

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH

DECEMBER 25, 2015 CHRISTMAS

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Rev. David McGuinness, *Pastor*

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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

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)

WEEKEND MASS LOCATIONS

134 Prince Avenue:

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

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)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24

Vigil of Christmas

Epps Bridge

Vigil Masses: 4:00pm,
6:30pm, 9:00pm (Spanish)

Friday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Prince Avenue

Chorale (Dec. 24): 11:30pm

Midnight Mass: 12:00am

Masses: 8:15am, 10:00am, 11:45am,
1:30pm (Spanish)

Parish Information

Welcome Newcomers: Thank you for worshipping with us! We welcome you as part of our Church family and hope you will find a home here at St. Joseph. We have an Exploring Catholicism class on Tuesday evenings that we welcome all to attend. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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. Llamar 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.

Contact Information

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

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

Gift Shop: (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
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

FROM THE PASTOR...

Once again in this Christmas season we reflect on the story of the birth of Jesus. As we kneel before the crib, we are reminded that God so loved the world that He sent His son into the world "that the world might be saved through Him." Jesus is God's greatest gift to us. We gift each other by sharing his redemptive work. When we live the Gospel, we share our gifts with one another, but especially with the poor and marginalized. When we give to the Church, we are giving back to God some of the bounty at St. Joseph Parish. Through God's gifts to us and our generous response, we were able to construct a new school and multi-purpose building. Here we pray, play, and educate our community. Our new campus is a visible sign of the faith and generosity of our parishioners and other benefactors. May the Christ-child bless them now and always. And so, as we gather to celebrate this Christmas feast, may the birth of Our Savior be a sign of new hope for all peoples and that the light of God's love will radiate in the words and deeds of all who believe in Jesus as God and savior.

*May you be blessed with the peace of Christ.
Fr. David McGuinness*



Ministerio Hispano Parroquia de San José

Una vez más en esta temporada de Navidad reflexionamos sobre la historia de Jesús. Cuando nos arrodillamos ante el pesebre, recordamos que Dios amó tanto al mundo que envió a su Hijo "para que el mundo sea salvado por él." Jesús es el mayor regalo de Dios para nosotros. Compartimos ese don mutuamente con su obra redentora. Vivimos el Evangelio compartiendo nuestros dones con los demás, pero sobre todo con los pobres y marginados. Cuando le damos a la Iglesia, le estamos dando a Dios algo de la generosidad que Él nos ha dado a nosotros. Estamos especialmente bendecidos por la Parroquia de San José. A través de los dones de Dios a nosotros y nuestra respuesta generosa, somos capaces de construir una nueva escuela y un edificio de múltiple usos. Se rezará, jugará, y educará a nuestra comunidad. Nuestro nuevo campo es un signo visible de la fe y la generosidad de nuestros feligreses y otros benefactores. Que el niño Jesús los bendiga ahora y siempre.

Cuando nos reunamos para celebrar la fiesta de Navidad, que el nacimiento de Nuestro Salvador sea un signo de nueva esperanza para todos los pueblos y que la luz del amor de Dios irradie en las palabras y acciones de todos los que creen en Jesús como Dios y salvador.

Que sean bendecidos con la paz de Cristo,

Fr. David McGuinness

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

Reflexión de la Navidad

Comienza la Navidad...

Cuando se calmó el canto de los ángeles

Cuando la estrella en el cielo se ha ido

Cuando los reyes y los príncipes están en sus hogares

Cuando los pastores están de vuelta con sus rebaños

La obra de Navidad comienza

Para encontrar a los perdidos

Para sanar a los quebrantados

Para alimentar a los hambrientos

Para liberar a los prisioneros

Para reconstruir las naciones

Para lograr la paz entre los pueblos

Para hacer música en el corazón.



Religious Education

Merry Christmas to all Religious Ed families! We are so blessed to have you as part of our parish community, and we look forward to grow in years to come! We will see you all back in January.

The Middle School and High School Youth Groups welcome newcomers! The High School group meets Sunday evenings from 7-9pm at Epps Bridge and will resume on January 3. All high schoolers are welcome to attend the Spring Semester Retreat at Camp Westminster the weekend of February 26-28. Forms are available outside of the Youth Room and due February 7. The Middle School group meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:45pm and will resume on January 6, 2016.

Christmas Reflection

Christmas begins..When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and the princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins, to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoners, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman