

*Saint Mary*  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 25, 2021,  
The Nativity of the  
Lord (Christmas)/  
December 26, 2021  
The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and  
Joseph



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## THE FAMILY IS AT THE HEART OF THE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

Merry Christmas! I want to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas Season. Please know that I am grateful to have you as a part of St. Mary parish.

Let's continue to wish each other "Merry Christmas!" for the next two weeks. The celebration of the Christmas mystery extends beyond December 25<sup>th</sup>. We have the 8-day octave of Christmas that stretches to the celebration of Mary, the Mother of God on January 1<sup>st</sup>. December 26<sup>th</sup> is the feast of the Holy Family. We celebrate Epiphany on the following Sunday and conclude the Christmas season with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In fact, some people even follow the tradition of observing the Christmas Season all the way through "Candlemas" (the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The birth of Jesus, fully God and fully man, changed human history. God became man and was born into our world! He was born into poverty. He was born vulnerable. He was born into the love of a family.

Whenever I think of the mystery of Christmas I think of one of the titles that the prophets gave to the savior who would be born for us: "Emmanuel," which means, "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23). Jesus truly is "God with us." Jesus was born into our world just as we were born. He lived a fully human life. Though he had a fully divine nature, in his human nature he truly grew in wisdom and stature (Lk 2:53). He knew what it was to be tired, to hunger, to thirst, to love, to mourn, to pray, to suffer, to forgive, and to die. Jesus knows what we experience. He sees us. He has compassion on us. He loves us.

In light of the Feast of the Holy Family, I wish to reflect briefly on the mystery of the family. In some ways, we can consider the family to be an "endangered species." In 1968, 85% of children under the age of 18 lived with two parents (regardless of marital status). By 2020, only 70% did, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. Children living with their mother only accounted for 11% of children in 1968. In 2020 that category rose to 21%. Many different factors contribute to the tragedy of divorce and/or single-parent households. We never want to judge or stigmatize single-parents. Many single-parents and divorced parents do a heroic job raising their children in difficult situations. They find ways to raise strong faith-filled children.

They are part of our Church and we need to support them! However, there is a reason why the family with a mother and father who live together with their children remains an institution that we must preserve. It is God's plan for the family. God has endowed men and women with unique gifts that complement each other and contribute to the healthy development of children. Children who lack stable loving families often suffer higher rates of anxiety, depression, anger, aggression, etc.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that "in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. The Church has called the family the "domestic church" because "it is in the bosom of the family that parents are 'by word and example... the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children.'" (CCC, 1656, quoting Vatican II, *Lumen Gentium* 11). Another alarming trend is that more and more adults are not getting married. More adults are intentionally having children outside of wedlock and considering marriage to be an inessential option. Those Catholics who do marry often marry outside of the Catholic Church and, thus, attempt to live family life without the grace of the sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Marriage and family are not valued among members of society and among the baptized in the same way that they were in years past. We need to resist that trend. We need to prioritize marriage and the family.

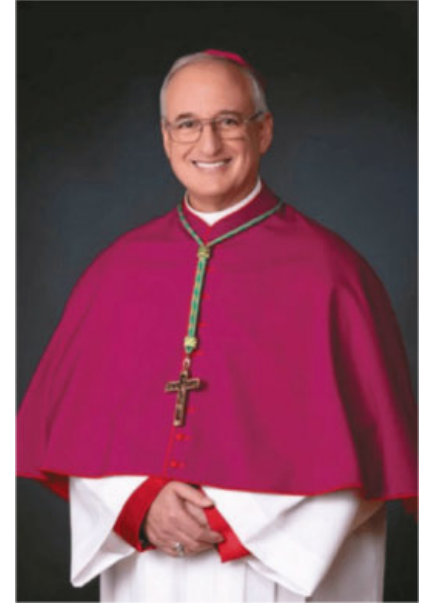
Families: continue to be intentional about the time that you spend together eating, praying, recreating. Find ways to continue to learn your faith together. Go to Mass together. Married couples: Spend time together. Go on date nights. Do not take your marriage for granted. Put away your smart phones and tablets. Look one another in the face and talk to each other. Communicate. Share your lives with each other. The family is the first place where we receive love and give love. We need our families. God set the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph before us in order to give us a model to follow. I realize that the Holy Family possesses a holiness that is a far cry from our own messy reality. God gives us grace, however. If we commit ourselves to our families and strive to love and accompany each other then God will bring healing and fruit even where we suffer dysfunction. God bless our families.





## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR OUR LENTEN PARISH MISSION! THE EUCHARIST: THE ANSWER TO LOVING THY NEIGHBOR

Bishop Bob  
Lombardo from  
Mission of Our  
Lady of the



Angels in Chicago will lead us Sunday evening, March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, then Sr. Stephanie from the Mission will continue on Monday evening, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, and on Tuesday evening, March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will wrap it all up from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Each evening we will have the opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship!

## THE CREED

A SMART, SERIOUS EXPLANATION OF CHRISTIANITY FOR SKEPTICS, SEEKERS, AND NONBELIEVERS!



Please join Deacon Chris Lincoln and Deacon Jim Conrey as they embark on a 6 week study of the CREED. We will have 3 different opportunities a week that you can participate in the same class. You can choose to attend Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 AM, or Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. The study begins the week of

January 11<sup>th</sup> and runs consecutively thru the week of February 15<sup>th</sup>.

No cost to attend but, please register with Shirley Allen at [sallen@stmaryhuntley.org](mailto:sallen@stmaryhuntley.org) or (224) 654-8596 or go to St. Mary's website and follow the link.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday, December 27, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

8:00 AM ✕ Karl Heitkotter; Ann May

**Tuesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

8:00 AM ✕ Joe & Peggy Manning; 8th Wedding Anniversary of Melissa & Rob Fischer

12:00 PM ✕ Eduardo Verzosa; Inocentes Pabello

**Wednesday, December 29, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr**

8:00 AM ✕ Gene Marino; Thomas Sebastian

12:00 PM ✕ Don Wassmuth; The Move Family

**Thursday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 AM ✕ Sue Von Esh; John Knauss

12:00 PM ✕ Jose "Joni" Espina, Jr. & Lolita Espina; Antonio Sasiroy

**Friday, December 31, St. Sylvester I, Pope**

8:00 AM ✕ Gregory McNally; Special Intention of Sally Sullivan

4:00 PM ✕ Wedding—Jacob Dachman & Alissa Melchionna

11:30 PM ✕ F. Addison Jones & Teri Kolaski; Diane Losinski

**Saturday, January 1, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

8:00 AM ✕ Joan Roray; Special Intention of Flora Bernardo Robles

5:00 PM ✕ Rosemary Orlando; Special Intention of Janet & Joe Marmion

**Sunday, January 2, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30 AM ✕ Tomasina Pollastrini; Living & Deceased Members of the Versgrove & Rechsteiner Families

9:00 AM ✕ Tom Baber; Special Intention of Eleanor Lindskoog

10:30 AM ✕ Virginia Concha-Sanchez; Bob McFadden

12:00 PM ✕ Cindy & Don Swanson; Joshua Antigiovanni

5:00 PM ✕ The People of St. Mary Parish



The Sanctuary Lamp next to the Tabernacle is burning this week In Memory of William Cardwell.

# PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 27th in observance of

Christmas. It will reopen

on Tuesday, December 28th at 8:30 AM.

It will be closed Friday, December 31st through Monday, January 3rd in

observance of New Year's Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th, at 8:30 AM.



## PRIEST CELEBRANT

**\*\*Subject to change without notice\*\***

Saturday, Jan. 1	5:00 PM—Fr. DiTomo
Sunday, Jan. 2	7:30 AM—Fr. Paril
	9:00 AM—Fr. Paril
	10:30 AM—Fr. Koutnik
	12:00 PM—Fr. Koutnik
	5:00 PM—Fr. Koutnik

