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December 26th, 2021 Feast of the Holy Family

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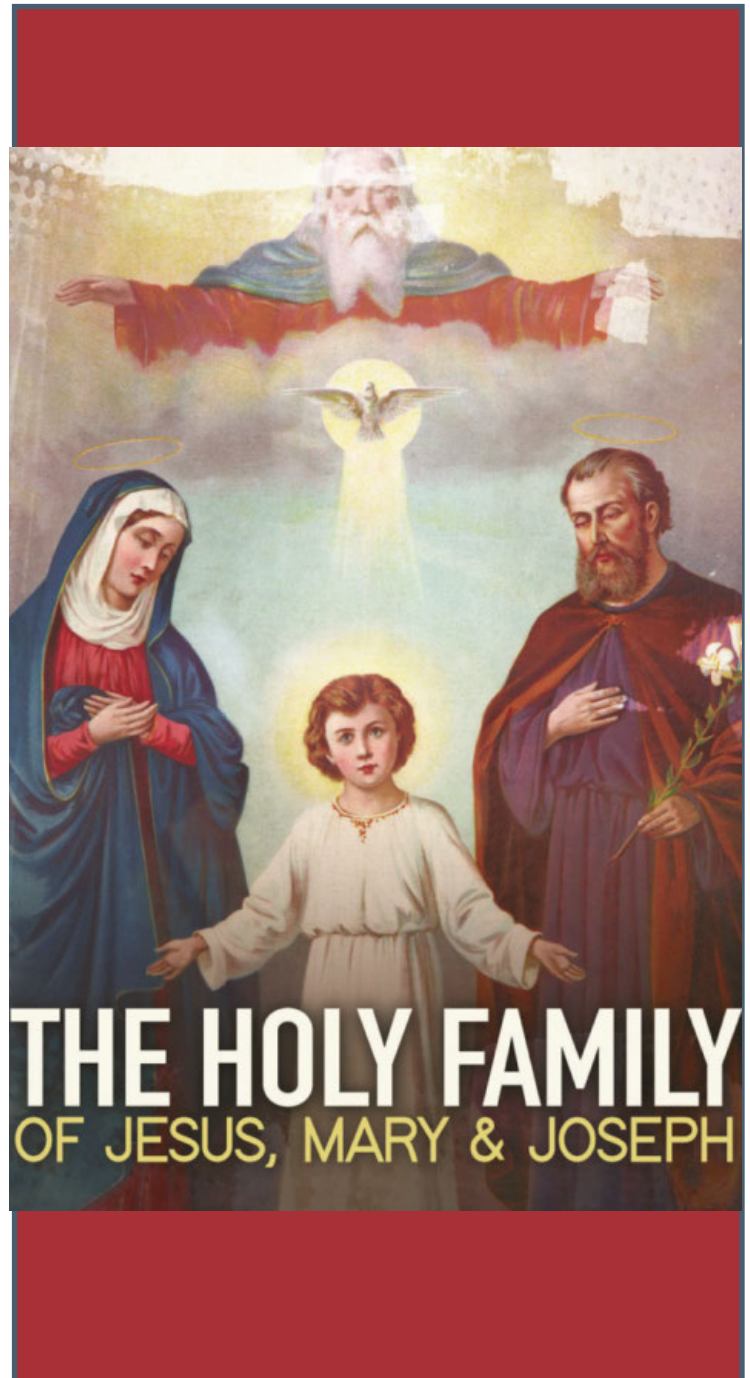
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 27	7:00am	†Jean Ann Michel †Kathleen McFadden
Tuesday, December 28	7:30am	†Mike McMahon †Coreta Mistretta
Wednesday, December 29	7:30am	†Mary Ellen Smego Anthony Scardullo
Thursday, December 30	7:30am	Brenna Lemon
Friday, December 31	7:30am	†Jerry Mattoon
Saturday, January 1	9:00am	†Dick Stahr †Minerva Sandoval
	5:00pm	St. Mary Parish Living & Deceased
Sunday, January 2	7:30am	†James Powers
	10:30am	Thanksgiving for Miraculous healing of family member

Pray for Our Military

Rickey Baylon - Navy	Wayne Becker - Army
Daniel Cabrera-Army	Tiara Cabrera - Army
Joseph M. Dutner - Army	Ben Kochheiser - Army
Mike Klapperich - Navy	Joseph McAlpin - Air Force Mitchell
Ostdick - Air Force	James Peterson, Navy
Vivica Ramirez, Army	Jose Uriostegui - Army
Miguel Uriostegui - Army	Josh Wiltsie - Army
Nick Wiltsie- Army	

Volunteers Needed!

