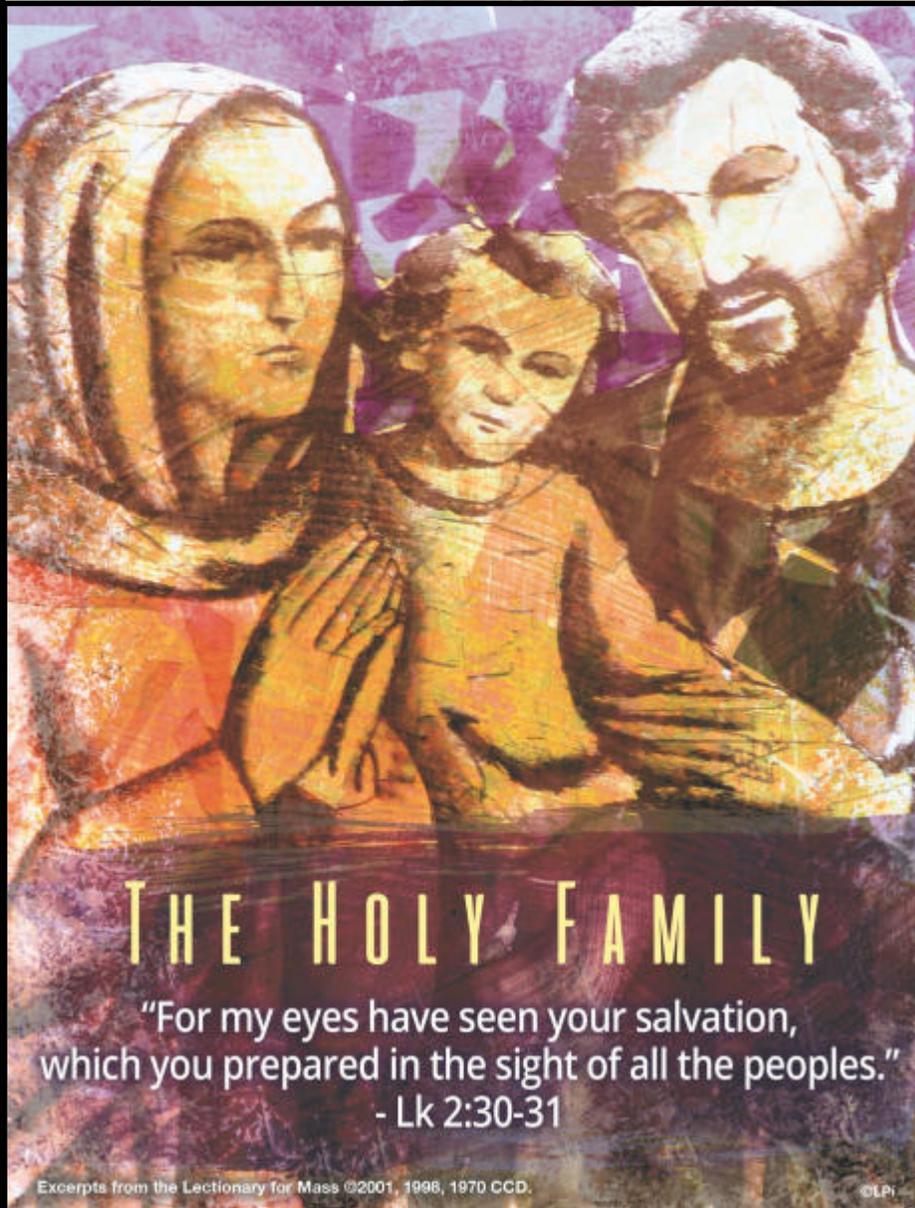




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PARISH



THE HOLY FAMILY

"For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples."
- Lk 2:30-31

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Wednesday 10:00 am—11:00 am
Thursday 7:00 am—7:45 am
Saturday 3:00 pm— 4:00 pm

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am
Thursday 8:00 am
Friday 8:00 am

WEEKEND
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 6:30 am
8:00 am
10:30 am



SAT DECEMBER 26

4:30pm †Louis & †Edith Soetaert

SUN DECEMBER 27

6:30am People of the Parish

8:00am †Bryan Robertson

10:30am Collective Intention

TUES DECEMBER 29

6:00pm † Sandra Wichman

WED DECEMBER 30

8:00am †Linda Struchtemeyer

THURS DECEMBER 31

5:00pm †Msgr. Robert Bergman

FRI JANUARY 1

9:00am †Don Hugo

SAT JANUARY 2

4:30pm †Gene Jesberg

SUN JANUARY 3

6:30am People of the Parish

8:00am †Brett Hardy

10:30am †Zelle Faustina Gervais

Please contact the parish office for Mass intentions. The suggested offering is \$10 per Mass.