The candles in the Adoration Chapel are burning this week

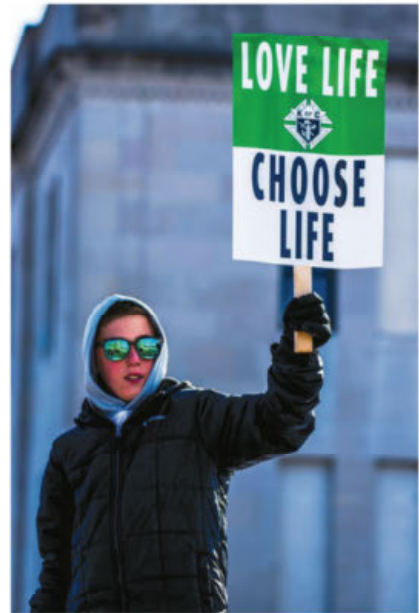
In Memory of Loretta Pisowicz,  
In Memory of Carrie & Ted Bartosiewicz,  
In Memory of Todd Damasky,  
And In Memory of Jean Damasky.



DEFEND THE UNBORN

# ROCKFORD WALK FOR LIFE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2022 • 11 AM



ROCKFORD FEDERAL COURTHOUSE  
237 S. CHURCH ST, ROCKFORD, IL

**PROLIFEROCKFORD.COM**

The Respect Life ministry will be carpooling to this event. Families are welcome to participate again! RSVP is necessary for traveling with the church. We will provide signs and hot chocolate. We will meet at 9:30 AM following the morning Mass. Please contact Melissa at [Melisanchz@gmail.com](mailto:Melisanchz@gmail.com) to RSVP. Free will donations are appreciated.

# **Father Grismer and Father Koutnik** invite you to **ROME**

**Two great priests invite you to experience the best of Rome from April 18-26, 2022! Attend Mass every day at a glorious Roman Church, along with Wednesday Audience and Sunday Angelus with Pope Francis. Included is a day trip to Assisi to visit the home of St. Francis and guided tours of the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Catacombs, Sistine Chapel, Vatican Museums, and more!**

**For more details and information, visit [www.pilgrimtravel.info](http://www.pilgrimtravel.info) or call (847) 987-2507**

# SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS TIMES

Friday, December 31st, 11:30 PM, Saturday, January 1st, 8:00 AM

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass times are Friday, December 31st, at 11:30 PM, and Saturday, January 1st, at 8:00 AM.



## MANY THANKS!

Many thanks to Tom Halat of Tom's Farm Market and Greenhouses for the beautiful poinsettias decorating the church for the Christmas season! God will not be outdone in generosity!

# THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS DEVOTION

Tuesday, January 4th, 6:00 PM

Jesus promised, among many other blessings, that honoring His Holy Face through this devotion offers:

- The **Conversion** of many sinners and mercy granted to their souls disfigured by sin, and,
- **Reparation** for outrages against the Majesty of God – Communism, Atheism, cursing, desecration of Sundays and Holy Days and other grave insults.



The Holy Face devotion began when Jesus revealed Himself to Sister Mary of St. Peter, a French Carmelite, in 1845. In one of His many revelations to her, He said this of His Holy Face:

***“Offer It unceasingly to My Father for the salvation of your country”.***

Our own image of the Holy Face, which will be on display, has been pressed to the traveling relic of the Holy Face of Jesus, a relic verified by the Vatican as having been touched to Veronica's Veil, the True Wood of the Cross, and the spear that pierced Christ's side.

This was a favorite devotion of St. Theresa, the Little Flower. She said that the suffering, wounded Face of her dear Jesus was the foundation of all her piety.



## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Saturday, January 1st, 7:30 AM

All are welcome to take part in these devotions in reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



## Seasons of Hope

A Christ centered bereavement group.

Next session will meet:

January 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18

At 9:00 AM in room 110.

To register or for any questions please contact:

Mary Lou at (847) 669-3137 ext. 117  
or [mmanion@stmaryhuntley.org](mailto:mmanion@stmaryhuntley.org)

## ALTAR FLOWER INTENTIONS

The flowers next to the Tabernacle can be sponsored for a week in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. To sign up, please stop by the parish office or call to arrange. Arrangements are \$50 each, or \$100 for the entire weekend. Your person or event will be listed in the bulletin. The following dates are available for 2022:

February 5-6, 19-20; May 14-15, 21-22, 28-29;

July 9-10, 16

-17, 23-24;

August 13-

14, 20-21; 27

-28,

September

3-4, 17-18, 24-25; October 1-2, 8-9; November

5-6, 12-13, 19-20; December 10-11.



