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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses
5:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM,
and 5:00 PM

Daily Masses
Monday through Friday
7:00 AM and 12:10 PM
Saturday - 7:00 AM

Live Stream Mass
7:00 AM Weekdays & 10:30 AM Sunday
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Devotions
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Tuesdays - 12:00 PM

SACRAMENTS

Confessions
Monday through Friday,
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Saturday, 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

Marriage
Please arrange at least six months in
advance of the desired date.
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Tracy Marklein at 314-308-0091
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Baptisms
Sundays, following the 12:00 PM Mass
Please call 314-231-3250 to arrange

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 26

8:00 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM Barbara Cataldo

(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

Monday, December 27

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Patty Yurko

Tuesday, December 28

7:00 AM Darl Klopmeier

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, December 29

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Carlita Walter

Thursday, December 30

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Peter DaPrato

Friday, December 31

7:00 AM Nicolina DeBoni

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Saturday, January 1

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, January 2

8:00 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM Len Dino (NS)

(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

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
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family
Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope
Saturday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 1

7:00 AM Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4:30 PM Confessions & 5:30 PM Mass are cancelled

Sunday, January 2 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Blessings and chalk distributed at all regularly scheduled Masses



JOIN US FIRST FRIDAY TO CELEBRATE
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Friday, January 7

11:30am -Noon Adoration & Benediction

12:10pm Celebration of the Mass

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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

Each year, as this feast of the Holy Family arises, we have the opportunity to reflect on their lives. What can we learn from these holy people? How might we imitate them? Perhaps the answer is clear. In an age when we are faced with relentless messaging from social media, television, and competing

ideologies, modern families need to be grounded in prayer and religious traditions.

We know very little about Christ's life between his birth and the beginning of his public ministry. We know that he was born in Bethlehem in a humble stable. Soon, his young life was threatened and his family escaped to Egypt. Eventually, they returned to Nazareth. We can only imagine Jesus growing up in a simple household with Mary, his loving Mother, and Saint Joseph, his protective guardian. We picture him in Mary's lap or learning a carpenter's trade at Joseph's workbench. The early years of Christ's life are often identified by scholars as the "hidden life" of Jesus.

The beginning of today's Gospel states that Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem annually for Passover *according to festival custom*. On one such occasion, when Christ was 12, he remained at the temple; his parents found him there, discussing Scriptures with the rabbis. Significantly, this story of finding him in the temple "is the only event that breaks the silence of the Gospels about the hidden years of Jesus" (CCC 534).

These visits to a house of worship are significant. The temple in Jerusalem was seen as God's dwelling place. Even Jesus – God's dwelling place among men – took the time to go there (CCC 586). The temple was a house of prayer, where sacrifices were offered and God's praises were sung. At the temple, in the synagogues, and in his home, a young Jesus would have learned the words and rhythms of his people's prayers.

Like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we are part of a holy family – we, too, are *children of God*. Just like Mary and Joseph, our family life is enriched when we go to church to worship the One who created and loves us. Like Mary and Joseph, we must be attentive to the presence of Christ in our lives, to hold all he did and said in our hearts, and to willingly participate in God's divine plan. By being attentive to God's word and by keeping his commandments, we, too, will grow in wisdom and grace and favor.

Blessings on your Christmas Season and best wishes for a blessed 2022.

-Father Smith

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist (December 27):



Saint John, who died in c. 100 at Ephesus, was the son of Zebedee, brother of James, and the "disciple whom Jesus loved." He authored three letters, the book of Revelation, and the most spiritual of the gospels. In his gospel, Saint John omitted a narrative of Jesus's birth. Based on this fact, it seems strange to include him during the Octave of Christmas. Yet, his placement near Christmas Day was intentional and has much symbolism. According to the *St. Andrew Daily Missal*, "It is God we adore at Bethlehem during Christmas time. Thus it is natural that St. John the chief evangelist of the divinity of Christ, should be found beside the crib, to disclose the greatness of the Infant who reposes therein. The Infant God in the crib gathers around him pure souls: Mary is the Blessed Virgin, Joseph the chaste spouse, St. Stephen the first martyr who washes his robe in the blood of the Lamb. Now behold St. John, the virgin apostle."



Holy Innocents, martyrs

(December 28): The Massacre of the Innocents is the Biblical narrative of infanticide by Herod the Great, the Roman-appointed King of the Jews. According to the

Gospel of Matthew, Herod ordered the execution of all young male children in the vicinity of Bethlehem, so as to avoid the loss of this throne to a newborn King of the Jews whose birth had been announced to him by the Magi. This massacre is understood as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy: "Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying, 'A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more'" (Jeremiah 31:15).



Saint Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr (December 29):

Lived from 21 December c. 1118 or 1120, to 29 December 1170, was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162 until his murder in 1170. He engaged in conflict with King Henry II of England over the rights and privileges of the Church and was murdered by followers of the king in Canterbury Cathedral. Soon after his death, he was canonized by Pope Alexander III. The story of Becket is

perhaps best accessed through the 20th century play *Murder in the Cathedral*, by T. S. Eliot.



Saint Sylvester I, pope (December 31):

Saint Sylvester I who died on December 31, 335, was pope from January 31, 314, to his death. He succeeded Pope Miltiades. He became Pope at an important era in

the history of the Catholic Church, yet very little is known of him. During his pontificate, the great churches founded at Rome by Constantine, e.g., the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, Old Saint Peter's Basilica, and several cemeterial churches, were built over the graves of martyrs. Sylvester did not attend the First Council of Nicea in 325, but he was represented by two legates, Vitus and Vincentius, and he approved the council's decisions.

All you holy men and women, Saints of God,
pray for us

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