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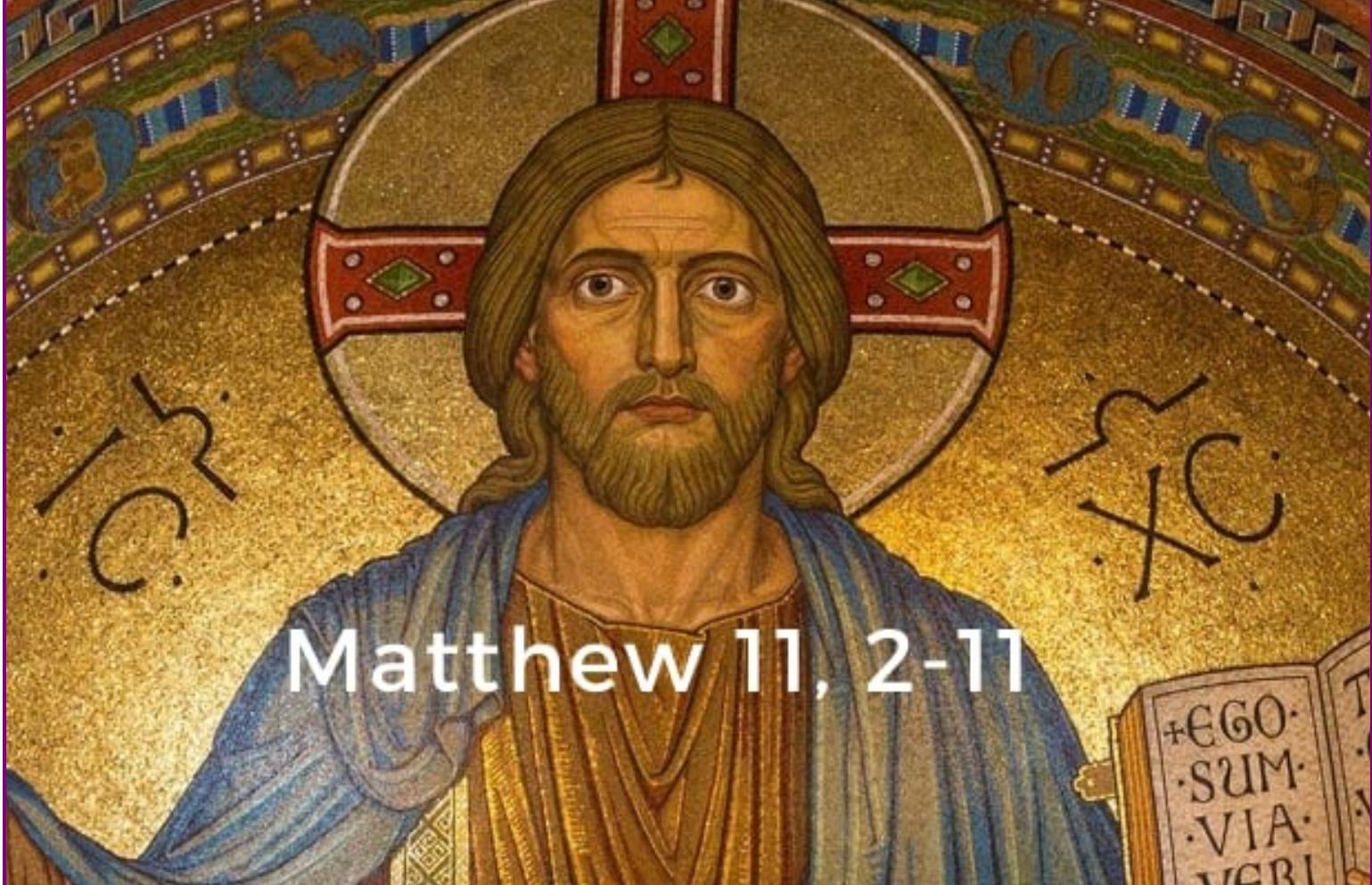
CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 13-14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

3720 E Colbert Road
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Matthew 11, 2-11

Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 8:30 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

Every Wednesday

Reconciliation 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Adoration 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Extraordinary Ministers & Lectors

Saturday, December 20

Mary M., Peg E. Lector: Pete T.

