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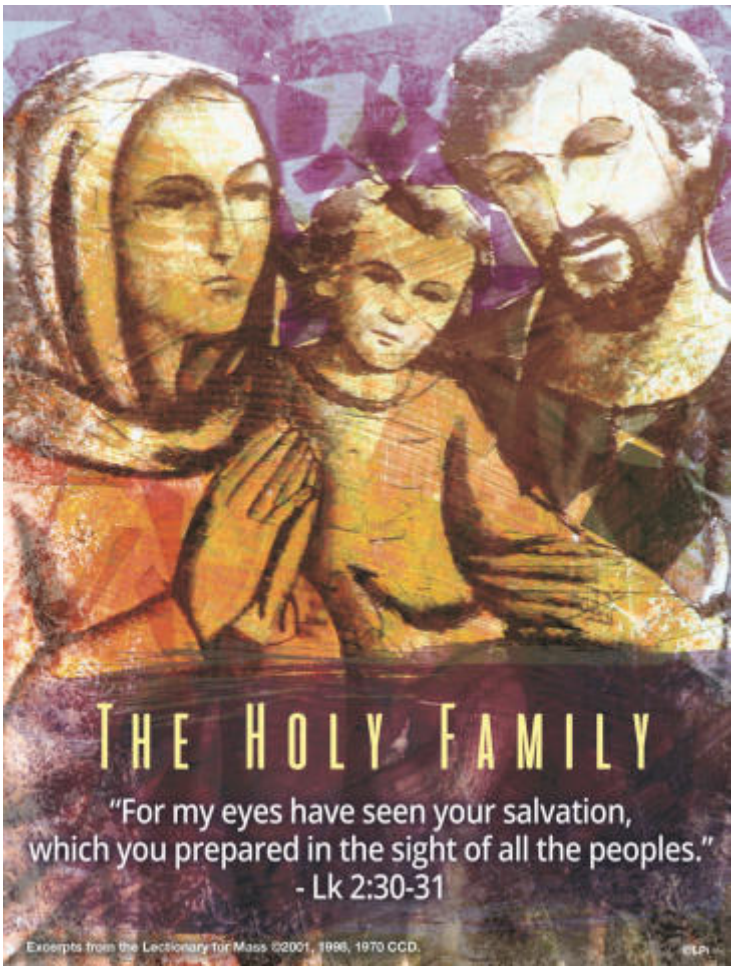


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*St. Columbanus Parish is a vibrant faith community committed to the proclamation of God's Holy Word through our words and actions. Rooted in our African American heritage, we celebrate God's presence in our lives in ways that are "Authentically Black and Truly Catholic."*

*As baptized believers, living as disciples of Jesus Christ, our mission is to:*

*Evangelize the message of Jesus by living & sharing the examples given us through Scripture;*

*Build the Kingdom of God through prayer, worship, social action and education;*

*And be an inclusive, welcoming, and loving community.*

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## ORDER MY STEPS:
## A Weekly Walk with Fr. Matt

Merry Christmas! I am so glad we have something to celebrate! As we find ourselves in this octave of Christmas, I am reminded how these days are meant to be filled with joy, hope, and peace! Our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord reminds us of this powerful truth that God desires to come and dwell among us! We celebrate the gift of God's presence here in our lives—right in the thick of all that we have going on.

Jesus was born into a world filled with division, violence, possibilities, and potential. Our world today is the same mixture. 2020 has shown us, unfortunately, how divided we are as a human family. We have witnessed countless acts of violence against innocent people. We have been filled with hope as we have waited for the arrival of a vaccine. We have been reminded over and over again about the potential we have as community to make a lasting impact in our world.

No doubt, Christmas this year feels different. Many of us were socially distanced from those we love. Many of us weren't able to gather in church for Christmas mass. Sharing presents and meals might not have been our highest priority. However, it is still Christmas!

My hope for all of us is that these Christmas days are filled with joy, hope, and peace. I pray we are a people filled with joy in knowing that God is with us. I hope we are overjoyed in celebrating this great God who comes among us to show what unconditional love looks like. I pray that you are filled with the hope of remembering that God is truly able. There is no challenge that we face that God doesn't have the power to overcome! I pray that you are filled with the peace of knowing that the Prince of Peace, Jesus, walks with us!