## FOREVER YOUNG SENIOR CLUB

Wednesday, January 5th,  
1:00 PM

Attention all Seniors and anyone else interested!

You are invited to join us

on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall for a presentation by Lt. Kelly Gitzke of the Huntley Fire Protection District on Mobile Integrated Health. Come learn about what this is and the role it is playing here in Huntley.

For more information please contact Mary Lou at (847) 669-3137 ext. 117 or [mmanion@stmaryhuntley.org](mailto:mmanion@stmaryhuntley.org)



## A MORNING WITH MARY

Tuesday, December 28th, 9:00 AM

Fr. Charlie Becker will present "A Morning with Mary" on Tuesday, December 28th, at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Fr. Becker, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, has been a guest homilist on EWTN and is anxious to share Our Lady's many appearances and their meaning with all of us.



The morning will include:

- \* The Rosary
- \* Fr. Becker's presentation and discussion on the Blessed Mother's Messages
- \* A Healing Service with the Blessed Sacrament in the church at 11:15 AM
- \* Blessing of Religious Articles (salt, water, oil, etc.)

Coffee and snacks will be provided.

For more information, please contact Fran at (847) 428-5644.



## STAY INFORMED ABOUT CURRENT PARISH NEWS!

Just text the word HUNTLEY to 84576 and fill in your name. Or sign up online at [stmaryhuntley.flocknote.com](http://stmaryhuntley.flocknote.com).

*If you think you should be receiving our flocknotes, and you are NOT, then simply add [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) to your contact list for your email provider. (Also, make sure to check your spam / clutter file.)*

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you know someone in need of assistance, please refer them to our confidential phone number (224) 569-2100.

## FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook: @stmaryhuntley



Instagram: @stmaryhuntley

## WATCH US ON YOUTUBE!



**St. Mary is now live on YouTube!**

Go to [YouTube.com](http://YouTube.com) and type "St. Mary Catholic Church Huntley" in the search bar to find our YouTube channel.

## LIVE STREAM MASS TIME

We livestream the 9:00 AM Sunday morning Mass. Visit our YouTube channel: St. Mary Catholic Church Huntley to watch the Mass live or you can view the recorded version any time later.

## ADORERS NEEDED

Listed to the right in red are the days and times when adorers are needed in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Adoration Chapel. For more information or to sign up, contact Deacon Lincoln at (847) 257-6242 or [dclnlincoln@gmail.com](mailto:dclnlincoln@gmail.com) or Mary Lou Manion at [mmanion@Stmaryhuntley.org](mailto:mmanion@Stmaryhuntley.org) or (847) 669-3137, x117.

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## SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Lamp next to the Tabernacle may be sponsored for a week in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. The donation is \$20. Please stop by the parish office or call to arrange. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin. The following dates are available for 2022: March 19-20, 26-27; April 23-24, April 30-May 1; May 7-8, 28-29; June 4-5; August 20-21, 27-28; October 1-2, 15-16, 22-23; November 5-6, 12-13, and 26-27.



# DECEMBER BOOKS OF THE MONTH



## WAITING FOR CHRIST: MEDITATIONS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

By St. John Henry Newman

Newman has long been a source of inspiration for those in the Church. In this new and compact compilation of his sermons, you're invited to journey with him through Advent into Christmas and Epiphany, meditating on the coming of Christ and the Christian life. Newman's masterful knowledge of the lives of the saints, Catholic doctrine, and, above all, Sacred Scripture, will help you immerse yourself in these liturgical seasons of waiting, wondering, and joy.

## THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS: THE BIRTH OF JESUS AND THE ORIGINS OF THE SEASON

By Dr. Michael Barber

This book is for people who want to deepen their experience of the Christmas season. To find our way "home" at Christmas, we first need to return to the description of Jesus' birth of the Bible. Only by carefully reflecting on the accounts of Jesus' nativity can we hope to celebrate Christmas and the real joy in its promises. Dr. Barber also explores the development of Christmas traditions such as "How St. Nicholas became Santa Claus, Why celebrate on Dec. 25."

