

**ST CHARLES CATHOLIC CHURCH**

308 7th Street NE Jacksonville, AL 36265

**ST JOACHIM CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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We're on the web:  
www.stcharlescatholicchurch.com

- Mass Intentions Mass intentions are published weekly and may be reserved by contacting the office.
- Reconciliation Saturday @ 4 pm or by appointment
- Baptism & Marriage Prep Call Pastor for appointment. Marriage Prep must take place at least 6 months prior to wedding.
- Anointing of the Sick If you or a family member are ill or hospitalized call the parish office for a visit from the priest.

When planning a funeral at St. Charles/St. Joachim, many details need attention. Please call the Church Office or the Pastor 240-579-8902 to plan the funeral Mass and other arrangements.



**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

U.S. AIR FORCE

- SSGT Jeffrey T Brown
- CMSGT Clinton Ellis
- A1C Tristan L. Gavia
- SSGT John P. Thompson
- AMN Jorge L. Mejias
- 1LT Jonathan Zurek
- A1C Jordan Cypher
- Airman Jason Ellis
- Airman Joseph Harris
- Army National Guard
- SGT Manuel F. Valencia
- PVT William C. Langelier
- PFC Joseph Cimalore

U. S. ARMY

- MAJ Matthew J. Polek
- MAJ Christopher Treuting
- MAJ John Mendoza
- PFC James Hare
- LTC John Curry
- COL Roland M. Gaddy, Jr.
- CPT Jack Eagly
- SGT James H. Turley III
- SGT John Anderson
- SSG William Cisnero
- PFC P.J. Brown
- SGT Jennifer Jones
- SPC Brad Bush
- SG Victoria Cisnero
- SGT James Morgan
- SPEC Angelo L. Lopez
- WO Greg DeMoss

Andrew Dorman

U.S. Marine Corps

- 1LT Anthony Bradbury
- 2LT Hugh Hajdik
- GYSGT D.J. Korff
- GYSGT Jerry L. Yates
- SGT Joey Mashburn
- SGT Boo C. Rochester
- SGT Heath A McKlearey
- CPL Timothy Thompson
- CPL Crissy Juricich
- LCPL Chris A. Oakley
- PFC Kyle Knight
- CPL Aaron Prater

Mary Ellis

U.S. Coast Guard

- LTJG Andrea Manuel
- LT Michael Manuel
- Michelle Santiago
- Kristopher Armprester
- U. S. Navy
- E4 Jerramy R. Sollami
- SR Brian Hopper
- MD Heidi Morgan
- ENS Trevor Carlson
- SN Olivia Martin

- Eric Wade
- SPC Jennifer L. Halcom
- LTC Robin Morales
- Larry McConathy
- PFC Makenna Ellis
- PFC Caterina Hare
- 1LT Joe L. Childress,
- SGT Heather Knoop
- SGT James E. McConathy II
- Taylor Oblinger

**Reading**

- MON Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26  
*Saint Damasus I, Pope*
- TUE Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:26-38  
*Our Lady of Guadalupe*
- WED Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30  
*Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*
- THUR Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15  
*Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*
- FRI Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
- SAT Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
- SUN Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
*3rd Sunday of Advent*



*Liturgy Schedule/Mass Intentions*

- SAT 12/09 2 pm Anniversary Mass/reception Deacon A.B. & Nancy King
- SAT 12/09 4 pm confessions 5 pm Mass +Linda Guyer
- SUN 12/10 8:30 am Mass St. Joachim +Larry & Sarah Dooley
- 11 am Mass at St. Charles +James McClug Sr.
- TUE 12/12 4:30 pm Holy Hour 5:30 pm Mass
- WED 12/13 4:30 pm Holy Hour 5:30 pm Mass
- THU 12/14 10 am Holy Hour 11 am Mass
- FRI 12/15 NO Mass
- SAT 12/16 4 pm confessions 5 pm Mass +Riley Green
- SUN 12/17 8:30 am Mass St. Joachim Helen Naysmith (healing)
- 11 am Mass at St. Charles Elelyn Szramski (healing)

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**ST. JOACHIM CATHOLIC CHURCH Piedmont, Alabama**

**OFFICE HOURS**  
MON-TH -9:30-1:30  
FRI-CLOSED

Deacon: A.B. King  
Pastor: Fr. Frankline Fomukong  
Office 256-435-3238

December 10, 2023  
2nd Sunday of Advent

**MASS TIMES**

- MON NO MASS
- T&W 5:30pm MASS
- TH & FRI 11am MASS
- SAT 5 pm MASS
- SUN 8:30am MASS (St. Joachim)
- SUN 11am MASS (St. Charles)



On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle, sometimes called the "Bethlehem Candle," is lit. This candle represents love and peace - both God's love for us and ours for him and others - and symbolizes the manger where Jesus was born. The manger is a vivid reminder of the great lengths to which the King of Creation went, humbling himself for his people. He deserved a kingly procession into the city with much fanfare. Instead we see him born in a manger, living in poverty with no place to lay his head, and entering the city on a donkey as he makes his way to the cross. Lighting the second Advent candle reminds us of Jesus' life of love for us.

