



# Church of Saint Joseph

5 Monroe Street, New York, NY 10002



THE MISSIONARIES OF ST. CHARLES  
(SCALABRINIANS)

Rev. Lydio F. Tomasi, c.s., PASTOR  
Rev. Joseph Ruan, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Paul Tang

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9:00am to 7:00pm  
Saturday - 9:00am to 12 noon

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**Daily Eucharist**

Monday - Friday - 7:10 am (school days), 8 am.  
Saturday - 8:00 am

**Lord's Day Eucharist**

Saturday - 5:15 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday - 9:00 am, 10:30 am (Chinese), 12 pm, 3 pm (Chinese)

**Sacrament of Baptism:** By appointment.  
Parents must meet with the priest prior to Baptism.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** It is celebrated in English and Italian on Saturday from 4:30 to 5:00 pm. It is also celebrated in Chinese on Sunday from 2:30 to 3:00 pm. We encourage your frequent reception of this sacrament of God's love. Make an appointment at any time.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:**  
The couple must speak with the parish priest at least six months before the wedding.

**Anointing of the Sick:** In case of emergency, notify the rectory any hour - day or night. If Holy Communion is requested at home, call the office during office hours. Please notify the rectory when parishioners are in the hospital.

## St. Joseph Catholic School

1 Monroe Street, New York, N.Y. 10002



APOSTLES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
Sr. Deborah Lopez, A.S.C.J., PRINCIPAL

**School Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
School Office: (212) 233-5152  
School Fax: (212) 267-4357  
Convent: 83 Madison Street, (212) 233-5670

**Religious Education:** The Sacramental Preparation for children's reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation consists of a two-year program. Please call the school or rectory for further information.

**Parish Registration:** We welcome new parishioners and ask that they register at the Parish Office.



**Mon., December 19<sup>th</sup> – Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent**

7:10 a.m. For a Special Intention by Theresa Wu  
8:00 a.m. Gloria Saville by Granddaughter Hilary

**Tues., December 20<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent**

7:10 a.m. For Vocations and the Perseverance of the Scalabrinian Sisters  
8:00 a.m. Alfred Nota by John, Barbara, & Sara Teevan

**Wed., December 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Advent**

7:10 a.m. Roger Nyein by Robert and Shu Min Nyein  
8:00 a.m. Deceased Relatives by the Notargiacomo Family

**Thurs., December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday of the Fourth Week of Advent**

8:00 a.m. James Danzo by Wife

**Fri., December 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday of the Fourth Week of Advent**

8:00 a.m. Rose Gomez by Children Frank and Rosemary

**Sat., December 24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday of the Fourth Week of Advent**

8:00 a.m. For a Special Intention by Theresa Wu

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Vigil of Christmas Mass at Midnight**

12:00 Midnight For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas**

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Amos by Sisters  
10:30 a.m. For a Special Intention  
12:00 Noon Anthony Cristiani and Ricci Family by Agnes Cristiani  
3:00 p.m. For Peace in the World

**ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE WEEKEND  
December 24/25**

**Midnight Mass:** All who wish to participate  
**9:00 a.m. Mass:** Sara Teevan & Nicole Molinelli & Juliana Molinelli  
**12:00 noon Mass:** Lin Kai Jang & Ling Yao Li



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

The Angels announcement to Mary in today's Gospel and the birth of the Christ child at Christmas means that God is giving us nothing less than his very self. Jesus is the Gift

Jesus fulfills the promise God once made to David. At last God chooses a house and it is Mary's womb. We, along with the whole world, are now on the receiving end of God's love beyond all our power, all our generosity and all our goodness. We are on the receiving end of God's love beyond all sinfulness, brokenness and guilt, too.

The angel's announcement declares God's gift to us, a gift that clears away all the other things we cling to. Today we can open up our empty hands long enough to receive God's gift. It is all meant to focus our vision and our lives on Jesus Christ. You are the reason God is doing this. Jesus is the gift.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Mon., Dec 19<sup>th</sup>:** Bingo in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

**Wed., Dec 21<sup>st</sup>:** Senior Citizens at 1:30 p.m.

**Thurs., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Fri., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** No School.

**Fri., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Confessions from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Sat., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>:** Confessions from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
No bingo.

**BREAD AND WINE**

In Memory of Jack Richio by wife Frances & Daughters

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

In Memory of Rose Gomez by Children Rosemary & Frank

**ALTAR CANDLE**

In Memory of Helen DiBlase by Her Loving Family

**ALTAR CANDLE**

In Memory of Victor DiBlase by His Loving Family

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

In Memory of John and Angelo Molinelli by John, Stephanie, John and Renee Molinelli

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

In Memory of Carmella Scotti and Richie Kunkely by Renee and John Molinelli

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We would like to congratulate St. Joseph Catholic School graduates Ulrick Matsunaga and Arthur Wang for achieving academic honors this past marking period at Xavier High School. This means that they have excelled in an environment that encourages students to write effectively, read critically and reason logically.

**“MY CHRISTMAS WISH”**

This year at St. Joseph’s we aim at celebrating the birth of Christ and re-discovering His presence in our lives as a Parish family. One way to help us to “stay awake” to the real meaning of Advent of finding the Lord in every task we do and discovering the Lord in every person we meet, is to write down YOUR CHRISTMAS WISH on ornaments located at the entrance of the church. Please write your wish and deposit it in the box under the Christmas tree located in the sanctuary of our Church. The box with all our parishioner’s wishes will be carried to the Altar during the offertory procession at the Christmas Midnight Mass.

Your Christmas wish will remind you to pray constantly for its fulfillment and make real the presence of God in your life and in the lives of others.

**IS YOUR CHURCH ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST?**

Please be generous to the Church at Christmas. Both collections on this day go directly to the Church and are used to pay bills.

Without an endowment or special funds, the church and the parish services completely rely on your continuous generous support. Thank You!

**CONFESSIONS**

The sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated here at the Church of St. Joseph every Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and any other time by appointment. Special hours for Christmas: Confessions will be held Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:00p.m. and on Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

**A SPECIAL INVITATION**

The magic of Christmas at the Church of St. Joseph has consisted for many generations in the midnight Mass (which fulfills the Christmas obligation), preceded by the joyous singing of carols at 11:30 p.m. This year rediscover the beauty of Christmas Midnight Mass and come home to St. Joseph’s and be transformed by the miracle of Christmas!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

To decorate our Church Sanctuary and Nativity Scene with poinsettia plants is a wonderful tradition at St. Joseph’s. A gift of \$20 or more to our Church will defray the cost of Christmas flowers. Please, fill out the coupon below and bring it to the Rectory or place it in the Sunday collection basket. Your Intentions will be remembered at all Masses on Christmas Day and at the 5 Masses during the Christmas week. Names of donors and Memorials will be placed on the Altar during those Masses. Thank You!

Attached is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_ poinsettia Plants.

My Intention is for \_\_\_\_\_

As requested by \_\_\_\_\_

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