



- **Daily Mass** every Thursday at **9:30am** (Rosary @ 9:10)
- **Bible study** in the parish hall **Thursdays 10-15 -11:30**
- **Women's' Club Meetings** meet regularly each **Second Monday** of the month /11am .
- **Pennies From Heaven**— A collection will be taken every second weekend at the end of mass by the Knights of Columbus. The collected donations will assist the Rock Hill Oratory Seminarians. **NEXT and final COLLECTION for the season is December 13,14.**
- **Adoration** at St. Joseph's from 11-12 on the 4 Sunday's in Advent
- The **Angel Tree** is ready for the season. It's set up in the parish hall. Return gifts Dec. 13&14

**December is the Month dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of Mary.**



*O Mary,*  
CONCEIVED  
WITHOUT SIN,  
PRAY FOR US WHO  
HAVE RECOURSE  
TO THEE

### Women's Club NEWS

Thank you for all the food donated to our **local food pantry** and for all the Church decoration donations.

The **Basket of Cheer for 2025** is ready! You may buy additional tickets after the Masses. Each ticket is \$1.00. The Basket winner will be selected on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> after the 12:30 pm Mass.

The **Women's Club December meeting and Christmas party** will be held on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 12noon. All women of our parish are invited to come and celebrate with us. Please R.S.V.P. to Gloria McGee at 803-379-1947 by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Women's Club has set up the **Angel Tree** in the parish hall. See more information about this beautiful tradition here in the bulletin.



Submissions for bulletins must be made by Tuesday to: [stjcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:stjcoordinator@gmail.com)

Or to Bob Renaud~ [brenaud65@gmail.com](mailto:brenaud65@gmail.com)



# ST. JOSEPH

Catholic Church



### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Thursday – Weekday Mass 9:30 am (Rosary 9:10am)**

**Saturday( Anticipated Mass) 4:00pm**

**Sunday 12:30pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation 3-3:45pm Saturdays**

**(or by appointment)**

**All other sacraments please call parish office to inquire.**

**Rev. Agustin L. Guzman, CO, Pastor**

**Phone:** 803-329-1008 (St Mary Catholic Church, Rock Hill)

**Emergency:** Home 803-327-2098 Cell: 803-627-5297

**John Rodgers, Office/Business Manager**

**Office Phone** – 803-377-4695 (St Joseph)

**Office Hours:** Wednesday 10 am to 2 pm (John Rodgers)

Thursday 9 am to 10:30 am & Saturday pm (Fr Agustin)

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**110 W End St, Chester SC 29706**



November 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### UPCOMING FEAST

**31 St. Andrew**

**01 St. Charles de Foucauld**

**02 Bl. Rafal Chylinski**

**03 St. Francis Xavier**

**04 St. John Damascene**

**05 St. Sabas**

**06 St. Nicholas**

*Let Us Pray*  
... for peace in our hearts. Peace in our families. Peace in our communities. Peace in our country. Peace in the world.

\*\*\*ADORATION EVERY SUNDAY  
DURING ADVENT 11-12pm\*\*\*

### MINISTRY (Sat./Sun.) SCHEDULE :

LECTOR: Sat. A. Jones/B. Renaud

E.M: Sat. J. Schumacher/S. Robinson

LECTOR: Sun M. Lifsey /R. Whisonant

E.M: Sun. K. Hutto/J. Rodgers

### LAST WEEK OFFERING:

Envelopes **\$1190.00**

Loose **\$29.00**

Total: Under Budget **\$1219.00**

Other: candle ,refurb, special **\$100.00**

Weekly Budget: **\$1847.00**

St. Joseph online Donation:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysrh/funds/st-joseph-church-chester-donations>

### ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALTY

If you would like to have more information about the center or the programs it offers, you may visit the Oratory in Rock Hill.  
[www.rockhilloratory.org](http://www.rockhilloratory.org)  
[oratorycenter@gmail.com](mailto:oratorycenter@gmail.com)


## St. Nicholas Day

According to Christian tradition, St. Nicholas was bishop of Myra - the land located in what is now Turkey. He was the prototype of a dealer box gifts to children. One legend has it that a man had fallen into bankruptcy and decided to give his daughter to a brothel. To protect against that, Nicholas had put in the night through the chimney three bags of coins that spilled into stockings and shoes drying by the fireplace.



## WHAT DO WE REMEMBER EACH WEEK OF ADVENT?

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: **HOPE**



It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

the **WORD**  
among us\*

There are 'WORD AMONG US' booklets available for the taking at the side entrance table. They contain daily readings and meditations during Advent. birth.

## ADVENT HISTORY

Advent History can be traced to the 4th and 5th centuries in regions such as Gaul (modern day France) and Spain. Initially, it was a period of fasting and prayer leading up to Christmas, which was fixed on the date December 25 at that time. The Council of Tours in 567 mentioned the Advent Season, establishing a time for monks to fast throughout December until Christmas.

Bishop Perpetuus of Tours (461-490) is noted for instituting a fast starting on St. Martin's Day (Nov. 11) which contributed to the development of Advent as a preparatory season.

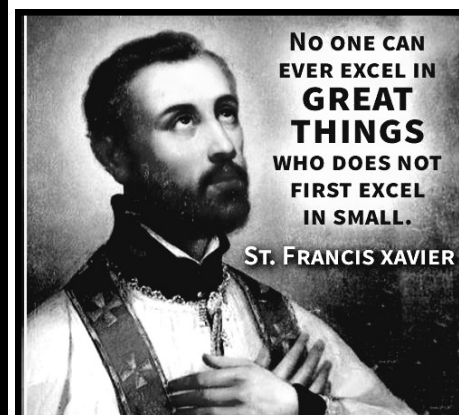
Advent Marks the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity, commencing on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. It serves as a time of reflection and anticipation, focusing on the coming of Christ in three ways: His birth in Bethlehem, His presence in the hearts of believers, and His anticipated return at the end times. The season is characterized by various customs, including the lighting of the Advent wreath, which symbolizes hope, peace, joy, and love.

Take this solemn time of Advent to slow down and prepare for Our Savior's birth in a way that is fitting to a KING and OUR GOD.

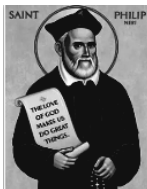
## Holy Humor



## Coffee With the



St. Francis Xavier, pray for us!



## Giving Thanks To Our Oratorians At Thanksgiving...



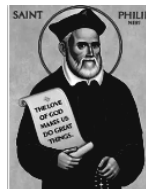
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