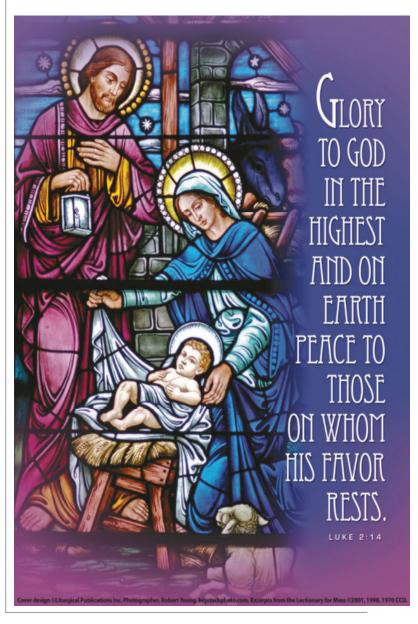


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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday - Dec 26 St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/ Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday - Dec 27 St. John

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

*8:15 am In memory of Philip & Marion Behling

by Phil & Liz Behling

Wednesday — Dec 28 The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

*8:15 am All Souls

Thursday — Dec 29 St. Thomas Becket

by Karl & Claire Wycklendt

Friday — Dec 30 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday — Dec 31 St. Sylvester I

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

4:30 pm People of Holy Family

Sunday — Jan 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

8:00 am Blessed & Happy New Year to All

by Larry Gomes family

10:30 am In Thanksgiving for the ordination of

Deacon Mike Dunn & Deacon Jon Gabik

by Mike Dunn's family

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

- Senior Circle of Friends Lunch Monday, January 16, 2023, at 12 noon in McCormick Hall. Presentation: The North Shore Fire/Rescue Department will present North Shore Community Connect, a system to assist our fire department with information about you in case of a fire or other emergency, such as how many people live in the house, do you have pets, are you disabled, etc. All information is password protected with bank level encryption. Come and learn more about this valuable tool for better serving you in an emergency. Watch for more details about menu and cost and registration in future bulletins.
- **Used Book Sale 2023! Donations needed!** Please consider donating your gently used books for the Used Book Sale on January 7/8. We accept all types of books as long as they are in good condition. Please, no magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, DVDs or CDs. Collection bins will be in the church and school lobby. Thank you!
- **Kindergarten Open House** Save the Date: January 4, 2023 from 6:30-7:30pm. Questions? Please contact Kris at brienzak@hfparishschool.org.
- **Spiritual Adoption** Holy Family began a Spiritual Adoption program in October, but participants are welcome anytime. Please consider spiritually adopting an unborn baby who is in danger of abortion by praying Archbishop Sheen's prayer every day. Prayer cards are available at the display in the NW corner of the vestibule. "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion." https://www.archbalt.org/respect-life-2/spiritual-adoption-program/
- **Parish Office Closed** The Parish Office will be closed December 26-30 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays. If you are in urgent need of assistance during this time, please leave a message at 414-332-9220, ext 121, or email holyfam@hfparish.org.
- St. Vincent de Paul News Bakers buyers, thank you for supporting the St Vincent de Paul bake sale. Trivia Night is coming in February. Stay tuned!
- Thanks for Donating! Thanks to your generous response to the fifth Sunday outreach in October, we were able to contribute over \$2700 to the Blessed Savior chapter of St. Vincent de Paul. Since October, they had purchased 135 appliances for needy families and were facing a crisis in funds. Our donation was "an answer to their prayers" and will enable them to continue serving families in need.

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I love Christmas! Knowing that I grew up in Colombia, sometimes people ask me "how do people celebrate Christmas in Colombia?" This is a little description of how many Colombians celebrate Christmas: We as a family took some gifts to poor children and families that we knew or the parish asked us to offer a small gift to them. Then, we go to Christmas Eve Mass, after Mass we go home and have a meal together. At Midnight we hug and wish Merry Christmas to all and each of our family members and neighbors, Mom or Dad puts Baby Jesus in the manger, and then we exchange and open gifts (Yes, Baby Jesus is who brings our Christmas gifts). Then the party starts, we dance and drink until everybody is tired and goes to bed. Christmas Day is very simple. People get up late, everyone helps to grill some food and just relax and recover from the night.

What I remember most is the joy of everyone! It was great to celebrate with family and extended family who came for Christmas! Even though in my family the food we had was simple and the gifts we got were not what we wished for, I remember how happy I was to open some gifts and to see my grandparents, mom, aunts and uncles proud to give us a gift to open.

Sometimes Christmas is a stressful time for people. We stress too much about the decorations, the food, the gifts, the family member that we will see, etc, etc. But the Lord wants us to rejoice at the birth of the Savior! I love the message of the angel to the shepherds "behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." I love the sign of the reality of that great news of Salvation "you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." What a humble and wonderful sign! The Gospel continues with the shepherds "So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger...Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen"

Let us come to the manger and encounter our savior wrapped in swaddling clothes! Let us ask the Lord to rejoice at his birth! Let us ask the Lord to help us bring joy to others, especially if we have a grudge against a family member! Let us ask the Lord to not put our joy in the gifts, or food, or decorations of this time of the year, but to truly rejoice at the great gift that the Lord God is giving us in the Eucharist!

On behalf our all our staff and faculty of Holy Family and St. Robert Parishes, we wish you a blessed and Merry Christmas!

See you at Mass!

Fr. Enrique



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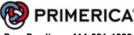


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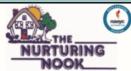
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