Visit the kiosk in the narthex for these books (\$5 each). After reading, please do not return books to the kiosk- pass it on and share our faith. For assistance or more information, please contact Terry at (847)651-0422.



To add or remove the name of a sick person, please call the parish office at (847) 669-3137. In order to keep the list current, names will remain on the list for two (2) months. After that time, if you would like a name to remain on the list, we ask that you call the parish office again to renew the listing.

✘ Frank Ardito ✘ Kelly & Jake Barna ✘ Simona Birdsell ✘ Katherine Birkner ✘ Paul Bjerkos ✘ Craig & Chris Boggs ✘ Lana Book ✘ Jack Browne ✘ Marti Casalino ✘ Bill Champine ✘ Phil & Vince Claps ✘ Rick Conquest ✘ Patty Creager ✘ Linda Cunningham ✘ Cam Curtis ✘ Barbara & John Curzon ✘ Maria Cybolski ✘ Raymond Dempsey ✘ Ally Diorio ✘ James Fischer ✘ Claudine Gerbel ✘ Norma Hartsock ✘ Maddie Helm ✘ Kathleen Hennelly ✘ Martin Hudik ✘ Lucy Irizzary ✘ Andrew Jean ✘ Laury Karwoski ✘ Laurie Kastning ✘ John Keck ✘ Pat Kellerman ✘ Elaine Kelly ✘ Robert Kinder ✘ Delaney Kinstner ✘ Law Family ✘ Shelly Lentine ✘ Barbara Link ✘ Dan Loranz ✘ Alyssa Mandarino ✘ Nico Manzo ✘ Victor & Eileen Mieszala ✘ Yolanda Moreno ✘ Joey Mueller ✘ Mike Mulcahy ✘ Peggy Murphy ✘ Gina O'Connor ✘ Tony Paladino ✘ John Panko ✘ Tina & Tony Pollastrini ✘ Salvadore & Ricky Portiera ✘ Ray Pozdol ✘ Larry Prange ✘ Robert Rollings ✘ Fr. Richard Ross ✘ Casey Ryan ✘ Iola Schneiderman ✘ Pat Sharpitis ✘ Gail Sleeting ✘ Jacob Sonnefelt ✘ Ella Steel ✘ Dianne Steinhoff ✘ Bill Taylor ✘ John Taylor ✘ Pat Tomalis ✘ Donald Triebold ✘ Ameerah Walker ✘ Lucille Walsh ✘ Robert Wise ✘

# KNIGHTS CORNER

## FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be

held on Saturday, January 8, from 9:00 AM to noon, at Northwestern Medicine Health and Fitness Center,



10450 Algonquin Road, in Huntley. The event is free. Winners on January 8 will have the opportunity to advance to district- and state-level competitions. For more information, contact [ftc@huntleyknights.org](mailto:ftc@huntleyknights.org) or call (847)

946-6911.



## JOIN US

Want to become a Knight? Are you a Knight who hasn't been involved for a while? We

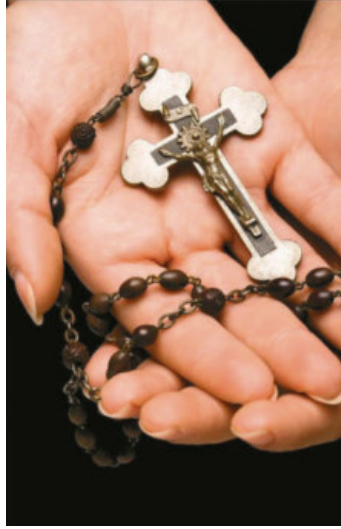
welcome you with open arms. Please contact Membership Director Greg Windbiel at (224) 805-9637 or [Real150guy@yahoo.com](mailto:Real150guy@yahoo.com)

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, and all our "First Responders"—those in the police, fire fighters, and paramedics/EMTs.

# BLESSING RELIGIOUS ITEMS

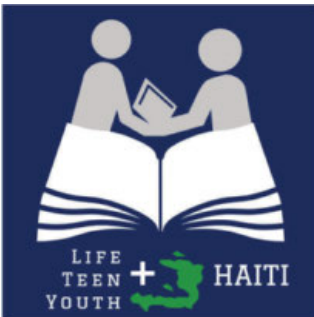
**Mondays following the 8:00 AM Mass**

Due to the many requests to bless items, we will now be blessing items on **MONDAYS ONLY**. Please bring your items after the 8:00 AM Mass. If you cannot make it on Monday, you may drop your item off at the parish office any time of the week prior to Mondays and your item will be blessed along with the other items and you can pick your item up later that day.



