



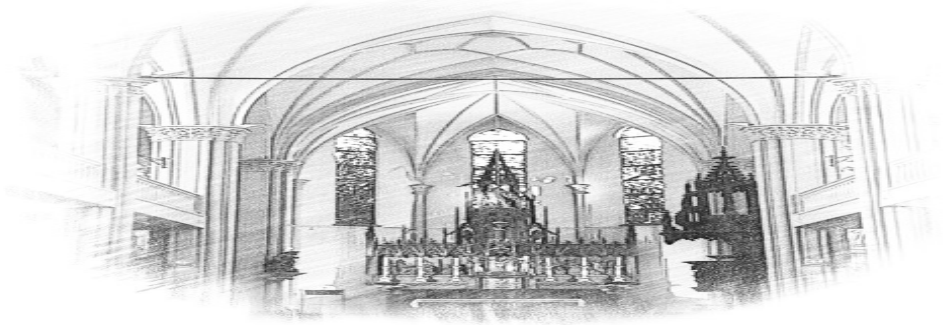
# **PARROT INFO**

## **ST JOSEPH CHURCH**

*fifteen minutes for God*

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**Amsterdam, Dec 2023 - Jan 2024**



**Dear parishioners,**

**The Christmas Celebrations for this year are as follows**

**Sunday morning, Dec. 24. Fourth Sunday of Advent as well as  
Sundays 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**

**Sunday evening 24 the Midnight Mass vigil of the Nativity of the Lord  
at 10:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day 25 Dec. Solemnity of the Incarnation of the Word on  
Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**

**Boxing Day only at 10.30am**

**New Year's Eve celebration Saturday morning, Dec. 31. Holy Family,  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**And Holy Mass in gratitude for 2023 at 10:30 a.m.**

**New Year's Day Monday, Jan. 1 2024 the Mother of God alone at  
10:30 a.m.**

**Revelation of the Lord Sunday, Jan. 7. as well as on Sundays 10.30  
am and 12.30 pm**

**Baptism of the Lord Monday, Jan. 8. at 10:30 a.m.**

## *A WORD FROM THE FATHER*

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We are going to celebrate and experience it again, the coming of Jesus in the flesh. In the beautiful prayer of the Angel of the Lord, we pray with the words of Scripture: The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us." It is at the same time a short confession of faith. Along with the words, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; And she has received of the Holy Ghost, and said, "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to Thy word." Mary emerges as the main character in this Advent season. In addition to the prophet John the Baptist on the first three Sundays, Mary appears on the fourth Sunday. She shares her joy with her cousin Elisabeth in service and the hymn of praise of the Magnificat. "My soul now exalts the Lord on high, and my spirit

is delighted with God my Redeemer." It is a hymn of praise that is firmly anchored in the tradition and writings of its people. It is as if the Lord reveals Himself through her words. He, the Holy Spirit, overshadowed her because his choice fell on his simple handmaiden. They are rich ones that we can consider again and again. God is looking for people to be present on earth. Thanks to Mary, Jesus was able to open each of us to the secret of the mystery of the Emmanuel, God with us. With these texts, it becomes clear that Mary is also a woman of the word and that Marian devotion has more roots in Holy Scripture than we realize. May the Word also become flesh in us, to the joy of many people who are looking for something to hold on to and maternal warmth. Wishing you all a good Advent in preparation for a Blessed Christmas!

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## MY DREAM FOR THE CHURCH...

The person of Jesus as the image of God for us fascinates me because, faithful to the Torah, he envisioned a serving, converted and inclusive Israel. Blessed are the meek...

For the church, grafted onto his Israel, his person, if placed at the center of the synodal process, will make a substantial contribution. Ideal and reality are often far apart for us. Take the wars and all those refugees.

How far should you go with childcare? And Jesus shows himself to be a pacifist. What does that mean for us now after 20 centuries?

Closer to home, my dream is about a church community involved with each other is about what moves and carries within each other. This starts small. With interest and room for everyone's individuality as a follower of Jesus.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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***On Friday afternoon, Dec. 15, the nativity scene will be set up at 15:00 and help is welcome.***

***On Sunday January 14, 2024 there will be a New Years reception at the presbytery after both Masses at 10:30 and 12:30. At the reception with coffee and tea and something sweet, there are gifts for the volunteers and helpers.***

***Evening of Mercy on Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. the Holy Mass and the church doors will be opened until 9:30 p.m. People are invited to light a light and leave a prayer in this dark day. There is singing and worship with Confession.***

***Advent action will be this time for two projects that are familiar to us. In October, the mission collection of World Mission Day was neglected. Therefore, on the four Sundays, a second collection plate will be circulated for the orphans of the Assets Kilonochchi of Dr. Alfred Kilupananthan in Sri Lanka and also for the project in Guinea where the Medical Center St. Gabriel.***

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

8 Dec. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
13 ,, Saint Lucia, virgin and martyr  
14 ,, St. John of the Cross.  
26 ,, 2nd day of Christmas St. Stephen  
27 ,, Saint John, apostle and evangelist  
Dec. 28 HH. Innocent children, martyrs  
31 Dec. Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### St Joseph Church

Fifteen minutes for God / Parrot

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### Presbytery open

Monday, tuesday and friday

09.00 to 16.00 hours

**Open church:** Monday till Saturday: 10.00 tot 16.00 hours

Sunday: 10.00-14.00 hours

### Mass hours

Monday to Saturday 10.30 hours

Sunday : solemnly highmass 10.30 hour Latine liturgy and Gregorian

### English Holy Mass

Sundays at 12.30 pm. Latin and English songs

### First Friday of the month

and solemnities 10.30 hours Holy Eucharist

## 2024

1 Jan Saint Mary, Mother of God

7 ,, Revelation of the Lord

5,, H. Karel Houben, priest

8 ,, Baptism of the Lord

24 ,, Saint Francis de Sales, bishop.

25 ,, Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

26 ,, HH. Timothy and Titus, bishop

27 ,, Saint Angela de Merici, virgin

31 ,, Saint Don Bosco, priest

with songs

### Eucharistic adoration

First Friday of the month

After Mass 11.15 to 12.00 hours

Every Saturday after Mass 11.00 to 16.00 hours

### Confession / Sacament of reconciliation

On request and after every Mass and

thursday, friday and saturday 15.00 to 16.00 hour.

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month the Gregorian vespers are sung at 16:00 in the St. Joseph church.

### Intentions for Mass

On request at the presbytery or just before Mass in the sacristy. Or by giving the intation to the caretaker in the back of het church

### Gifts and misintentions :

#### Bankaccountnumber;

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H. Nicolaas as special mentioning St

Jozefkerk de Papegaai.