We need your help! We are still looking for volunteers who would be interested in becoming Eucharistic Ministers, Gift Bearers, and/ or Lectors. We are also in need of a Sacristan for the Sunday 10:30am mass. Please reach out to the parish office by email at mcorona@stmaryelgin.org or call 847-888-2828 to schedule training during your Mass time.

End of Year Statements

It's the end of the year and the statements are available. Please call the office at 847-888-2828 or e-mail at mcorona@stmaryelgin.org to get your copy.

Weekday Mass (Live streamed)

Monday: 7:00am Tuesday - Friday: 7:30am
Saturday: 8:00am
En Espanol: 9:00am Martes & Miercoles

Sunday Masses

† 5:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation
† 7:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation
(Espanol)

† 7:30 am
† 10:30 am
† 1:00 pm (Espanol)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

† Tuesday: 6:00 pm
† Saturday: 4:00 pm

Other Times By Appointment: Please call the Rectory.

Holy Day Masses

Times will be posted in the bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday from 3:00—7:00pm

Sacrament of the Sick

If you or a loved one are going to have major surgery or are seriously ill and would like to receive the grace and healing of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Registration

New parishioners are most welcome. Please call the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for information and registration.

Wedding Dates

Must be reserved at least six months ahead.

RCIA (Adult Initiation)

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the RE Office at 847-888-2718.

Bulletin Notices

Must be submitted by Monday noon, one week prior to event.

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Hispanic Ministry (397 Fulton St.)

12:00pm - 5:00pm (Lunes - Viernes)



St. Mary Catholic School Registrations

Thinking about a Christmas gift for your children?
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Our St. Mary School will have open registrations in
January of 2022.

If you would like a tour or more information, please
contact Dr. Miller (847) 695-6609 or (847) 888-2828
Ext. 20.



Office Number: 847-888-2718

REP

No REP on Sunday, December 26 and Sunday,
January 2. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year. See you on Sunday, January 9!

8th grade Confirmation Students

The Rite of Enrollment will take place on Sunday,
January 23 during the 10:30 am English Mass. The
Rite of Enrollment is a ceremony in which the Can-
didates make their official commitment for the sac-
rament of Confirmation. The priest will say special
prayers and invite the candidates to sign their
names in the book indicating their desire for full
initiation into the Catholic community.

