

# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH

DECEMBER 13, 2015 THIRD 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)

**The Advent Penance Service**  
will take place on Monday, December 14 at 7pm  
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:** NM 24:2-7, 15-17A; PS 25:4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC, 8-9; MT 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13; PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; MT 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25; PS 85:9AB, 10-14; LK 7:18B-23  
**Thursday:** GN 49:2, 8-10; PS 72:1-4AB, 7-8, 17; MT 1:1-17  
**Friday:** JER 23:5-8; PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; MT 1:18-25  
**Saturday:** JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A; PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17; LK 1:5-25  
**Sunday:** MI 5:1-4A; PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; HEB 10:5-10; LK 1:39-45

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** Memorial of St. John of the Cross  
**Tuesday:** of the 3rd Week of Advent  
**Wednesday:** of the 3rd Week of Advent  
**Thursday:** of the 3rd Week of Advent  
**Friday:** of the 3rd Week of Advent  
**Saturday:** of the 3rd Week of Advent  
**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Advent



**Monday, Dec. 14/Lunes 14 de dic.**  
8:30am The Collins Family (I)  
**Tuesday, December 15/Martes 15 de dic.**  
8:30am Robert Reel (I)  
**Wed, December 16/Miércoles 16 de dic.**  
8:30am Julie Kuehler (I)  
**Thursday, December 17/Jueves 17 de dic.**  
8:30am Romana Maisto (D)  
**Friday, December 18/Viernes 18 de dic.**  
8:30am Christine Reuter Bryant (D)  
**Saturday, December 19/Sábado 19 de dic.**  
8:30am For All the Victims of Religious Persecution  
5:30pm David Fountain (I)  
7:30pm Isabel & Pablo Nava (D)  
**Sunday, December 20/Domingo 20 de dic.**  
8:15am William Simon (D)  
10:00am Barbara Gazada (D)  
11:45am Florence Brock (D)  
1:30pm Francisco Rico (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 (DEC 6)

5:30pm \$2,628.00  
7:30pm \$885.00  
8:15am \$3,133.00  
10:00am \$3,173.00  
11:45am \$1,789.26  
1:30pm \$1,378.00  
6:00pm \$1,990.00  
Misc \$25.00  
Total Offertory \$15,001.46  
Weekly Budget \$14,300.00  
Difference \$701.46

Improvement Fund \$8,273.22  
Spanish Cap Camp \$1,038.77  
**TOTAL \$23,274.68**

**Online giving is available at [stjosephathens.org](http://stjosephathens.org) under "About" and "Donate Online"**

## 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.

# Parish & Archdiocesan News

**The Advent Penance Service** will take place on Monday, December 14 at 7pm at the church on Prince Avenue.

**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).

**Box Tops for Education:** 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.



## *An Update from Fr. Gaurav:*

*Thank you for your prayers. My mother's health has improved.*

*We were able to bring her to her own home in Baroda, yesterday. This was what I was hoping for all along: to give her the opportunity to live in her own place, and take care of her.*

*My address:  
26 Ameer Society  
Diwalipura  
Baroda 390 015  
Gujarat  
India*

## Christmas 2015 Mass Schedule

### **Vigil of Christmas**

Thursday, December 24

Epps Bridge Parkway:

**4:00pm** Mass

**6:30pm** Mass

**9:00pm** Spanish Mass

Prince Avenue:

**11:30pm** Chorale

**12:00am** Mass

### **Christmas Day**

Friday, December 25

Prince Avenue:

**8:15am** Mass

**10:00am** Mass

**11:45am** Mass

**1:30pm** Spanish Mass



# Religious Education

**CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES:** The December class date is TODAY! **Year 2 Confirmation Retreat forms are due.** The January class date is January 17, and the Year 2 Confirmation Retreat is January 29-31.

**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, lectoring, 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.

