

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In my recent Christmas letter, I said we were not able to give you Mass times for Christmas. We have now established a schedule of Masses. Please keep in mind that due to the increase in Covid-19 cases, we may be told not to hold public worship indoors. In that case we will do our best to celebrate Mass outdoors. The schedule is:

***Christmas Mass Schedule***

***Christmas Eve (Dec. 24)***

***3 p.m. Car Mass (English) in school field***

***5:30 p.m. Mass in the church***

***Christmas Day (Dec. 25) Masses***

***7:30 a.m. in the church • 10 a.m. in the church***

***12 noon live-stream from the church (no public attendance)***

***3 p.m. Car Mass (Spanish) in the school field***

**\*Attendance at Mass in the church will be limited to 75. Wearing a mask is required.**

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *With a Father's Heart*, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph" which began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extends to the same feast in 2021. In his letter the Pope describes Saint Joseph as "a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows."

As we make our final preparations for Christmas, let us turn to St. Joseph, certain of his fatherly care and protection, and pray:

ST. JOSEPH, FAITHFUL GUARDIAN of the new-born Jesus and His Immaculate Mother, guide our Holy Father, our bishops, priests, religious and all in the Church who struggle against the forces of falsehood and moral permissiveness so rampant today.

ST. JOSEPH, PURE SPOUSE OF MARY, shield the holy vocation of marriage against all refusals to acknowledge it as the union of a man and woman joined together in faithful love according to the law of God.

ST. JOSEPH, WHO STRUGGLED WITH POVERTY AND WANT, intercede for the disadvantaged and unemployed, the sick, the hopeless, those in financial difficulty, those burdened with family problems or marital difficulties.

ST. JOSEPH, WHO KEPT THE INFANT JESUS from all harm, in this Year dedicated to you, intercede for us and our loved ones, our friends and co-workers, those in the military and all who turn to you in their need (**mention your intentions**). Show yourself our father and care for us as you cared for Jesus and Mary. **Amen**

In our effort to stay in touch with you we are using a form of communication called Flock Notes. **Please** sign up for Flock Notes so that you can receive messages from the pastor and information about the parish. It's simple! Using your phone, all you have to do is text **santacruzaz** to this five digit number **84576** and you will receive text messages on your phone.

Merry Christmas,



~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

