

*St. Cajetan Parish*  
*December 26, 2021*



# THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

## From Our Pastor



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today we come together as one for the Feast of the Holy Family. What is it that makes a family holy? First, I believe we are carved out as family as part of God's plan.

Second, over five years ago, Pope Francis, addressing families at a Mass, said: "I would like to ask you, Do you pray together from time to time as a family? Some of you do, I know. But so many people say to me: But how can we? ...But in the family how is this done? After all, prayer seems to be something personal, and besides there is never a good time, a moment of peace... Yes, all that is true enough, but it is also a matter of humility, of realizing that we need God... all of us! We need his help, his strength, his blessing, his mercy, his forgiveness. And we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents....praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer."

As part of this feast, I would ask you to think about the specialness of your family. How do you stand out in our world today? What are the good things that you embrace? To me, we need to reflect and celebrate the goodness that is part of our family life. And lastly, I believe that the year 2020 has taught us that, more than ever, we need to resolve to spend time together, to communicate, to plan special family meals, to have fun together. It can truly make the difference. It might take some getting used to, but it is so worth the time and effort.

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Do you have any New Year's resolutions for the upcoming year? Maybe it is the typical of watching our food, or exercise. Perhaps this is a time in which our commitment to family might also be strengthened. Or can we resolve to pray more, find more quiet, read something worthwhile?

My prayer for this New Year is for peace in our world – especially in those countries, neighborhoods and homes where too many experience violence. Could we make a pledge to pray daily for peace?

Happy Feast Day, O Holy Family of St. Cajetan!

*Fr. Steve Dombrowski*



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## 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

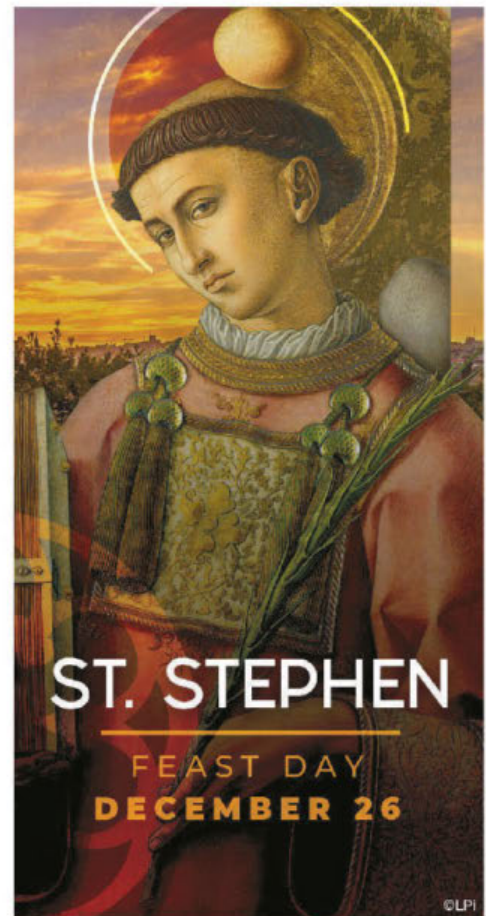
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

If you would like your name or a relative's name removed for our prayer list, please call the Parish Center at 773-474-7800.

*Please Pray for Our Sick Relatives & Friends*

Marty Brogan, Corinne Brombosz, Patsy Brown, Jo Lynn Burke, Raymond Cook, Nancy Curry, Kristen Cusack, Jim Davoren, Dylan Dryer, Robert Ford, Scott Gales, William Healy, John Hincks, Janet Huntington, Mary Ann Hurley, Mary Kaye Jenrich, Cameron Kelly, Jim Kennelly, Loretta Kennelly, Karen Kocanda, Sharon Kozola, Cathleen Limburg, Mike Lyle, John Lynch, Roger Lynch, Don McCarthy, John McDonald, Brian McDonough, Phil McGee, Barb McSweeney, Edmund Mitchell, Matt Moran, George Nedved, Mary Ellen Nedved, Jeffrey Oakes, Bernie O'Reilly, Jack Parker, Barb Rollheiser, John Sheerin, Bill Simmons, Beatrice Siwek, Anthony Spalla, John Stanton, Bill Tomczak, Ed Washasc, Melanie Williams, for people who have coronavirus and those who are in need of our prayers.

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***Eternal Rest Grant  
unto them, oh Lord***  
**Michael LaPorta,**  
*husband of Patricia LaPorta*
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*Readings For The Week*

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*Eucharistic Celebrations*

Monday—December 27—St. John

8:30 a.m. - John Sheerin  
(Caroline Zern Lee)

Tuesday - December 28— The Holy Innocent

8:30 a.m. - Frank Finn  
(Suzane Lamm)

Wednesday - December 29

8:30 a.m. -

Thursday - December 30

8:30 a.m. -

Friday - December 31—

4:00 p.m. - Virginia Ann (Ginger)  
(Geis & Gene Daly)

Saturday - January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 a.m. - Fran Finn & Bridget Cullen  
(Family)

Sunday - January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. -

*Remember to pray the rosary for world peace, the unborn, the homeless, people who have lost their jobs and for vocations.*



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**Our Weekend Celebrants**

Rev. Leopold Glueckert, O.Carm.

Rev. Peter McGarry, O'Carm.

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday - 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Holy Day Masses:** As scheduled

**Daily Mass:** 8:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday



**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. & by appointment.

**Baptisms:** The first and third Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Arrangements must be made in advance; first time parents need to schedule pre-baptism program. Contact the Parish Center at 773-474-7800.

**Marriage:** In order to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Cajetan, engaged couples are asked to call the Parish Center at least six months to a year prior to the requested date. Weddings are not celebrated on Sunday.

**Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners:** If you or a friend or family member is homebound, on a long or short term basis, please call the Parish Center at 773-474-7800. A Minister of Care will be happy to bring you Communion in your home at your convenience.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** If you or a friend or family member would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Parish Center at 773-474-7800 to make arrangements.

**Adult Choir:** Rehearsals are Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. New members are welcome.

**New Parishioners:** Welcome! Please register at the Parish Center or at [www.cajetan.org](http://www.cajetan.org) at your convenience. Moving parishioner, please let us know as soon as possible.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Articles must be submitted in writing by **noon Friday for the following weekend.** You can also email your article to [bulletin@cajetan.org](mailto:bulletin@cajetan.org). Articles must be in Word format.

# Weekend Mass Schedule

<i>January 1 and January 2</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Eucharist Ministers</i>	<i>T.B.D.</i>	<i>J. Siegel K. McGee</i>	<i>B. O'Rourke T. Traynor</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>T. Zordan</i>	<i>K. Jesse</i>	<i>M. Stanton</i>
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