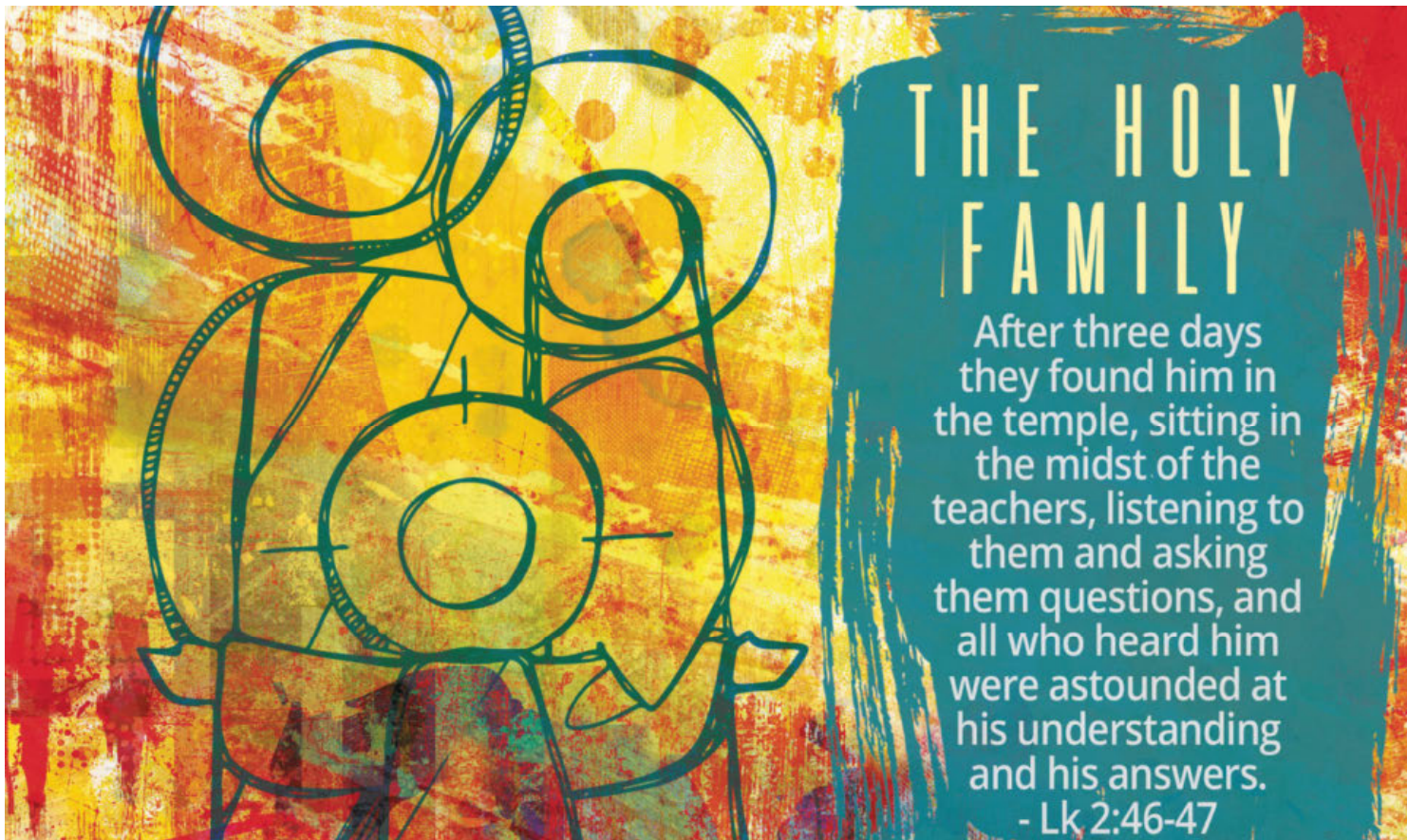


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- December 26, 2021 -



THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.
- Lk 2:46-47

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am
Tue.-Fri. 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tues.-Fri. 7:30-7:50 am
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Jim Braaten	Pastor
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BAPTISMS

Contact the Parish Office three months in advance to schedule. Baptism classes are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

OUR MISSION

As a people of God, of Ascension Catholic Parish, we are united by Baptism and committed to meeting the needs of our faith community. In union with the whole Church, we will build the Kingdom of God by proclaiming the Good News, worshipping God, creating community, and promoting social justice.

