



Saint Joseph's Passionist Church

22 December 2024
4th Sunday of Advent
and Christmas

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Saturday: Mass 11am; Vigil: 6.30 p.m.

Sun Mass: 9.30, 11 & 12.30; 6.30 pm

Mon-Friday Mass 8:30am

Every Saturday before Daily Mass:

Eucharistic Adoration: 10:30am.

Confession: Saturday: 11.30 – 12.30

& 5 – 6 p.m. or by appointment.

Christmas Mass times

24 Dec: 5:30pm; 7:30pm & 10pm.

25 Dec: One Mass at 11am.

CCD resumes Sat 11 & Sunday 12 Jan

Bible Study Xmas break, back 8th January

RCIA: Xmas break, back on 9th January)

Marriage prep: next course of 6 sessions in Feb 2025)

Epiphany INVITATION Sunday 5th

Jan 11:30am Mass at Notre Dame:

We have a quota of **50 parishioners** invited by the Diocese to participate with other Foreign Parishes of Paris.

To participate: You have to register **ASAP** (deadline 26 December) **by email to stjosephparis@orange.fr** giving

clearly **first & last Name**. Please Note passport or Identity doc will be asked at cathedral doors with your email invitation sent by the Diocese a few days in advance.

Arrival at ND 5 Jan: no later than 11am

Thanks to our organisers of the Friday Concert and the Children pageant for these two great events so well attended

Giving TREE: Many thanks to the St. Joseph community for all generous donations offered.

Sat 28 Dec 6:30pm, YA Mass

Feed the Homeless on Sat 4 Jan 11am

***CCD first reconciliation: Sat 18 Jan. FHC children 11am; till 12:30pm**

***Confirmation Retreat: All Youngsters must be present 25 Jan 9am to 3pm; also at enrolment Mass Sun 26 Jan at 11am**

EVERYONE NEEDS A PRAYER! St. Joseph's Online Prayer Warrior will have an Online Prayer every Friday evening at 8.30pm starting November 22, 2024. Intentions can be sent to Venci @ stjoparis50avhoche@gmail.com Call him at St. Joseph's for more details.

Collection 15 Dec: 2,798.51; cc 546; Coffee: 54.40; ADP: 2,305 €; Bookstall: 50; Shrines: 185.69, MANY THANKS for your constant generosity.

NB: Before 31 dec, All "St Joseph ADP" (cheque or screen or website donations are 66% tax refundable, will get 2024 tax receipt directly sent to you by the diocese of Paris.

DOLLAR cheques to "St Joseph's church": Tax receipts available, stjosephparis@orange.fr.

The Bulletin is going on holiday until 5 January, wishing everyone:

***Holy and Joyful Christmas and Happy new Year!**

GOD BECAME A MAN



The story of Christmas touches all of us because of it is full of tender love, tinged with magic and mystery. We love the picture of Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus in the stable, with animals, shepherds, and Wise Men from far away.

But the deep meaning of Christmas, from a human point of view, is almost unbelievable. God is God, above and beyond all created, finite, imperfect things including us human beings. How could the great, almighty God become a mere fragile human being?

It's a great question and one we should ponder frequently. The mystery of Christmas is a very deep one and we should never lose sight of it.

We believe that God became human like us so that we could become divine like him. How could mere human beings like us, who are so tiny, weak, fragile, and sinful become like God? This is another great question that we should never forget. Part of the answer is that God loves us so much that he sent his Son into the world to draw us to himself and lead us into God's divine family. As Jesus said, "I want you to be with me in my Father's house forever."

May this startling Good News fill us all with amazement and joy this Christmas.