



## Holy Voices

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**I**nstincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are those times when they demand our attention.

In *Saint Joan*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, "I hear voices. They come from God." Robert disagrees, "They come from your imagination." "Of course," says Joan, "that is how messages of God come to us."

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later he again listens

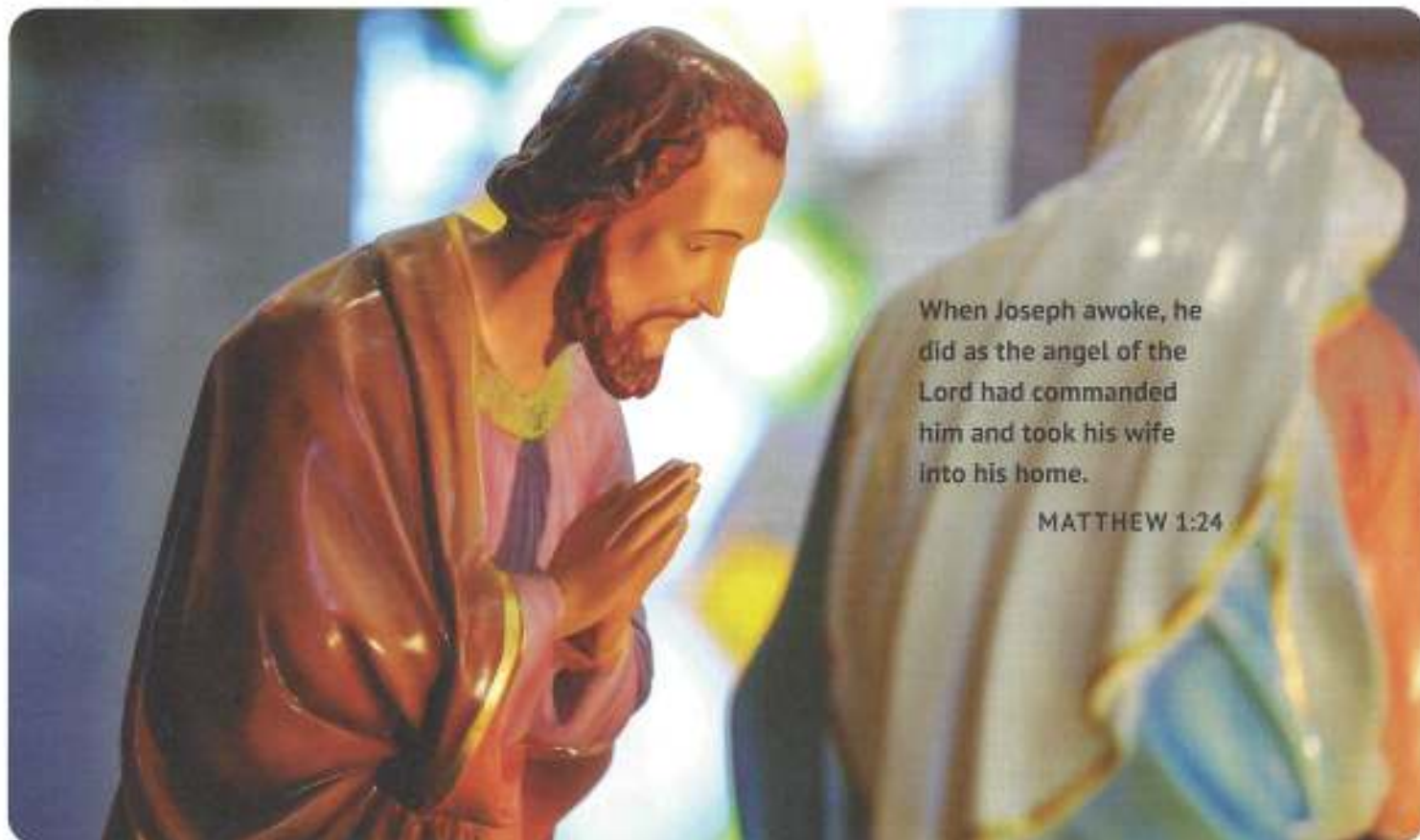
to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet for Joseph there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think they need to be listened to. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God. ●

### Reflect

***Have you ever followed an inner voice with which others disagreed? What came of it?***

***Is there someone you trust to tell you if your instinct about something is good?***



When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

MATTHEW 1:24



**Holy Trinity**



**St. Thomas More**



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**Adoration Room at STM**  
Open Monday - Sunday  
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**Events at St Thomas More**  
Rav Group taking orders now.  
Call 815-252-2215 to place an order

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9:30 am - 10:30 am at Cherry Church Hall  
Sunday, December 18th - K thru 4th grades  
Sunday, December 25th - Merry Christmas  
CCD new email address is holytrinitycherry@gmail.com  
*Reminder: ALL parents/guardians need to be signed up for BCR Alerts!*