## THANK YOU!

The Haiti Ministry and Life Teen partnership is blessed to share our current progress in providing a book for every child at our sister parish school in Leger, Haiti. This past fall we have handed out candy at Trunk or Treat, joined



the K of C's annual St Nick breakfast, and offered an afternoon of games and crafts for the children of St. Mary's. These efforts, thanks to generous parishioners, have brought us closer to our goal.

We are so grateful for the

support of the Family Ministry, the kindness and generosity of the Knights of Columbus, our confirmation prep teens, and of course our generous parishioners who have helped us in these efforts! Thank you to all!

We will continue our fundraising efforts to complete our goal of purchasing over 500 books. Please look in the bulletin or on St Mary's Facebook page for future opportunities to share in our mission to brighten the lives of the little children in Leger!

\*We continue to accept any donation (in the baskets at Mass or the church office). Please make checks out to St Mary's and include Haiti books in the memo.

# PIETRA FITNESS FOR WOMEN

A fitness class that stretches, strengthens and tones the body while refreshing the soul with prayer.



Pietra (meaning "rock" in Italian) is a word that reminds us of the importance of a solid foundation when building anything that is to have strength, stability, and longevity. At Pietra Fitness, our "whole person" workouts are built

upon this concept. We utilize physical exercise to promote core strength as a solid physical foundation. For the soul, our workouts include prayer and meditations. This powerful combination truly benefits the entire human person.

**Dates are: January 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th & 21st.**

**Time is 9:00 to 10:00 AM.**

You will need to register in advance. For class you will need a mat and towel. Please contact Ann, Certified Pietra Fitness Instructor, at (630) 337-6203 to register.

## CONFESSION TIMES OFFERED AS FOLLOWS:

**Tuesdays,**

**6:00-6:30 PM**

**Wednesdays,**

**11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Saturdays,**

**8:30-9:00 AM**

**and 3:30-4:30 PM**

## NEW IN THE PARISH?

Please call the Parish Office at (847) 669-3137 and we can register you right over the phone. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



## “CHALKING THE DOORS” HOUSE BLESSING FOR EPIPHANY

Next Sunday, January 2nd, is Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, Theophany, or Three Kings Day). This day marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2022 — is simple: take chalk and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 22.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar— who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “22” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be somewhat less well-known in the United States. It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there.

The timing for the chalking of the doors varies somewhat in practice. This prayer may be prayed on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany — the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Most often, the chalking takes place after Epiphany Mass, and can be done at any church, home, or dwelling.

### PRAYER:

*When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, “Amen.”*

*The leader greets those present in the following words:*

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

**R/.** Blessed be God forever.

*In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with

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his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

*One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:*

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

*The intercessions are then said:*

**Leader:** The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

*After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.*

*The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:*

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R/.** Amen.

