

# *Our Faith Community*

*December 26 & 27, 2020*



*Sacred Heart, Melcher*



*St. Anthony, Knoxville*

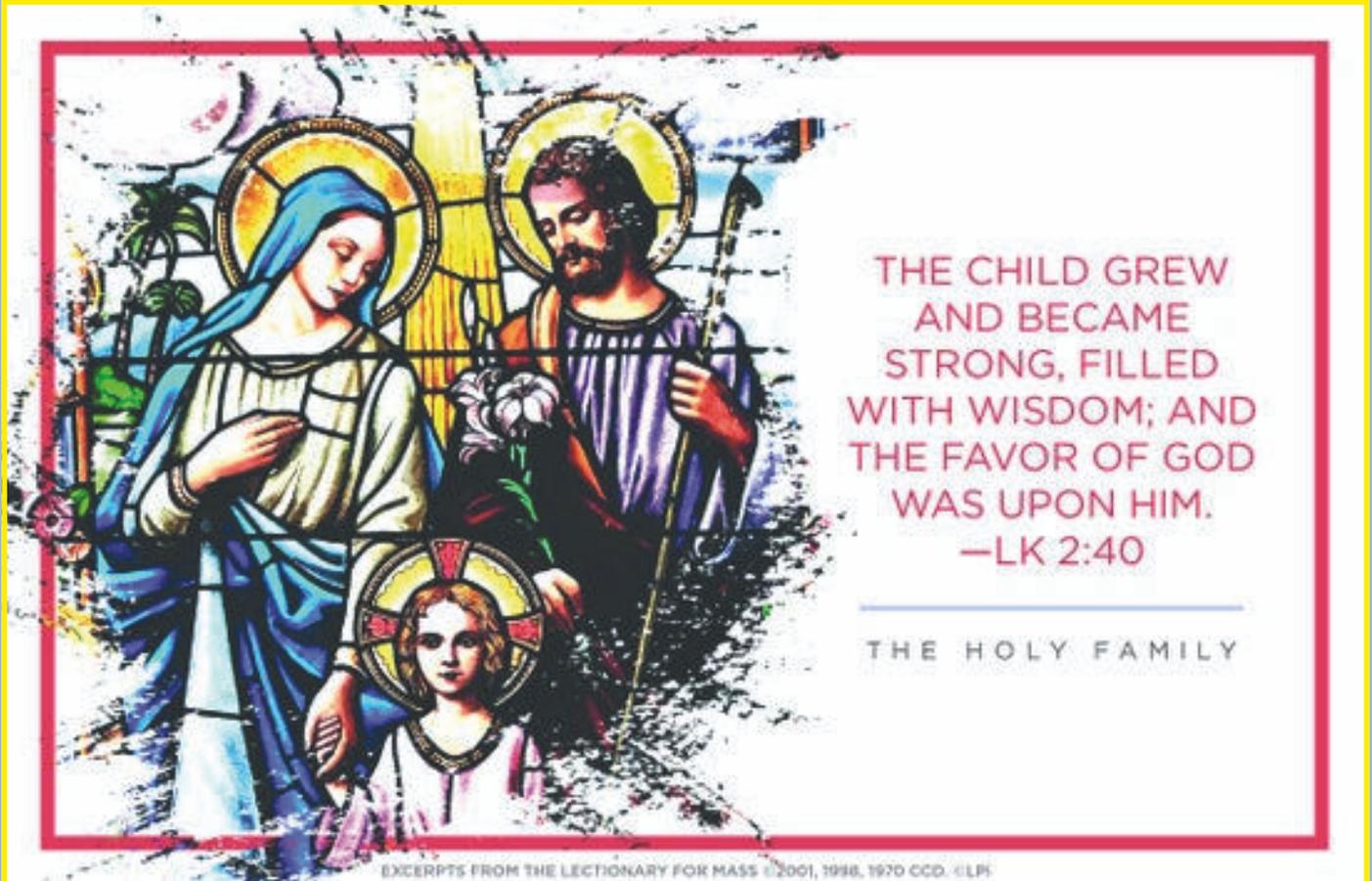


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**Word & Sacrament**

**Weekend Mass:** Sat. 4 p.m., Sun 8:30 a.m.  
**Weekday Mass:** Monday & Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
**Reconciliation:** By appointment  
**Baptism:** Pre-baptism classes are required. Please contact the office.  
**Marriage:** Please contact the office to schedule your wedding nine months before anticipated date.

**Publication Deadlines**

**Bulletin:** Submit by Monday at 1:00 p.m.  
**Newsletter:** Published quarterly

## Upcoming Events for Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, December 27	8:30 a.m.	Mass NO Faith Formation
Monday, December 28	4-6 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Office hours for Fr. Kevin Mass
Wednesday, December 30	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Friday, January 1	6:00 p.m.	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass
Saturday, January 2	4:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, January 3	8:30 a.m.	Mass

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 26 † For Vocations  
 Sunday, December 27 † Gilbert Hoch Family  
 Monday, December 28 † James & Lillian Thill  
 Wednesday, December 30 † Dorothy Nelson  
 Saturday, January 2 † Pro Popoulo  
 Sunday, January 3 † Edward L. & Alfred J. Hanlon

**Sacred Heart Parish Support for December 19/20: Unavailable**



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Angie Gass, Leonard Bishop, Judy Schneider, Gerald Hoch, and Clifford Hoch.



