To My Parish Families of St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's

We are again preparing to celebrate the glories of Christmas. What blessed people we are to know the love of God and to be invited to remain in His midst forever.

The celebration of Christmas encourages us to reflect upon God's greatest gift to us: His son, a gift prompted by God's great love for us.

May your festivities reflect the presence of a loving God. May you take this opportunity to speak your words of love to the Father and to each other. I invite you to use this time in a spirit of simplicity so you may know the love, the peace, and the joy of the Lord at Christmas.

Let us extend a special word of thanks for all that you have been and have shared during the past year. I pray that the wonders of Christmas will blossom into many blessings for you and your families.

Father Joseph

P.S. Please refer to the adjacent Schedule for celebrating the Special Liturgy of Christmas, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (New Year's) and the Christmas Season. The Season ends with the "Baptism of the Lord" Sunday, January 12, 2024.

### **HOLY DAYS & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – 2023**

#### ST. JOSEPH'S

## Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass Thursday 12/7, 7pm (no noon Mass)

### 4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 12/23 (Sunday Obligation) 4:00pm Sunday, 12/24 (Sunday Obligation) 8:30am

### Christmas Eve Vigil Mass & Children's Pageant

Sunday, 12/24 4:00pm

## **Christmas Day**

Monday, 12/25 8:30am

### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph New Year's Eve

Saturday, 12/30 (Sunday Obligation) 4:00pm Sunday, 12/31 (Sunday Obligation) 8:30am

## Solemnity of Mary The Mother of God New Year's Eve

Vigil Mass Sunday, 12/31 4:00pm

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#### ST. PATRICK'S

# **Immaculate Conception**

Friday, 12/8 12:00pm

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass**

Tuesday, 12/12 6:30pm (no noon Mass)

# 4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 12/23 (Sunday Obligation) 5:30pm Sunday, 12/24 (Sunday Obligation) 11:00am

# Christmas Eve Vigil Mass & Children's Pageant

Sunday, 12/24 6:00pm

## **Christmas Day**

Monday, 12/25 11:00am

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph New Year's Eve

Saturday, 12/30 (Sunday Obligation) 5:30pm Sunday, 12/31, (Sunday Obligation) 11:00am

# Solemnity of Mary The Mother of God New Year's Day

Monday, 1/1 12:00pm