:00am y las 12:00pm

**St. Joseph School:** (706) 543-1621 Ramón Villacura, Principal

**GiftShop:** (706) 296-3498, Laura Griffith. The gift shop will be open the third weekend of the month with extra weekends during Holiday/Sacrament times.

**Bulletin Announcements:** [mrs.meganestes@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.meganestes@gmail.com) Please send bulletin entries via e-mail, 10 days before publication by 12:00pm. Announcements are generally published for 2 weeks prior to event during busy seasons.

**Archdiocese of Atlanta Catholic Center:** (404) 920-7800

**Archdiocese of Atlanta 24-Hour Abuse Reporting Hotline:** (888) 437-0764 or (404) 920-7550 or (404) 920-7315

**Knights of Columbus:** Bill Bast, Grand Knight: (404)579-2318

### WEEKLY OFFERING (NOV 22)

5:30pm \$1,234.00  
7:30pm \$1,041.00  
8:15am \$1,928.00  
10:00am \$2,022.00  
11:45am \$1,568.26  
1:30pm \$1,261.00  
6:00pm \$1,259.00  
Misc \$95.00  
Total Offertory \$10,408.26  
Weekly Budget \$14,300.00  
Difference -\$3,891.74

Improvement Fund \$4,122.30  
Spanish Cap Camp \$1,337.75  
**TOTAL \$14,530.56**

### WEEKLY OFFERING (NOV 29)

5:30pm \$2,223.00  
7:30pm \$549.00  
8:15am \$2,772.00  
10:00am \$1,915.00  
11:45am \$1,377.26  
1:30pm \$1,581.00  
6:00pm \$1,474.00  
Misc \$165.00  
Total Offertory \$12,056.26  
Weekly Budget \$14,300.00  
Difference -\$2,243.74

Improvement Fund \$4,164.84  
Spanish Cap Camp \$1,102.44  
**TOTAL \$16,221.10**

## Sacramental Information

**Baptism/Bautizos:** Parents are required to attend Baptism preparation class. Please call the Parish Office for class dates/times. Parents must verify that they are registered in St. Joseph Parish prior to attending baptismal preparation class. Para español, registrarse después de las misas, sábados 7:30PM y domingos 1:30PM

**Marriage/Matrimonios:** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please contact the parish office for an appointment. Lllamar a la oficina 6 meses antes.

**Sick Shut-In:** Please notify the parish office of any Catholic unable to attend Sunday Mass because of illness or advanced years. The pastor will be happy to visit and arrange for subsequent visits by a deacon or Extraordinary minister.

# Parish & Archdiocesan News

**GRACE Scholars' Deadline:** Attention Donors! Please submit your 2016 tax credit pre-registrations by Dec. 15. You can either pre-register online at the GRACE Scholars' home page or use the paper form. Your contribution will help deserving children and youth enjoy the blessings of a Christ-centered Catholic education. For more information, contact: GRACE Scholars, 404-920-7900, [gracescholars@gracescholars.org](mailto:gracescholars@gracescholars.org), [www.gracescholars.org](http://www.gracescholars.org).

**Musicians Needed:** The 6pm Mass Praise Band is looking for additional singers and musicians. We rehearse at Epps Bridge at 4:30pm on Sunday and then provide music at the 6pm Mass. If you are interested in joining, please contact Chris Henderson at [cwhenderson@charter.net](mailto:cwhenderson@charter.net).

**The Way for Women** is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program **December 11-13**, 2015, at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, GA. Registration deadline is December 4, 2015. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or [sstubbs@archatl.com](mailto:sstubbs@archatl.com) for more information.

**Save the Date:** The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Breakfast with Santa on **December 12** from 9am to noon at the UGA Catholic Center. The Columbiettes will be sponsoring a Secret Santa Shop. For more information, please call Glenn Farrar at 706-254-8090.

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:

### Friday, December 11th:

7:30pm: Solemn Holy Rosary  
8:00pm Liturgical Dances and Praises to Our Lady of Guadalupe  
9:00pm Marian Talk  
10:16pm Praises  
10:45pm Pohema  
11:00pm Holy Mass

### Saturday, December 12th:

6:45pm Holy Rosary  
7:10pm Liturgical Dances  
7:30pm Holy Mass followed by children's dances and visiting dancers from St. Matthew's, Winder



*Don't forget to drop off your boxtops in the vestibule at Prince Avenue or the church office hallway at Epps Bridge. Proceeds benefit our parish school and are greatly appreciated.*

# Religious Education

**CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES:** The next class is December 13. **Year 2 Confirmation Retreat forms are due no later than December 13.** If you are unable to turn in your forms on December 13, we will reenroll you for Year 2 for the 2015-2016 school year.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** Don't forget that all Confirmation students are required to complete 16 hours of community service, of which at least 8 must be completed in the parish community. Serving at Mass is a great opportunity - altar serving, lecturing, ushering, or serving as a Extraordinary Minister. Helping in a parish ministry is a great idea, too. Check the bulletin and Mass announcements for frequent opportunities.