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:**

The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."  
 (Gn 15:5)

**Psalm:**

Th Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

**Second Reading:**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a placethat he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go.  
 (Heb 11:8)

**Gospel:**

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.  
 (Lk 2:40)



## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,  
 I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



**Sacred Heart's ADA goal for 2020/2021: \$11,946.00**

**Current amount pledged: \$13,170 (110.25%)**  
**Thank you all for your support! We have SURPASSED our goal!**



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**Word & Sacrament**

**Weekend Mass:** Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m.  
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 30 minutes prior to Mass  
**Baptism:** Pre-baptism classes are required. Please contact the office.  
**Marriage:** Please contact the office to schedule your wedding nine months before anticipated date.

## Upcoming Events for St. Anthony Church

<b>Sunday, December 27</b>	10:30 a.m.	Mass (for last names A-L)
<b>Tuesday, December 29</b>	6:00 p.m.	Mass
<b>Thursday, December 31</b>	6:00 p.m.	Mass, Eve of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
<b>Saturday, January 2</b>	6:00 p.m.	Mass (for last names M-Z)
<b>Sunday, January 3</b>	10:30 a.m.	Mass (for last names M-Z)

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, December 26</b>	† Paul Kockler
<b>Sunday, December 27</b>	† Pro Populo
<b>Tuesday, December 29</b>	† Margaret Kurimski
<b>Thursday, December 31</b>	† Christy Blauw
<b>Saturday, January 2</b>	† Nancy Kingrey
<b>Sunday, January 3</b>	† For Vocations

**St. Anthony Parish Support for the weeks of December 14-20:**  
Weekly Giving: Unavailable  
Vanco Online Giving: Unavailable  
Weekly Budget: \$ 3938.90



**St. Anthony's ADA goal for 2020/2021:**  
**\$40,400.00**  
**Current amount pledged: \$31,801.00 (78.72%)**

### St. Anthony's Christmas Season Mass Schedule

- 26 December @ 6 p.m.: Feast of the Holy Family (Last names starting with A-L)
- 27 December @ 10:30 a.m.: Feast of the Holy Family (Last names starting with A-L)
- 29 December @ 6 p.m.: Fifth Day of the Octave of Christmas
- 31 December @ 6 p.m.: Seventh Day of the Octave of Christmas
- 2 January @ 6 p.m.: Epiphany of the Lord (Last names starting with M-Z)
- 3 January @ 10:30 a.m.: Epiphany of the Lord (Last names starting with M-Z)



### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Elsie Grimes, Fran Kain, Lucille Pitt, Karen Lewin, Rod Collins, Elamie Ball, Lorraine Daugherty, Pat Alessandra, Fr. Innocent Patrick, Alyssa Scheve, Theresa Lee, Zayleigh Sparks, Judy Garrett, Easley Mae Grier, Marlene Ver Steeg, Charlie Reddick, Richard Brees, Joe Sweet, Garyn Key, Ruth Smith, Barb Sedlock, Bill Vaske, Merrill Williams, Joan Lukavsky, Delaney Digman, Ann Lewitke, Mike O'Brien, June Sharar, Tim Terrell, Shirley Fisk, James Bale, Mary Lane, Brenda Brown  
\* Please notify our parish secretary if you would like someone added to or removed from the list.



## Mary, the Holy Mother of God

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

Let us pray...

*God of heaven and earth,  
you came to us and took our earthly flesh  
through the gift of Mary's yes.  
She is our Mother in faith,  
as she is your earthly mother.*

*We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you  
for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.  
Through her self-giving,  
we have been reconciled to you.*

*Bless us as we begin this New Year  
and endow us with the desire and ability  
to create a world of peace.*

*We ask all this,  
through the intercession of Mary to you,  
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*



Simeon and Anna, in today's Gospel, have anticipated the coming of the Messiah for a lifetime. Their loyalty and piety are rewarded and they witness the newborn child who is destined to save the world. Their life stories are beautiful and give us an example of devotion and prayer that should be at the heart of every Christian.



All of the people in the Advent stories the past few weeks have been humble, ordinary people whose lives are changed by the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. In this holy season, may our lives be changed so that we will recognize the spirit of Jesus within us and use God's gifts to lead others to that same spirit.



## A note from Father:



My favorite part of the Christmas season has always been time with family. I'm sure many of you feel the same, and long for that time even more this year. As we continue on doing the best we can, we are reminded this week of the importance that family plays in our lives.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we are reminded of where this comes from, because we are reminded that this is how God made us. There are few things more clear in Scripture than the fact that God made us all a part of a family on purpose. Of course, God reinforced this by not only living a human life, but doing it as part of a family.

With the many aspects of family life, the role each of us plays depends most upon the relationships we have to the others around us. This changes from time to time, and the events that bring us together as extended families can change the dynamics a bit. Our reading from Sirach today points us toward something else that changes our relationships and the roles we play: age. We are often told that we should honor our fathers and mothers, but because we have been told this since we were very young, we forget that it has all sorts of meanings.

***My son, take care of your father when he is old;  
grieve him not as long as he lives.  
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;  
revile him not all the days of his life;  
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,  
firmly planted against the debt of your sins  
—a house raised in justice to you.***

Sirach reminds us here that to be the faithful son or daughter you are meant to be, your role may change a bit as your parents get older. This is a very difficult balance to strike, as we can seem pushy or uncaring when we misjudge the situation (a good dose of graciousness on both sides help a lot). I so admire the people I see who get this right, and I really feel for all who are still trying to get it right. The main thing is that we continue making the effort, and that the effort be made out of the love we have for our parents. Let us honor our fathers and mothers in that way, and so become worthy of the love we share.

- Rev Kev



## Mary, Mother of God

***Solemnity and Holy Day of  
Obligation Mass Schedule:  
St. Anthony: Dec. 31 at 6 p.m.  
Sacred Heart: Jan. 1 at 6 p.m.***



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