



ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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MASSES

Saturday 5:00p.m.

Sunday 8:00a.m. & 10:00a.m.

For Daily Mass times & Holy Days

See times listed inside

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00p.m.—4:45p.m.

First Saturday at 7:30a.m.

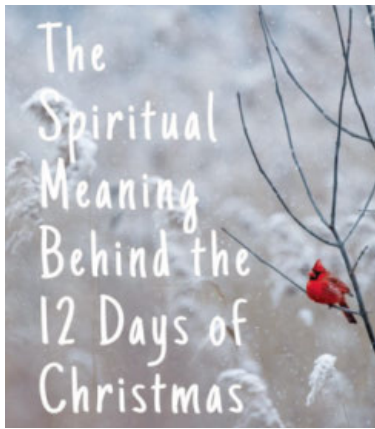
30 minutes before all Masses

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

6 months notice required

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Parish Office for arrangements



The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. To fit the number scheme, when you reach number 9, representing the Fruits of the Holy Ghost, the originator combined 6 to make 3, taking the 6 fruits that were similar: There are actually Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. **The partridge in the pear tree** also represents Jesus because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments
The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.
The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The five golden rings represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit—Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit—Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity].

The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

BBCS DECEMBER WINNERS

- 1st place - St. John Bosco Team - \$1200.00
 - 2nd place - Grace Lintner - \$400.00
 - 3rd place - Mary Gagala - \$200.00
- Congratulations!

All contributions for 2021 must be to the office by December 31st!

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"Keep your heart in peace and let nothing trouble you, not even your faults. You must humble yourself and amend them peacefully, without being discouraged or cast down, for God's dwelling is in peace."

-St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary & St. Joseph Roman Catholic Parish reverently and gratefully accepts the loving embrace of the Eucharistic Lord Jesus and extends His love to everyone.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

What will you give back to God from the blessings you have received?

December 12th

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$3,915.00
Sunday Loose.....	\$514.41
Christmas Flowers.....	\$490.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$687.00

December 19th

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$4,275.00
Sunday Loose.....	\$1,360.74
Christmas Flowers.....	\$155.00
Votive Candles.....	\$247.15
Mass Stipend.....	\$120.00

WHAT YOUR FAMILY CAN LEARN FROM THE HOLY FAMILY

The Holy Family best teaches us how to build our own little “Nazareth” and raise saints to serve God and the world.

It is difficult to make a direct comparison between the Holy Family and families today, but reflecting on the roles of Mary as mother, Joseph as father, and Jesus as child gives us a spiritual perspective that can shape our understanding of our own roles in our families.

School of Nazareth

On pilgrimage to Nazareth, Pope Paul VI reflected, “Nazareth is a kind of school. . . He explained that there are three key lessons to learn from Christ’s childhood:

- **It offered silence.** “We need this wonderful state of mind,” the Pope said, to combat the pressures and noise of the world.
- **It was “a community of love and sharing.”** Nazareth serves as “a model of what the family should be . . . beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children—and for this there is no substitute.”
- **It taught discipline.**
As Christian parents, we are called to model our own family life after the Holy Family in Nazareth. By shaping our homes in the example of silence, community love, and discipline, we ensure that we are doing our part in creating a nurturing environment in which saints are made.

Cherish Silence

Pope Paul VI mentions silence first, for it is in silence that we are trained in prayer. A silent interior life is free of struggles and distraction; it is a life of constancy, whereas the noise of the world is disruptive and distracting. It is in interior silence that we contemplate and have communion with God.

Our homes should be sanctuaries from the world. The more negative influences we allow into our homes, the less control we have over what forms the characters of our children. A home marked by silence is a home where the priorities are in order and where there is a focus on the spiritual good of the children.

By fostering silence in the home, we teach our children to avoid distraction. They learn to concentrate better and thus are better able to develop their faith. Bl. Teresa of Calcutta explained the way she and her sisters were aware of God’s will for them. She said, “Before you speak, it is necessary for you to listen, for God speaks in the silence of the heart.” In silence, our children will learn to pray and develop a loving relationship with God, with each other, and with us. But this ideal is very difficult to realize.

The time we have to build virtue in our children is short. We must make the best of it. They will leave the home and go about the will of the Father, and they need our nurturing and protection to grow into the saints they are called to be.

Build a Community of Love

Building a community of love and sharing begins with each family member’s willingness to offer himself for the sake of another. Parents are called to be the first examples of self-giving. Our lives are to be ordered to the service of others. Mary understood this. Consider how she dropped everything and traveled to visit her relative Elizabeth. Even though she was pregnant herself, Mary willingly went and served the needs of her elder kinswoman (Luke 1:39–56).

As parents, we must be prepared to drop everything and flee to protect our families. This applies not only to bodily protection but, most importantly, to the protection of their souls. When we perceive a threat to the moral life of our family, we must flee from that threat or root it out of our homes. In a community of love and sharing, we first look after those in our charge and provide a protective environment in which they can develop.

Dare to Discipline

Mary and Joseph educated Jesus, and Joseph taught him to work as a carpenter. We live in a very different time, one in which it is rare for both parents to teach their children by working with them throughout each day. But lessons about hard work and discipline can be learned when parents make the effort to allow their children to help them in their daily tasks at home. By helping their parents, children learn the virtues of diligence, self-discipline, and responsibility, as well as the value of work.

Commit to Prayer

Prayer brings together silence, the family as a community of love and sharing, and discipline—the distinctive features of the Holy Family. It is rooted in interior silence, it is the core of a community of love and sharing, and it gives rise to discipline. If we have a relationship with God, we pray. It’s that simple.

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10:00a.m. Sam Trebilcock, Kris Khor

LECTORS

- 5:00p.m. Bernie Menghini
8:00a.m. Myrna Heyboer
10:00a.m. Anna Lundholm

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00p.m. Josh, Elise, Noah, Amalie Cameron,
Jack Smith
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10:00a.m. Tommy, Joey, Ben Lundholm,
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- 5:00p.m. Tim Chartier, Walt Arnold,
Tom Peters, Joe Smeester
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Larry Roell, Mark Ellingson
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ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY

TUESDAY: "Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion"
is prayed during the 5:00pm Mass.

WEDNESDAY:

THURSDAY:

FRIDAY:

6:00a.m. Men's Prayer Group/SMSJ Church

SATURDAY:

6:30a.m. Men's Bible Study/Parish Hall
7:25a.m. Rosary/Fatima Prayers after 8am Mass
4:30p.m. Rosary before Mass

SUNDAY:

7:25a.m. Rosary before Mass
9:30a.m. Rosary before Mass



TUESDAY:

5:00p.m. +Greg Iezza:
Bernie & Lu Menghini

WEDNESDAY:

8:00a.m. +Dale & Lorraine Blichmann:
Family

THURSDAY:

12:10p.m. +Luke Boenker:
Darryl & Mary Jo Klein

FRIDAY:

8:00a.m. For the intentions of Bill Manko:
The Gayan Family

SATURDAY:

8:00a.m. +Don Angera:
Bernie & Lu Menghini
5:00p.m. +For the Living & Deceased members
of our Parish Family

SUNDAY:

8:00a.m. +Leo, Jean & Pat Paoli:
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10:00a.m. +Keith Cameron:
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