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Saint John of the Cross



John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: "of the Cross." The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John's life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest.



Tuesday, December 12, 2023  
Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Virgin of Guadalupe, like the shroud of Turin, appears on a piece of fabric. Both are sacred objects, hundreds of years old, and both depict an image said to be miraculous. The Virgin of Guadalupe was declared Queen of Mexico and is Patron of the Americas.

First apparition  
Our Lady of Guadalupe first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531. An indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, saw a glowing figure on the hill. After she had identified herself to him, Our Lady asked that Juan build her a shrine in that same spot, in order for her to show and share her love and compassion with all those who believe. Afterwards, Juan Diego visited Juan de Zumárraga, who was Archbishop of what is now Mexico City. Zumárraga dismissed him in disbelief and asked that the future Saint provide proof of his story and proof of the Lady's identity.

Winter bloom  
Although it was winter and nothing should have been in bloom, Juan Diego found an abundance of flowers of a type he had never seen before. The Virgin bundled the flowers into Juan's cloak, known as a tilma. When Juan Diego presented the tilma of exotic flowers to Zumárraga, the flowers fell out and he recognized them as Castilian roses, which are not found in Mexico. What was even more significant, however, was that the tilma had been miraculously imprinted with a colorful image of the Virgin herself.



Mark your calendars!

The annual Cookie Exchange will be on Friday, December 15th at 11:45, in Macey Hall. **Bring two-four dozen** of your favorite cookies or sweet treats to share and take home a wonderful selection just in time for your holiday get-togethers! **We will be taking cookies to the homebound members of our parish as well.**

We will have coffee and hot spiced cider to enjoy while you make your selections. This year one of our newest parishioners Joanne Harris will be heading up this event. If you have any questions please contact Joanne at 719-330-1056. See you there!

**Church office e-mail contacts**

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St. Charles Catholic Church

December 3, 2023

	Collected	Weekly Need	Short/Long
Offertory	\$ 3692.00	\$ 3000.00	\$ 692.00
Burse	\$ 192.00		
Diocese of India (Fr. Thomas)	\$ 50.00		
CSO Trip donations	\$ 620.00		
Office Supplies/postage	\$ 105.00		
B.F. Fund (yard sale)	\$ 45.00		
Aid to Needy	\$ 300.00		
Stipends	\$ 15.00		

Rosary of Reparation

The 1st Friday of each month, following the 11am Mass at St. Charles, after saying Isaiah Chapter 59 and the 7 Penitential Psalms parishioners will then say all the mysteries of the Rosary. Please feel free to join us for as long as you are able to stay.



ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 1 pm in Macey Hall. Hope to see you there!



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council # 13513 from St. Charles and St. Joachim parishes have a scheduled monthly meeting on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:30pm** in Macey Hall.



Fred Witsell would like to thank all the parishioners from St. Joachim and St. Charles who were able to come celebrate his 100th birthday. It was a fabulous party with joyous festivities. Thank you for all the cards, well wishes and for being there. It will definitely be one to remember!

Sincerely,

Fred Witsell & family



If you would like to come to St. Charles for private prayer, Macey Hall and the office will be open the following times:

**Monday-Thursday 9:30am - 1:30pm**

PARISH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT and POTLUCK – December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

- We will be watching *The Star*, and we ask that everyone who can bring a dish to do so to share. If the weather is warm and nice, we will watch the movie outside, but most likely we will have the movie on a big screen indoors in Macey Hall.



St. Joachim Catholic Church

December 3, 2023

	Collected	Weekly Need	Short/Long
Offertory	\$ 1927.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1327.00
Burse	\$ 86.00		
Christmas Flowers	\$ 100.00		

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MASS

CSO Students and Parishioners

We are glad to have you with us!

Every Wednesday we will have Adoration and pray the Rosary from 4:30–5:30pm and Mass at 5:30pm.

CSO students will meet in Macey Hall after Mass, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month after Mass.



BOOK CLUB

December: No Meeting

January 29th: 6 pm

*Saint Francis of Assisi* by G.K. Chesterton

Please contact Ann Summers for further information 1-256-239-9585.

Please pray for...