Many blessings to you and those you love as we continue our Christmas celebrations. I pray that this season will be a time of great renewal for all of us! What I celebrate this year is the great gift all of you are in my life, and the blessings that I receive through my ministry here at St. Columbanus! Christmas is about celebrating God's love enfleshed for each of us. May we be that gift—God's love enfleshed—for one another!

***God's peace,***

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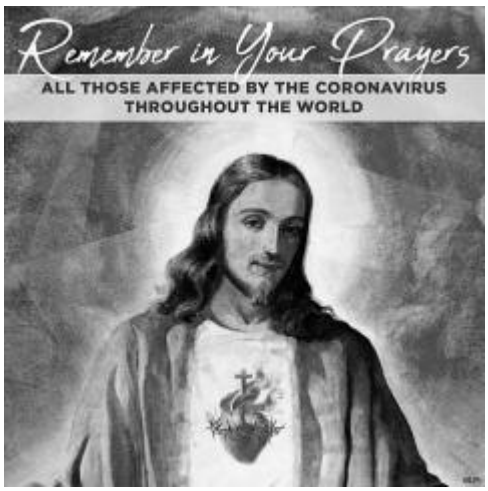


## Virtual Mass

On the following dates, we will **not** have in person Mass, only virtual (online) Masses:

**Friday, 01/01/2021 @ 10:00 a.m.**
Mary, the Holy Mother of God
**Sunday, 01/03/2021 @ 10:00 a.m.**
The Epiphany of the Lord

The links to view Mass will be shared across our social media accounts and will be posted on our website.

We will resume in person Mass the 2nd weekend of January (01/09 & 01/10/2021). If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Office.

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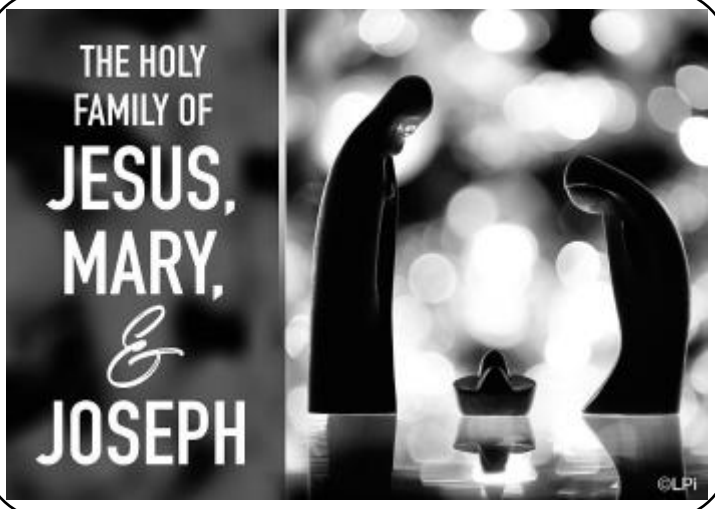


## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekday Mass**: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.
**Saturday Mass**: 4:30 p.m.
**Sunday Mass**: 10:00 a.m.
**Adoration** (First Friday every month): 6:30 p.m.

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. **Amen**.

## Readings of the Week

**Sunday 12/27**: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
**Monday 12/28**: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
**Tuesday 12/29**: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
**Wednesday 12/30**: 1 Jn 2:12-17/ Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
**Thursday 12/31**: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
**Friday 1/1/2021**: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
**Saturday 1/2**: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

## Renew My Church Prayer

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as
you spoke to holy men and women
who have gone before us. In every age
and in our own time,
you call to us and say:
Renew My Church.
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit
upon us, and so enable us
to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will
courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future
generations.

May we remain in the holy company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and all the saints.
May their example and presence
inspire us with patient
confidence in the work of your grace.
We ask this of you who live and reign
with the Father in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 12/27**: The Holy Family
**Monday 12/28**: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
**Tuesday 12/29**: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
**Wednesday 12/30**: Black Lives Matter Movement
**Thursday 12/31**: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
**Friday 1/1/2021**: Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
**Saturday 1/2**: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

**R.** (cf. 1) Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

### Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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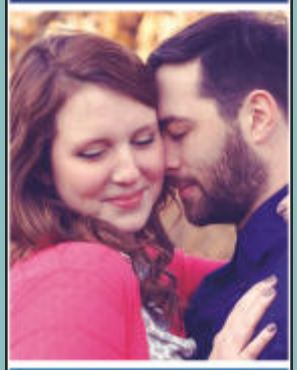

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