I pray that everyone was able to have a very Merry Christmas, and celebrated to the best of your ability this year! This season is a great season of hope; it is a glimpse into how much God loves us and how He will do whatever He can to show us that love. Our job is to try to cooperate with His love, to the best of our ability, and keep the goal of always getting better.

This is the time when we have a tendency to make resolutions for the upcoming year. I want to encourage everyone to take to prayer what they may focus on this new year as a way of living out their vocation better. This could take shape in many ways. Spouses could spend more time together talking about what is going on in their hearts and not just the “business” of the household.” Children could focus on doing chores or homework without being asked. There may be a focus of family prayer (possibly the Rosary). We might focus on better boundaries between work and home; and the list goes on and on.

One thing I am going to work on is my calendar. With everything going on in the world, there has been a stronger need for priests. One day a few weeks ago I spent over 8 hours exclusively celebrating sacraments. This included driving to multiple anointings and hearing confessions, but a full day was spent doing things only a priest could do, and I still had other “office work” that had to get done after that. As a result of a need for more sacramental work, I am sending some of the calls and emails that come my way, to the appropriate staff. I love all of our parishioners and enjoy doing as much as I can with each of them. However, at this point, to protect myself, I have to let our staff do what they are paid to do. Now, please do not read into this; I am not saying that you shouldn’t ask for help, or bring things to me. I want my family to do that, but just know that if a staff member can help, you might be directed to them. We are also blessed with two great deacons, who also are helping out where they can. This is a sign of the fact that we keep growing. Even in the midst of the craziness of 2020, our parish continues to grow. I need to make sure that I am not exhausted, so that I can best serve you all, as a priest.

So again, please take to prayer legitimate ways in which we can live out our vocations to the best of our ability, assisted by God’s grace. Let us pray for a beautiful 2021, under the care and protection of St. Joseph, terror of demons and a most chaste spouse!

Father Adam

Parish Support

Collections for December 13, 2020		Budget Year to Date		
Regular Offertory		Income		
Budgeted	\$23,289	Budget July 1 - Dec 13	\$457,244	50 / 50
Collection	\$13,019	Actual July 1 - Dec 13	\$474,740	
Difference	-\$10,270	Difference	\$17,496	
Towards Christ		Expenses		There was NOT a winner for the week of December 13, 2020. # 1458 was drawn. The balance was \$2,587.32.
Budgeted	\$3,913	Budget July 1 - Dec 13	\$461,403	
Collection	\$1,451	Actual July 1 - Dec 13	\$455,892	
Difference	-\$2,461	Difference	\$5,511	

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR HOLY MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Luke 2:16

6:30 am Mass: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

All other Masses:

God is in his ho - ly dwell - ing place,*
the God... who caus - es us to dwell to - geth - er, one at heart, in his house;
he him - self will give pow - er and strength to his peo - ple.

*Last time only

PENITENTIAL ACT

Confiteor (Optional)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE

Kyrie, eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
R: Kyrie, eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe, eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
R: Christe, eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie, eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
R: Kyrie, eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly
King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -
cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

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COLLECT

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 (17B)

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." 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." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9



R. The Lord re-mem-bers his cov-e-nant for-ev-er.

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds. Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD! Look to the LORD in his strength; constantly seek his face.

You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac. R.

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to

go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age --and Sarah herself was sterile -- for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Hebrews 1:1-2

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

The Lord be with you

R: And with your Spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of

THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH

the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*All bow through “became man”*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION & PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

R: Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

R: Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

STAND

R: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

R: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,
Hear - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
in the high - est, Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est,
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro - claim your
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

R: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may

be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us.
world, grant us peace.

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Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Baruch 3:38

6:30 am Mass: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

All other Masses:

My son, why have you trea - ted us so? Your fa - ther and I
have been anx - ious - ly look - ing for you. How is it that you were seek - ing me?
Did you not know that I must be a - bout my Fa - ther's bu - si - ness?

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen

CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Saint Joseph Terror of Demons

R: Pray for us

Mary Refuge of Sinners

R: Pray for us

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29 Tues- 6:00pm Mass

29 Tues- 6:30pm Into the Deep

30 Wed- 8:00 am Mass

30 Wed- 10:00 am - 11:00 am Confession

30 Wed- 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration

30 Wed- 6:30 pm- Bible Study

31 Thurs- 5:00 pm Mass

1 Fri- 9:00 am Solemnity of Mary Mass

2 Sat- 3:00pm-4:00 pm Confession

2 Sat- 4:30pm Mass

2 Sat- 6:00 Pints with Padre

3 Sun- 6:30am Mass

3 Sun- 8am Mass (Live Stream) Must sign up

3 Sun- 9:15am Formation classes Gr. 5-8

3 Sun-10:30am-Mass

3 Sun- 11:30 Youth Group

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