Haley Conroy, Kay Wilbur, Kaylie Ellis & Daniel Zurek, Travis Bailey, Jerald Knight, Charlotte Haynes, Barbara Pitts, Kaylee Miller, Vicki & Sam Everett, Billie Vaughn, Cindy & Fred Craft, Teri Parry, Carolyn Andrews, Christopher Young, Larry Webster, Marilyn, Jane & David Kushma, Ron Cypher, The family of Earl Primo, Cassie & Kaitlyn Smith, Ghadeer Alshamat, Kate Kloss, Adaleigh Zaner, Quintenn Pike, Karlee Knight, Joel Rivera, Garry McElroy, Joe & Laura Lee Herrington, Terra Burrow, Jane McGatha, Terry Batchelor, James Coppola, Frances Dawson, Jean Denny, Anita Knight, Jean Pellagatto, Maria Reneau, Lorrie Robinson, Betty Newsome, Jena Todt Armprester, Deacon A.B. & Nancy King, Evelyn Szramski, Karen Rytel, Bob and Penny Pagel, George Moore Jr., Sherrie Valentine, The Nagrone Family, Roseann Falise, Mary Wranich, Francine Batchelor, Bill Batchelor, Melvin Bernier, Marsha Camp, Timothy Wallace, Clarissa Valencia Morales, W.S.B., Barry Key, Rick Pratt, Jeanette Gaddy, Phillip Walls, Butch and Dan Krejci, Mary Cheatwood, Linda Kieper, Lauren "Addi" Stinson, Bert Artzer, Deacon Fred Williams, Helen Naysmith, Marleigh Conley, Georgia Mowery, Andrew Tuso, Cheryl Edmondson, Helen Cote, Sandra Howard, Fred Witsell, Sue Tolleson, Doug Lipsey, Helen Rosier, The Nattekkadan/Shaju Families, Mary Ellis, Jeff Large, Dennis Ott, Kelley Ram-

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION (CSO) NEEDS YOU –

We are so excited to announce that four of our college students along with Fr. Frankline and Brandi, have been given a scholarship to attend the National SEEK24 Conference in St. Louis on January 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. This includes their registration and lodging. This is a huge honor and a big step in allowing us to acquire the tools necessary to significantly grow this ministry. It will also allow the students an opportunity to gather with thousands of other college students and grow deeper in their Catholic faith. We are so excited! **If you would like to support these students in paying for meals or helping us raise the funds to rent a vehicle and pay for gas, it would be greatly appreciated.**

NATIVIY PLAY SIGN-UP - Our play is performed on Christmas Eve every year before Mass. We ask that all our parish children of all ages participate if possible. This has become a wonderful tradition for our parish family, and we want to make this year even better. Please see the Holiday Schedule below for the practice schedule. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule.

*Please continue to pray for the unborn.*

sey, Calvin Hicks, Mickey Pinkston, Jeanyne Schuler, Jennifer Craft, Kaye Batchelor, Debbie Pritchard, Mike Scheid, Patrick Chandler, Donna Dennis, Ken Klug, Stephanie Weathers, Lillian Thacker, Collen Faira, Linda Carroll, Tony Pugh, Andrew Parker family, Jerry and Adele Green, Carrie Salers, Ozzie and Samdaye Rampaul, Rita Hoskins, Laurie Walker Douthit, Jeff Pinkston, Caroline Smith, Karen Ash, Trudie Griffin and Family, Leisha Reaves, Laurie Newman, Ron Naysmith, Raphael Christachi, The Underheim Family, Caleb Burrage, Carrie Salers, Darrell Flinn, Marty Driggers

NEED SOMETHING PUT ON OUR WEBSITE?

Amelia is our Website Publisher. Please send your information to be published to her attention at [Amelia@stcharlescatholicchurch.com](mailto:Amelia@stcharlescatholicchurch.com)

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PSR/RCIA 2023

Classes: December 10, 17, 2023

At St. Charles Education Bldg.

Gr K-12 Sun 9:30-10:45am

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Brandi Bright.

Office: 256-435-3238

Cell: 256-283-9380

**ANGEL TREE** – If you selected an angel from the Angel Tree at our Thanksgiving Dinner and you don't know what to get, We have some ideas below that may help. **Gifts need to be turned in by December 15<sup>th</sup>.** These can be brought to Mass and placed in the Cry Room or brought to the office during office hours.

**Homebound** – these are parishioners who have been active and involved in our parish for many years but are no longer able to attend Mass or participate in activities. Some of them live at home or with a friend or relative, others live in nursing homes. The main thing we are trying to do with these parishioners is let them know we haven't forgotten them and are thinking of them.

**Gift ideas:** small blanket, socks, slippers/house shoes, lotion, simple Christmas décor, chocolate or baked goods, hand warmers, etc.

**12-Year-Old Girl** – She enjoys art projects, crafts, painting, puzzles, etc.

**WE ARE ALL ONE IN SPIRIT WITH CHRIST**