**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 ÓTONO

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

*Los que andan un camino torcido traen un montón de problemas de sí mismos. Es un tema recurrente en la Biblia. Pero cómo son las cosas sin complicaciones para los que andan un camino recto. Esto también es un tema recurrente en la Biblia. La manera de Dios es el camino recto. Aquellos que andan en el camino de Dios son como un árbol que está plantado al lado de las aguas, que dan fruto en la debida temporada, y cuyas hojas nunca se desvanecerán.*

**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.

**El Servicio Penitencial de Adviento** tendrá lugar en el santuario de la iglesia de Prince lunes, el 14 de diciembre a las 7:00pm.

### Navidad 2015 Horario de Misas

**Jueves, 24 de diciembre**

Epps Bridge Parkway  
9:00pm Misa en Español

**Viernes, 25 de diciembre**

Prince Ave.  
1:30pm Misa en Español

### De Padre Gaurav:

*Gracias por sus oraciones. La salud de mi mamá ha mejorado. Ayer, le pudimos llevar a su propia casa en Baroda. Esto era mi esperanza: poder darle la oportunidad de vivir en su casa propia, y cuidarla.*

### Mi Dirección Postal:

26 Amee Society  
Diwalipura  
Baroda 390 015  
Gujarat, India

**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, 12/14	Tues, 12/15	Wed, 12/16	Thu, 12/17	Fri, 12/18	Sat, 12/19	Sun, 12/20
<p><b>8:10am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>10:00am</b> St. Joseph Charities <i>Conference Room</i></p> <p><b>4:30pm</b> SJS Basketball <i>Game Gym</i></p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> Advent Penance Service <i>Prince Avenue</i></p>	<p><b>8:10am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>3:45pm</b> SJS Basketball <i>Practice Gym</i></p> <p><b>6:00pm</b> Columbiettes' Christmas White Elephant Party</p> <p><b>6:30pm</b> RCIA #253</p> <p><b>6:30pm</b> 11:45- Choir Rehearsal <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>6:30pm</b> Children's Choir <i>#306 Music Room</i></p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> 1:30- Choir Rehearsal <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> Grupo Carismático Formation #252</p>	<p><b>8:10 am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> St Joseph Charities. <i>Conference Room</i></p> <p><b>6:00pm</b> 10:00- Choir <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>6:30pm</b> RE and Parent Sessions <i>Epps Bridge Campus</i></p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> CRSP Men's Meeting <i>Basement (Prince Ave.)</i></p>	<p><b>8:10am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Altar Society <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Walking with Purpose Bible Study <i>Prince Ave.</i></p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> 7:30- Choir Practice <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> SJS Christmas Program <i>Gym</i></p> <p><b>7:30pm</b> Posadas <i>Prince Avenue</i></p>	<p><b>8:10am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Scripture Reflection <i>Conference Room</i></p> <p><b>7:30pm</b> Hora Santa <i>Sanctuary</i></p>	<p><b>8:00am</b> RICA Christmas Retreat <i>Youth Room</i></p> <p><b>8:10am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Confessions <i>Conference Room</i></p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Rosary <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Altar Society (Esp) <i>Chapel/Sacristy</i></p> <p><b>10:00am</b> SJS Vigil Rehearsal <i>Gym</i></p> <p><b>2:00pm</b> Choir Rehearsal <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>4:00pm</b> Choir Practice <i>Sanctuary</i></p>	<p><b>7:50 am</b> Liturgy of the Hours <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p><b>11:00am</b> Misioneros Meeting <i>Conference Room</i></p> <p><b>4:00pm</b> Praise Band Rehearsal <i>Gym</i></p>

## *Last Week's Reflection*

*Those who walk a crooked path bring a lot of trouble on themselves. There is a recurrent theme in the Bible. But how uncomplicated things are for those who walk a straight path. This too is a recurrent theme in the Bible. God's way is the straight path. Those who walk in God's way are like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves will never fade.*