



## Saint Joseph's Passionist Church

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
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**7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Saint Joseph's Passionist Church**

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**Saturday:** Mass 12.30pm; Vigil:

6.30pm

**Sun Mass:** 9.30 & 11.00am,

12.30 & 6.30 pm

**Mon-Saturday Mass:** 12.30pm

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 5:30-6.30pm

**Confessions:** Saturday: 11.30 – 12.30

& 5.30 – 6.30 p.m.

OR by appointment.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec  
from 10.30am-12noon.

**RCIA:** Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 8pm.

**Saturday, 13 Dec, 3pm Third Culture Kids (led by Rhianne)** Open to all parishioners, based on the book and our personal experiences as 3<sup>rd</sup> Culture Kids. It will tie the Digital Relationships lecture, reflecting how reliant we are on digital tools to stay in touch across the globe with the people we care about and who we met on our many journeys.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sun 7 Dec, 9.30am** Michael Corcoran, RIP  
**11.00am** Josefina Ehong, RIP  
**12.30pm** Thanksgiving Mass  
**6.30pm** Charlie Megan's Intentions  
**Mon 8 Dec, 12.30pm** Michael Mathew & Family

Please **BOOK** your **MASS INTENTIONS** in **ADVANCE** with the office. Your intention can be booked for more than one person but **ONLY ONE booking per Mass**. Masses are also available on **WEEKDAYS**.

**MON 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION IN FRANCE).**  
**MASSES ARE AT 8.30am & 12.30pm**

**CHRISTMAS PLAY REHEARSALS:**  
**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec from 2.30-3.30pm.**

**CAROL SINGING:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm. Our 3 singing groups combines this evening to sing carols for everyone. All are welcome to attend.

**CHRISTMAS PLAY:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec from 3.00-4.00pm. Initiated by the Young Adults Ministry, **ALL ARE INVITED** at the Christmas Play by our CCD students.

**BOOKSTALL:** We regret to inform you that the **BOOKSTALL** is **CLOSED** due to the current cold weather.

**NEW MASS TIMES**  
**MONDAY-SATURDAY 12.30pm**  
**CONFESSIONS Saturdays 11.30am-12.30 & 5.30-6.30pm**  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

**5:30-6.30pm**

**BAPTISMS (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays)**  
**@ 1.00 pm**

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
**Saturday Vigil 6.30pm**  
**Sundays 9.30 & 11.00am,**  
**12.30 & 6.30pm**

**COLLECTIONS:** Masses 29/30 Nov:  
Collections: 3351.20€; CC: 1005.00€;  
Shrines: 129.68€; CC: 43.00 €;  
Bookstall: 50.00€; CC: 20.00 €;  
Coffee: 39.92€; ForEx: 367.83€.

**Please Note:** "St Joseph's ADP" in the French Tax receipt Authorized Charity for St Joseph's. Collections for November was 8144.00€. Direct regular debits or single donations can be done from our website; cheques to "St Joseph's ADP". Thanks a lot for your constant generosity.

## The Advent Witness of John the Baptist



Mother Church places John the Baptist before her children precisely as we are preparing for Christmas for a good reason.... His life and message remind us that Advent is not yet Christmas—that this penitential time leads to joy only if we heed its message. John the Baptist—who leaped for joy in his mother's womb—is joy's perfect messenger because he shows us its necessary elements: repentance, humility, and sacrifice.

First, repentance. We confuse joy with pleasure. [But] Christian joy is something deeper and more lasting.... It is spiritual, not physical, something that does not depend on things outside of us but in fact works from the inside out. It can coincide with physical and even deep emotional suffering. Most of all, it comes about not because we get our own way but because God's will is accomplished in us. In short, it comes from union with him.... Thus John's message of repentance...prompts us to leave sin behind and conform our wills to God's, to reestablish union with him, our *exceeding joy* (Ps 43 [42]:4). Indeed, the mere knowledge of the possibility of being forgiven already causes rejoicing. The only sorrow greater than sin is not having a way out of it.... John's call to repentance announces the One Who alone can free us....

Second, humility.... *Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan* went out to see him, and yet John directed all the attention, honour, and reverence to our Lord.... His parting words say it all: *He must increase, but I must decrease* (Jn 3:30).... Humility means to surrender our own space, not to be concerned about our ego, our own little world. Pride refuses the Lord entry out of fear of not having its own way. Humility rejoices in God—and therefore in all circumstances....

Finally, sacrifice. John's asceticism is the first thing we notice about him. He did not live for this world. He was not out to make a name for himself, to become wealthy or popular or even comfortable. His life was constantly being surrendered as a witness to Christ.... John the Baptist shows that we attain joy only by the giving of ourselves, by renouncing ourselves and our own desires in the gift of self to another. This renunciation witnesses to the truth of higher, even eternal, goods.... John the Baptist extends to us the truest joy—that of being in union with our Lord, experiencing his increase in our hearts, and serving him generously.

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