

**Our Vision:** We seek to light the way to Christ as a strong military Catholic community of faith guided by the Holy Spirit and on fire with God's love.

**Our Mission:** We, the Catholic Community of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, serve to advance the spiritual growth and resilience of all bonded by love of Christ, and share experiences of service to country. Guided by our military chaplain, we actively participate in the living Body of Christ and persevere in our Savior's mission. We are grateful stewards of the gifts we have received and eagerly use them to show our love for God and for one another. Jesus' life and teachings direct our lives as Christian disciples.

**JBM-HH Catholic Community**

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**Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** (800) 273-8255 | [Veterans Crisis Line](#)

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**Registration:** [Forms](#) available on website or email the Catholic Coordinator.

**Sacraments and Sponsor Letters:** Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.

**E-Bulletins:** Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday.

Dear Catholic Community,  
 In the First Reading of today, we have the 'Emmanuel-prophecy' of the Prophet Isaiah. Throughout Advent, we have heard of God's promise to send a Savior into the world and today, we get a glimpse of how. We witness the greatest joy of the Blessed Virgin Mary who awaited the coming of Baby Jesus into the world. Next Sunday, we will commemorate His coming on earth in human flesh.  
 Looking back at the beginning of the Advent, have we truly prepared for His coming or did we center our events around the needs of our secular demands? May Mary and Joseph continue to be models and our examples of faith and trust in God as we encounter Christ, the son of God, the Light of world and the Prince of peace at Christmas. Have a blessed week!  
 Deacon Joe



**Daily Mass:** M – F, 1200, Blessed Sacrament Chapel **Reconciliation:** T – F, 1130 – 1145, Room 112  
 Please visit the [website calendar](#) for dates, locations, event details and for schedule updates.

**17 December through 30 December**

SAT & SUN		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<b>17</b> 1700 Vigil Mass	<b>18 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 0810 ALP Team meeting 0900 Mass 1030 Adult Ed, CRE 1030 ALP	<b>19</b> 1000 Living Word 1800 RCIA	<b>20</b> No Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23 Training Holiday</b> No Daily Mass
<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 1630 Choral Prelude 1700 Vigil Mass	<b>25 The Nativity of our Lord</b> 0900 Christmas Day Mass No Religious Education	<b>26 Chapel Closed</b> No Daily Mass No RCIA	<b>27</b> No Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30 Training Holiday</b> No Daily Mass

Connect with us! In addition to our [website](#), we are on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter @JBMHHCatholics](#)

**Offertory Weekend 10-11 December**

1700 Vigil Mass: 177 \$1,528.00  
 0900 Mass: 192 \$2,456.00  
**369 \$3,984.00**

Please make checks payable to C.T.O.F.

**Next Designated Offering:** 14 April 2017; Holy Land Collection

**Additional Links**

[Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA](#)  
[Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#)  
[The Holy See](#)  
[United States Conference of Catholic Bishops \(USCCB\)](#)



**Readings for the weekend of 17-18 December**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14**

In today's passage, the prophet Isaiah speaks to the Jewish King Ahaz, who is more interested in politics than religion. Isaiah announces that the wife of Ahaz will soon have a son, who will be a better king than his father. Christians have seen in this passage a deeper meaning, namely, Mary giving birth to Jesus.

*Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.*

Psalm 146

**Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

The opening words of the letter to the Romans are an example of the classical style of letter writing at that time: Paul first identifies himself, extends a greeting, gives some helpful information about himself, and personalizes his letter by naming the community to whom he is writing. Paul highlights the fact that Jesus was descended from the Royal House of David. Early Christians (many of them from the lower class) were particularly proud of this.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...**

...for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; for our deceased; and, for those who are lonely or in crisis:

**Deployed:** FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps, Kevin Voelker, DoD; Harold Miller, Jr., DoD; Deborah & Panakkal David, Foreign Service

**Healing:** Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, John Bikus, Suzie Kumashiro, Jack Doyle, Bill Hoh, Virginia Hoh, Jeff Lepak, Al and Marilyn Hanson, Russell Plaisance, Warren Krug, Warren Efting, Barbara Nastro, Joe Franklin, Maria Miani, Richard W. Kalb, Fran DeLoatche, Babs Clare, Finian Lalime, John Bian, Lina Czubas, Mary Masserini

**Lonely or in crisis:** Always remember you are not alone. If you need to talk to someone, please call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) Option 1; text 838255; chat live at [Veterans Crisis Line](#).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Children's Christmas Pageant and Reception:** A heartfelt thank you to all who were involved in making this much-anticipated, yearly event possible – Glen Frank (Music), Ivan Pierce (CRE Coordinator), Peg Bowen (Social Committee), and the many CRE parent volunteers. But most especially to Julie Otto, Pageant Director, and the wonderful CRE students! This year's performance was enjoyed by all!

**Luke's Wings:** Luke's Wings is dedicated to the support of service members who have been wounded in battle. By purchasing travel agency services and travel tickets, family members so they can be together with their loved one during hospitalization and rehabilitation. If you would like to donate or support Luke's Wings, please take one of their brochures. Brochures are at the back of the chapel alongside other booklets and brochures. For more information, please visit their website at [www.lukeswings.org](http://www.lukeswings.org)

The Knights of Columbus's "**Socks for the Homeless**" project continues through the month of December.

**Epiphany Concert:** Soprano Emily Casey, cantor for the Saturday Vigil Mass, will perform a concert of sacred music on January 8th, 2017 at 5pm in Memorial Chapel. The concert will feature works by Bach, Mozart, Gounod, and more, with Dr. Nicholas Catravas on the piano. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to expose friends and family to a beautiful concert of classical music performed by one of DC's most promising emerging operatic sopranos.

**Arimathean Training:** The Arimathean Ministry is looking for volunteers to function as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for Catholic funerals at Old Post Chapel. Volunteers participate in one to two services per month. Training will be held on a Saturday in January 2017. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, please contact Neal Collins at [USPHS@mac.com](mailto:USPHS@mac.com) or [arimatheans@jbmhhcatholicparish.com](mailto:arimatheans@jbmhhcatholicparish.com) or call (562) 528-6263.