Sunday, December 21

Natalie S., Cindy G., Bob P., Scott C.
Lector: Rosalie N.



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*“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.
Preach the gospel to all people.”*

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, December 16

Fr. Tom out of the office —No Daily Mass
Book Club 1:30 PM

Wednesday, December 17

Daily Mass 8:30 AM
Adoration and Reconciliation 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Friday, December 19

Share the Word (explore the Sunday readings) 9:00 AM

Saturday, December 20

Men's Fellowship & breakfast 7:00 AM
Women's Health & Wellness 8:30 AM
Religious Ed Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM

Sunday, December 21

Religious Ed Christmas Celebration 11:15AM
OCIA 11:15 AM

Tuesday, December 23

No Daily Mass

Wednesday, December 24

No Daily Mass, Reconciliation or Adoration

Christmas Liturgy w/children's choir 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass 8:00 PM

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass 10:00 AM

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 13 - St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, December 14 - Don Patchett+

Tuesday, December 16 - Henry & Carmella Czapinski+

Wednesday, December 17 - Charlotte Saccomanno (bday)

Saturday, December 20—St. Joseph Parishioners

First Reading *Isaiah 35:1-6,10*

Responsorial Psalm *146:6-7,8-9,9-10*

Second Reading *James 5:7-10*

Gospel Reading *Matthew 11:2-11*

The third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

-Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

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Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

Please pick up a registration form in the lobby and return it to the office. Or you can register on the parish website:
[*https://stjosephcolbert.org/registration*](https://stjosephcolbert.org/registration)

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Faith in Action Ministry's next Book Sale is January 17-18 and 24-25, 2026. If you have books to donate, please bring them to church before January 12 and put them in the hall next to the dining room.

Please DO NOT bring magazines, large coffee table books or old text books.

Call Peggy with questions 509-994-6001.



 The Knights of Columbus extends its thanks to St. Joseph parishioners for your tremendous support for the Seminarian Fundraiser through your donations and partaking of our brunch. We exceeded our goal of \$1500.00, raising over \$2600.00. Again, a heartfelt thank you! —Tim Kitt

Olive Wood Carvings from Bethlehem

February 14-15, 2026

Hand carved olive wood articles available for purchase after both Masses. These items are made by Christian families currently living in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

The Christian population has dropped from 22% to less than 1% in the past 20 years. This is a great way to support your brothers and sisters in the Holy Land as it is one of the major sources of income for them. Please stop by on your way out and support a great cause.



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Spotlight on Young Saints

Chiara Luce Badano, (1971—1990) was born in Sassello, Italy on October 29, 1971. Long awaited, she is the only child, and receives a solid Christian education from her family. Rich with talents, beautiful and supportive, she has many friends.



She becomes a member of the Focolare Movement; there she discovers God as Love, and makes Him the ideal of her life. She was given the nickname "Luce" (light) because of her luminous faith.

At 17 years old, struck by a terrible tumor, she faces it by entrusting herself to God completely, even in the most difficult moments. To those who come near her she transmits serenity and joy. Despite her pain, she refused morphine to remain lucid and offered her suffering to Jesus. She also comforted other patients in the hospital and continued to live her life with grace and faith.

In the climate of "extraordinary normality", where heaven and earth seem to meet, Chiara feels that the end is near and she prepares herself, as she would for a wedding. She died at dawn on October 7, 1990; just moments prior she had said goodbye to her mother saying: "Be happy, because I am!".

The miracle attributed to Chiara is the inexplicable recovery of a young boy named Andrea from a severe case of meningitis. After his family prayed for Chiara's intercession, he made a miraculous and sudden recovery, which doctors could not medically explain.

Soon, her story spread around the world. Due to her heroic virtue and a verified miracle, she was declared "Blessed" by Pope Benedict XIV in 2010. Her feast day is celebrated on October 29.

She is known as a saintly example for young people, showing that holiness is possible at any age and in any circumstance.

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