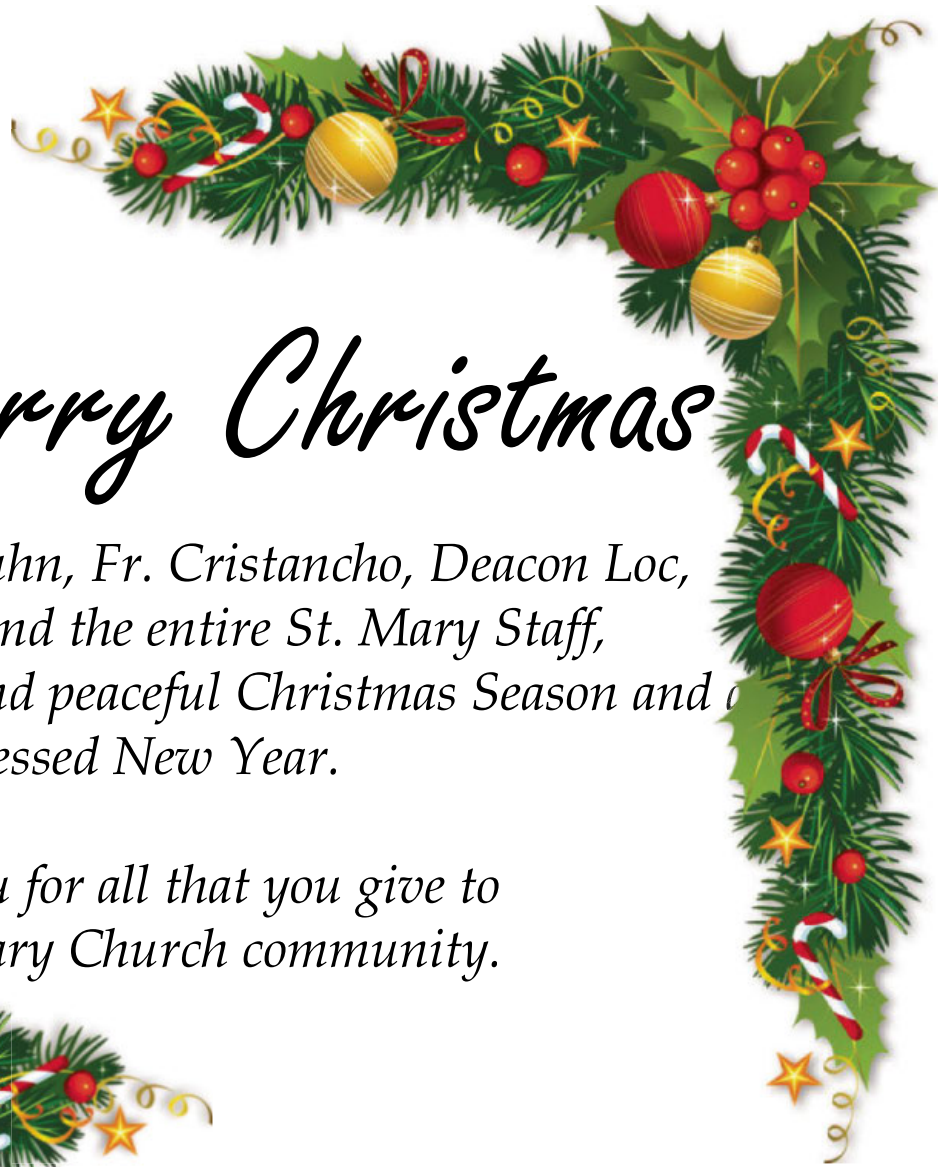
Parish Community Night

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, January 20
at 6:30 pm in the school gym. This will be a Pot
Luck. Please bring a family dish to share.
More information to come.



A Blessed Christmas from all of us.
-St. Vincent de Paul





Merry Christmas

*On behalf of Fr. Kuhn, Fr. Cristancho, Deacon Loc,
Deacon Dave and the entire St. Mary Staff,
we wish you a holy and peaceful Christmas Season and a
Blessed New Year.*

*Thank you for all that you give to
the St. Mary Church community.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12- 21
or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ Ps 84:2
-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday:

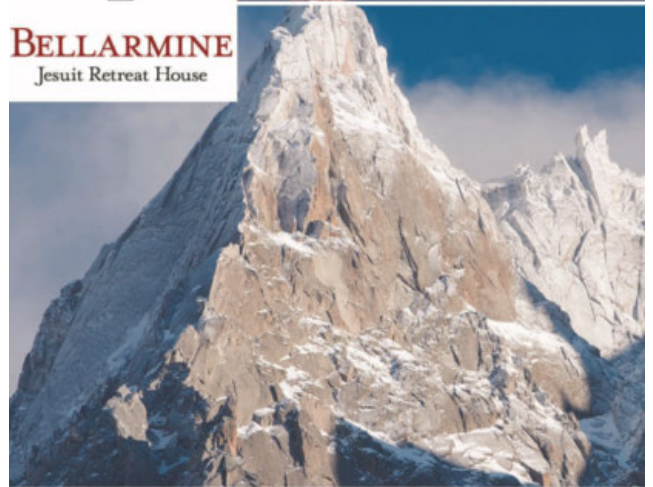
1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday:

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



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Men's Weekend Retreat:
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The Place Where God Dwells"

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January 7-9, 2022

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."
(1 Sm 1:27-28)



PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)



SECOND READING

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)



GOSPEL

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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