

December 26, 2021 • *Feast of the Holy Family*

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To share the gifts God has entrusted us by "being Christ to one another" through welcoming, comforting, healing and teaching in loving service of our brothers and sisters, mindful of His unconditional love for all His children.



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Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass

Entrance: #530, What Child is This.

Introit: The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Psalm:

Refrain: **Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

Refrain: **Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

Refrain: **Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

Refrain: **Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Offertory:

Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth and lived among us.

Communion: #510, Of the Father's Love Begotten

Recessional: #886, Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Co-Pastors,

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 12:00 pm

Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Hotline 651-291-4497

Mass Schedule:

Weekend:

Saturday 4:30 pm;

Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 pm

Holy Days: 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Mon. - Fri. 11:30 am - 11:50 am

Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:20 pm and by appointment

Baptism & Marriage:

Register online via parish website.

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THE
World

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, CHRISTMAS DAY

5:00 pm Parishioners

12:00 am Parishioners

Sunday, 26th

7:30 am Dorothy Archambault†

10:30 am Bill Menard†

Monday, 27th

12:00 pm Intentions of Casey Meehl

Tuesday, 28th

12:00 pm Jerry Yeager†

Wednesday, 29th

12:00 pm Gerald Leonard†

Thursday, 30th

12:00 pm Xaiver and Rose Jeyarajan†
and Marina Nicholas†

Friday, NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00 pm Parishioners

Next Saturday, NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:00 am John Mercado†

Next Sunday, 2nd

7:30 am Gregory and Erin Joseph†

10:30 am Caroline & Lawrence Schloert†

† Denotes deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 ©LPi

FROM THE PASTORS

From a Christmas Sermon of Pope St. Leo the Great (400-461 AD):

Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to men of good will as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.

ON BEHALF OF ST. MARY'S PARISH AND STAFF, FR. HAGAN AND FR. EVANS WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON.

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS FUND COLLECTION
Next Weekend! We will be taking a second collection for the Additional Operations Fund (AOF) for the month of January 2022. If you mail your donation to the parish office, please note on the payment that it is for the Additional Operations Fund (AOF). You may also donate online thru our website. Your continued support and generosity to this fund is very much appreciated. Thanks in advance.

YEAR END GIVING

Dear Parishioners: 2021 has been a year of many changes, repairs and upgrades to our beloved St. Mary's. Without your prayers, support and generous contributions, these things would not be possible. We are planning on doing more in the coming year and will continue to take care of and keep up with our aging facility. As we approach the end of another year, please consider making a special year end donation of \$50, \$100 or whatever you can afford to St. Mary's Church in thanksgiving. You may donate online, send a check to the parish office or put your donation in the collection basket. Your support and contributions will make a real, lasting impact on the future of YOUR St. Mary's. We hope and pray that you will continue your commitment to building up St. Mary's in the coming year.

Thank You! Fr Hagan and Fr. Evans

2022 CALENDARS

2022 Calendars are available at the entrances to the church. Please take one for your family.

SANTA BREAKFAST & OVER 75 DINNER

This year due to Covid-19 we were unable to have many fun and enjoyable activities for both young at heart and our elderly but these two end of the year events turned out to be very successful. We hope the year of 2022 brings more fun times and keeps all in good health.

MANY THANKS

As the year of 2021 is coming to a close, the staff would like to thank the volunteers who came forward to help out with the Booya & Drive Up Booya, teaching our youth through the Religious Educating program, helping with funerals, Over 75 Dinner and the Santa Pancake Breakfast. We would also like to thanks many of our parishioners that have brought in beautiful flowers for the Mary and Joseph altars this past year. God Bless you all and keep you safe.



 **Upcoming Events**

Parish Council Mtg, Jan. 25th, 5:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
NO RE Class,- HAPPY NEW YEAR'S



Mario Alesso 25th, Charmine Madrid 25th, Brooke Bertram 25th, Christine Lofton 26th, Thomas Vaughn Noland 27th, Rosemary Yeager 27th, Zanetta Diaz 27th, Paige Beacom 27th, Alyssa Hauptert 28th, Bradley Heitz 28th, Shannon Menell 30th, Joseph Stanton 30th, Mari Avaloz 31st and Mary Schletty 31st.



Irene Stackpole and Parris Veeder

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Friday, December 31st, 5:00 pm

No Noon Mass

Saturday, January 1st, 9:00 am

No 4:30pm Mass



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." – Lk 2:10-12

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COLLECTIONS

The collection for Sunday, December 19, 2021 will be posted in next week's bulletin.

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