*The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:*

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

**R/.** Amen.

*It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."*

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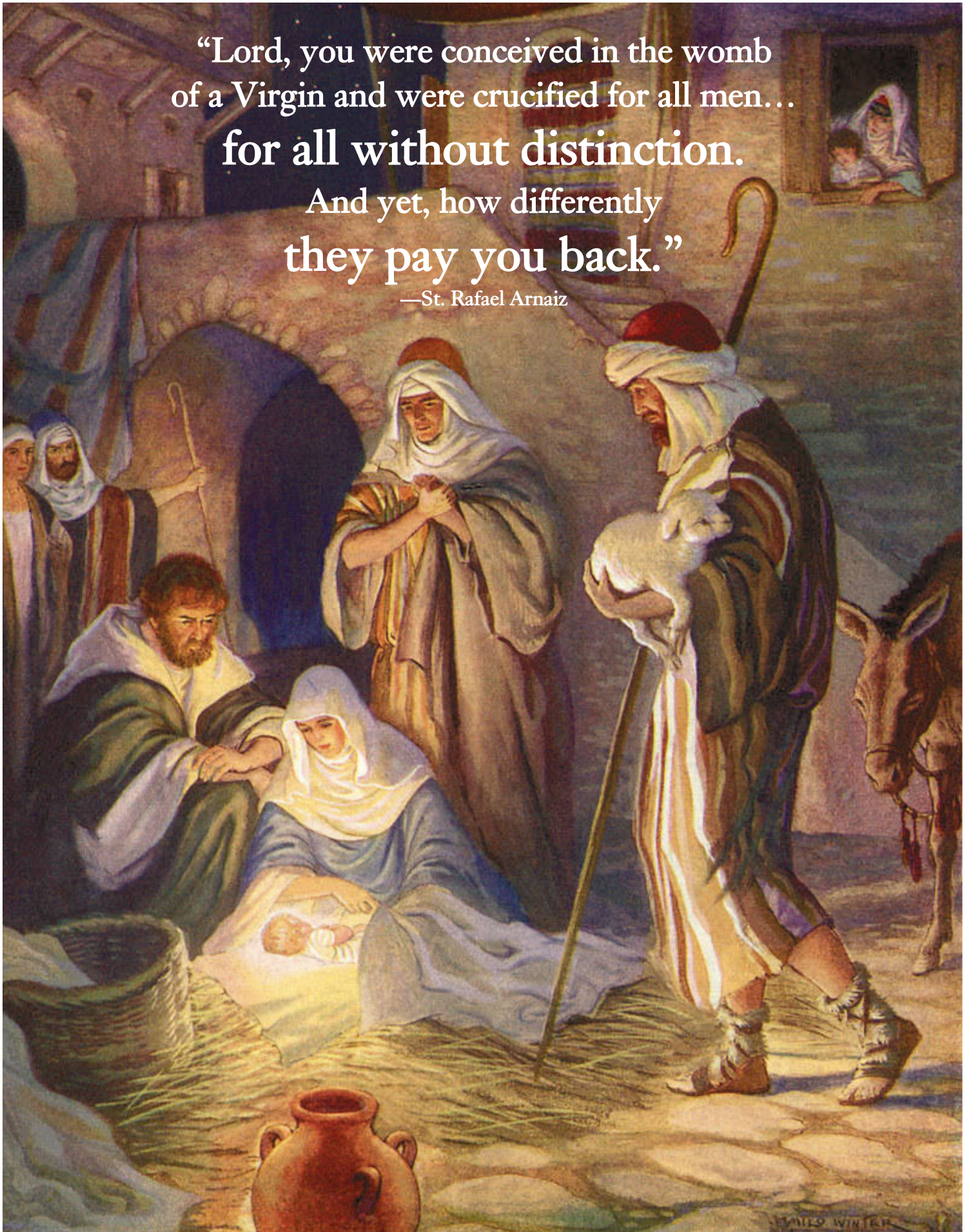
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## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

Parish Office Closed

8:00 AM—MASS

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 AM—MASS

9:00 AM—Day with Mary

12:00 Noon—MASS

6:00-7:00 PM—

Confessions

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 AM—MASS

9:00 AM—Pietra

10:00 AM-12:00 Noon—

Confessions

12:00 Noon—MASS

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 AM— MASS

8:30 AM—MMP

12:00 Noon— MASS

6:00 PM—Rehearsal

7:00 PM—Alcoholics

Anonymous

7:15 PM—Adult Choir

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Parish Office Closed

8:00 AM— MASS

4:00 PM— Wedding

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00 AM—MASS

8:30-9:00 AM—

Confessions

8:30 AM— Al-Anon

8:30 AM—Patriotic Rosary

3:30-4:30 PM—

Confessions

5:00 PM— MASS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

MASSSES AT: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, & 5:00 PM

1:00 PM—Life Night

6:00 PM—Confirmation

Prep





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*Schedule of Masses*

**Saturday Evening:** 5:00 PM  
**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 NOON, 5:00 PM  
**During the week (or consult Bulletin for changes):**  
**Monday through Saturday:** 8:00 AM  
**Tuesday through Thursday:** 12:00 NOON

*Recitation of the Rosary*

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