**THANK YOU SERVANT LEADER TEAM!** Our Youth Ministry has a Servant Leader Team currently composed of 9 young men and women who are motivated by their love for Christ to serve their peers. The Servant Leaders make a commitment to regularly attend weekly Youth Group and Bible Studies, and meet biweekly as a group to discuss personal accountability goals with adult leaders. These teens have a developed faith life and continue to commit their time in the hopes of leading others to Christ. Recently, the teens were given the responsibility of leading the Guys and Girls Retreats, and did so with wonderful success. To planning retreat content, giving talks, coordinating logistics, and more, these leaders really stepped it up. Great job to Callie, Sara, Ami, Mary, Gemma, Luis, Ozzy, Matthew, and Jake!

**YOUTH GROUP:** December 13 will be the last Youth Group of 2015. We will resume on January 3, 2016. See you then!

**YOUTH MINISTRY QUESTIONS:** EMAIL MEGAN AT [MRS.MEGANESTES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MRS.MEGANESTES@GMAIL.COM)

**2015-2016 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREATS:** CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 RETREAT JAN 29-31, SPRING RETREAT FEB 26-28.

## **Religious Education Administration**

Lynn Langston, Director of Religious Education  
Dorota Rzucidlo, Coordinator of Religious Education  
Gloria Valencia-Martin, Office Manager  
Justin & Megan Estes, Youth Ministers

**Office is located at the Epps Bridge Campus**

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**FALL OFFICE HOURS**

Monday: 9:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am-8:00pm (during RE)

Thursday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm



## **Oficina de Educación Religiosa**

Lynn Langston: Director de Educación Religiosa  
Dorota Rzucidlo: Coordinador de Educación religiosa  
Gloria Valencia-Martin, Gerente de Oficina  
Justin & Megan Estes, Ministros de Juventud

**La oficina está ubicada en el edificio de Epps Bridge.**

**Teléfono: 706-548-6332/ Fax: 706-354-1283**

Página Web [www.stjosephathens.com](http://www.stjosephathens.com)

**HORARIO DE OTONO**

Lunes: 9:00am-2:00pm

Martes: 9:00am-4:00pm

Miér: 9:00am-8:00pm

Jueves: 9:00am-4:00pm

Viernes: 9:00am-12:00pm

# Ministerio Hispano Parroquia de San José

## Reflexión de Semana Pasada

*Las flores de la colina se desvanecen, pero florecerán nuevamente el próximo año. Pero nosotros nunca recuperamos nuestra juventud. La vida es un don frágil que disfrutamos sólo brevemente; nuestra vida es como calentarse uno mismo bajo el sol. Vivimos en un destello de luz ya que antes de darnos cuenta, llega la noche y se va. Pero la fugacidad de la vida lo hace todo aún más precioso. Señor, que tu luz apacible y segura nos guíe, y así podamos caminar con confianza hacia la luz que no desvanece y por la vida que nunca termina.*

**Misa** Sábado, 7:30 pm (Prince Ave)

Domingo, 1:30 pm  
(Epps Bridge)

**Confesiones:** sábado a 6:45

### Actividades en la Iglesia:

**Lunes a 7:30pm:** Círculo de Oración

**Lunes a 7:30pm:** Grupo Mariano

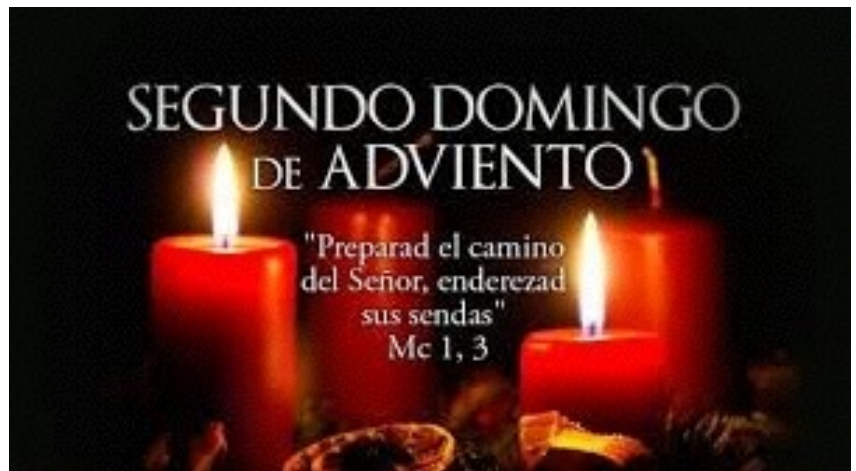
**Martes a 7pm:** Grupo Carismático

**Viernes a 7:30pm:** Hora Santa

### Las Misas de las 10:00am y

**11:45am** se celebrarán en Epps Bridge a partir del 31 de agosto. ¡Fíjense! La misa en español a las 7:30pm tendrá lugar en Epps Bridge hasta el 31 de diciembre.

**Día de Obligación:** Lunes, el 8 de diciembre es un Día de Obligación. Habrá misa en español a las 8:00pm en la Iglesia de Prince Avenue.



## Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

### 11 Diciembre

7:30pm Santo Rosario  
8:00pm Danza  
8:20pm Alabanzas  
8:40pm Danza  
9:00pm Tema Mariano  
10:16pm Alabanzas  
10:45pm Pohema  
11:00pm Santa Misa

### 12 Diciembre

6:45pm Santo Rosario  
7:10pm Danza  
7:30pm Santa Misa  
Después de misa tendremos danza de los niños y danza visitante de la Parroquia de Winder

**Anuncios en el Boletín:** Envía tus comentarios y eventos 10 días antes de circulación para que sean publicados en el boletín al correo electrónico [mrs.meganestes@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.meganestes@gmail.com). Estaremos felices de compartir tus buenas nuevas con toda nuestra comunidad parroquial.

# Week at a Glance

**WHERE TO GO:** The following rooms are located at the *Prince Ave Campus* (134 Prince Ave.): Sanctuary, Parish Hall, Conference Room, and Basement.  
 The following rooms are located at the *Epps Bridge Campus* (958 Epps Bridge Pkwy.): Gym, Fellowship Hall, Youth Room, Chapel, and all numbered rooms.

Mon, 12/7	Tues, 12/8	Wed, 12/9	Thu, 12/10	Fri, 12/11	Sat, 12/12	Sun, 12/13
<b>8:10am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>8:10am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>8:10 am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>8:10am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>8:10am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>8:10am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>7:50 am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i>
<b>10:00am</b> St. Joseph Charities <i>Conference Room</i>	<b>3:45pm</b> SJS Basketball <i>Practice Gym</i>	<b>10:00 am</b> St Joseph Charities. <i>Conference Room</i>	<b>9:00am</b> Altar Society <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>9:00am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>9:00am</b> KOC Breakfast with Santa <i>Catholic Center</i>	<b>11:00am</b> Misioneros Meeting <i>Conference Room</i>
<b>6:30pm</b> Equip #125	<b>6:30pm</b> RCIA #253	<b>2:45pm</b> SJS Basketball Practice <i>Gym</i>	<b>9:00am</b> Walking with Purpose Bible Study <i>Prince Ave.</i>	<b>9:30am</b> Scripture Reflection <i>Conference Room</i>	<b>9:00am</b> Confessions <i>Conference Room</i>	<b>4:00pm</b> Confirmation Class <i>Youth Room</i>
<b>7:00pm</b> Extraordinary Ministers (Esp) Meeting <i>Chapel</i>	<b>6:30pm</b> Children's Choir #306 <i>Music Room</i>	<b>6:00pm</b> 10:00- Choir <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>10:00am</b> St. Joseph Charities Board Meeting <i>Conference Room</i>	<b>7:30pm</b> Guadalupe Celebrations <i>Epps Bridge Campus</i>	<b>9:00am</b> Rosary <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>4:00pm</b> Praise Band Rehearsal <i>Gym</i>
<b>7:00pm</b> Grupo Carismatico <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>7:00pm</b> 1:30- Choir Rehearsal <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>6:30pm</b> RE and Parent Sessions <i>Epps Bridge Campus</i>	<b>4:00pm</b> SJS Basketball Practice <i>Gym</i>		<b>9:30am</b> Altar Society (Esp) <i>Chapel/Sacristy</i>	<b>7:00pm</b> High School Youth Group <i>Youth Room</i>
<b>7:00pm</b> RCIA Español #252	<b>7:00pm</b> Grupo Carismático Formation #252	<b>7:00pm</b> CRSP Men's Meeting <i>Basement (Prince Ave.)</i>	<b>7:00pm</b> 7:30- Choir Practice <i>Sanctuary</i>		<b>10:00am</b> EMOHC Training <i>Gym/Sacristy</i>	<b>7:30pm</b> Parish Council #255
<b>6:30pm</b> OLG Novena <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>7:00pm</b> 11:45- Choir Rehearsal <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>7:30pm</b> OLG Novena <i>Sanctuary</i>	<b>7:00pm</b> CRHP Men's Meeting #253		<b>2:00pm</b> Choir Rehearsal <i>Sanctuary</i>	
	<b>7:00pm</b> Lector Meeting (ESP) <i>Conference Room</i>		<b>7:00pm</b> CRSP #17 Formation Meetings #252		<b>4:00pm</b> Choir Practice <i>Sanctuary</i>	
	<b>6:30pm</b> OLG Novena <i>Sanctuary</i>		<b>7:30pm</b> OLG Novena <i>Sanctuary</i>			

## *Last Week's Reflection*

*The hill flowers fade, but will bloom again next year. But we never get back our youth. Life is a fragile gift which we enjoy only briefly; our life is like the warming of oneself in the sun. We live in a flash of light; before we know it, evening comes and night falls. But the very fleetingness of life makes it all the more precious. Lord, may your gentle and sure light guide us on the unfolding road, so that we may walk with confidence towards the light that never fades and the life that never ends.*