NEWCOMERS

Contact the Parish Office or go online to register. Welcome to the parish!

WEDDINGS

Call the Pastor nine months prior to the wedding date to make arrangements.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS: JANUARY 1ST & 2ND, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

	5:00 pm	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Doug Mormann Susan Mormann	Renee Jangula—N John Bitz—S**	Fred Frank—N Dan Hopfauf—S**	Lisa Atkinson—N Howell Flowers—S**
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ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

BISHOP KAGAN'S PASTORAL LETTER

In the upcoming weeks, the Faith Formation column will provide excerpts from Bishop Kagan's May 23, 2021, **Pastoral Letter** "... *Live a Life Worthy of the Calling You Have Received, Part Four: To the Culture and Society*

"What we observe and experience in our secular society and culture so often is not good and cannot be reconciled with the truth of Gospel or even right human reason. I will list just some of the serious errors and defects which seem to be advancing upon us but the root cause for all of them is a willful and intentional rejection of God and His will for humanity. This is called "secular humanism" and it is at the heart of every evil totalitarian political system, it is at the heart of political correctness, and it is the basis for moral relativism and social entitlement, none of which serve the common good but destroy the common good.

Saint Matthew and Saint Luke record for us the gripping question and answer Jesus asks of His own times and generation. "But to what shall I compare this generation?" (Mt 11: 16ff) "To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like?" (Lk 7: 31ff) Read the answer Jesus gives as it is clear and applicable to the people of His day, but it is equally applicable to our own times and to so many people. Using John the Baptist and Himself as examples, Jesus describes people as spoiled children who are selfish, petty and capricious. How accurately this describes our own times, and we cannot exclude ourselves from this characterization.

St. Paul gives the Church's understanding of the Lord's question and answer. He wrote: "For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires, will surround themselves with teachers who tickle their ears. They will stop listening to the truth and will wander off to fables." (2 Tim: 3: 3-4) We are living in just such times. Objective truth is shunned like the plague in favor of the lie that we determine what is good and normative for us and that is our truth no matter the consequences, a direct result of adopting secular humanism. This is not a philosophy as much as it is an ideology based on the falsehood that man is supreme and not God.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

- **Wednesday, January 5th**/Classes for all grades. There will **not be Safe Environment Training**, as indicated on the schedule. The training was completed in October.

Grades 6-9: From 7:00 to 8:15 pm, Sister Mary Joseph, of the Saint Mary's Sisters, will be speaking and teaching the students how to pray. Parents are welcome! Please meet in the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	December 27 Communion Service
Tuesday, 8:00 am	December 28 †Dave Wetzel by Family
Wednesday, 8:00 am	December 29 Communion Service
Thursday, 8:00 am	December 30 Communion Service
Friday, 8:00 am	December 31 †Philip G. Miller by George & Leona Kuntz
Saturday, 9:00 am	January 1 †Peter Smith, †LeRoy Smith, and †Schlosser girls by Janice Schlosser †Clarence & †Pauline Schmitz by Family
5:00 pm	January 2 †Barbara Gross by Steve & Rita Ritter
Sunday, 8:00 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	†Shou Lin Tsai by Martin family
11:00 am	

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7)

VOCATION MESSAGE

The light of Christ shines upon you. How will you share that light with others? Consider the gift of a Church vocation.

If you or someone you know in our parish community is ill or has a family member or friend who could use our prayers, please call our parish office at 223-3606 or Pauline Mueller at 226-9471. Our Prayer Line is a group of parishioners who pray for requested intentions.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

WEEK	COLLECTIONS	BUDGET
December 19, 2021	\$21,820.31	\$14,061.00
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