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of December 19, 2022**

Monday	12/19			† No Mass
Tuesday	12/20	9:00 am	STM	† Linda Orlandi
Wednesday	12/21	5:30 pm	HT	† Bob Lehn
Thursday	12/22	9:00 am	HT	† Beatrice Verucchi
Friday	12/23	9:00 am	STM	† Alex Wiltse

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of December 24-25, 2022**

Saturday	12/24	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More	† Liz Olivero
Saturday	12/24	10:00 pm	St. Patrick	† Joseph & Joann Legner
Sunday	12/25	10:00 am	Holy Trinity	† For the Parishioners
		5:00 pm	St. Thomas More	† No Mass



# How We Should Get Ready For Christmas

The time leading to the Christmas Season is usually filled with activities such as shopping for presents, cooking and baking, visiting loved ones, and decking the halls. These enjoyable activities put people in the Christmas spirit. On the other hand, they can distract people from the true meaning of the season.



God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, to be born of a humble and lowly virgin in a smelly manger in the obscure town of Bethlehem. Thirty three years later, He became the perfect sacrifice which took away the sins of the world. Jesus' incarnation and subsequent birth has implemented the plan of salvation bestowed by God upon the world. This is the true meaning of the mystery that we relive each Christmas.

Hence, we should try our best to value spiritual preparation for Christmas just as much as shopping, decorating, and traveling.



## Christmas Eve ~ Saturday, December 24th

4:00 pm at St Thomas More

(Prior to the 4pm mass, there will be a 30 min special CCD Christmas program featuring our CCD students.)

10:00 pm at St Patrick

(Christmas Choir selections will begin at 9:30 pm)

## Christmas Day ~ Sunday, December 25th

10:00 am at Holy Trinity

Please note there will be no 5:00 pm mass at STM



- ♦ **December Finance Meeting:**  
Dear Trustees of our three churches, due to the holiday season hectic schedule there will be no finance council meeting for December. Our next meeting will be in January 2023. Thank you for all your dedication during 2022. Enjoy the Holiday Season!
- ♦ **Rehearsal for the CCD Christmas Program:**  
Dear Parents, we will have a 4pm-5pm rehearsal for the special CCD Christmas Program next Thursday, December 22nd at STM church in Dalzell. If your children are part of the program, please bring them to the rehearsal. This will help to ensure that our program will be a successful one. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.
- ♦ **Year End Contribution Letters:**  
Parishioners wanting a contribution letter will need to contact the church office. Thank you!

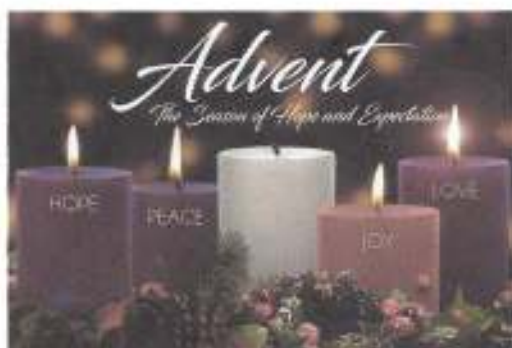
## LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND DEC 11TH

HT – \$935.00

SP – \$952.00

STM – \$2069.00



## CONFESSIONS

THERE WILL NOT BE  
CONFESSIONS NEXT  
SAT. DEC 24TH.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!



# Dear Padre,

**My children, who go to Catholic school, refer to our Sunday celebration as the "Eucharist." I grew up calling it the "Mass." Why the difference?**

*Eucharist* comes from the Greek word *eucharistein*. This word simply means "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we Catholics celebrate, we give thanks to God for giving us Jesus. We also give thanks to Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us. "Eucharist" was used to describe the early Church's gathering, where the people repeated the stories of the Lord and shared the bread and wine, as the Lord commanded them to do.

The word *mass* comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means "the sending." This refers to the words of dismissal at the end of Mass. The priest or deacon invites us to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." In the Latin Mass, this phrase is "*ite missa est*." No one quite knows why the Eucharist came to be known as the "missa" or "mass." Some think it is because of the way monastic prayers were conducted in the early Middle Ages. When the monks gathered for prayers, they often concluded with a short eucharistic celebration. These celebrations sometimes lasted only ten minutes or so, and as they marked the end of the whole set of prayers, they signaled the end of the service. This, it is suggested, is why the Eucharist came to be known as the "dismissal," or the "Mass." ●

— The Redemptorists  
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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 19	December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24	December 25
Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a	Is 7:10-14	Sg 2:8-14	1 Sm 1:24-28	Mat 3:1-4, 23-24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Is 52:7-10
Lk 1:5-25	Lk 1:26-38	Lk 1:39-45	Lk 1:46-56	Lk 1:57-66	Lk 1:67-79	Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love.**

HOMILY, MASS FOR BEGINNING OF  
PETRINE MINISTRY, MARCH 19, 2013