

SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH



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Horario: segunda, quarta y sexta feira / Oficina: lunes, miercoles y viernes

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DEVOTIONS / DEVOCÕES / DEVOCIONES

Miraculous Medal Novena	every Monday after Mass / cada lunes despues de la misa
Holy Hour (English & español)	every Thursday / cada jueves at 7 PM
Hora Santa (em Portugues)	todas as quintas feiras as 8 PM
Saint Joseph Chaplet	every 1 st Wednesday after 9 AM Mass

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 26, 2021*

*A Sagrada familia de Jesus, Maria e Jose
26 de Dezembro de 2021*

*La Sagrada Familia de Jesus, Maria y Jose
26 de diciembre de 2021*

Offices at 17 Winter Street
Milford, Massachusetts 01757

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS / ALABANZA

All Masses are live streamed on our parish website & Facebook page, except for Sunday at 7:30 am.

Saturday:	4:00 pm (English) 19:00h (Missa Brasileira)
Sunday:	7:30 am (English) 9:00h (em Portugues) 10:30 am (English) 12:00 pm (en español)

Sunday morning Masses at 9, 10:30 and Noon are also broadcast over the Milford local cable access (Comcast 11 and Verizon 40)

ALL MASSES ARE HELD IN THE UPPER CHURCH.

Daily Mass:	Monday thorough Friday 9:00 AM
Lunes:	6:00 pm: Misa en español
Quartas e Sextas-feiras:	19:00 horas (em Portugues)

*We have gluten free hosts;
please see a priest or deacon before Mass.*

Confessions:

Saturday : 3:00 - 3:30 pm in the lower church or by appointment

Christian Initiation: (Baptisms):

in English: contact Parish Office for class & monthly schedule

Em Português: fala com Louisa no secretario.

en español: contactar Louisa en la oficina para inscribirse.

For children over 5 and adults: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a process to meet individual circumstances, please contact the office at your earliest convenience.

Ministry to the Sick: Ministers are available to visit any one confined to their home on a regular basis. Please notify our office. Communion is brought on a regular basis to Milford Regional Medical Center, please call the office to be anointed.

Marriage: Couples planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage are asked to contact the Parish preferably at least one year before the proposed date.

Holy Orders & Religious Life: If you or someone you know is interested in dedicating his or her life to Christ and the Church as a priest, deacon or vowed religious, please contact one of the priests, or the diocesan Director of Vocations at 508-630-4473 or at www.worcestervocations.com.

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www.stmarymilford.org



Parish Information



Saturday, December 25, 2021 Christmas Day

4:00 pm ... NO Evening Mass

7:00 pm ... Não Missa em Portugues

Sunday, December 26, 2021 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 am...+ Joaquim Valenca & Parents, (Family)

+ Maria DaCosta & Joao daCruz & Family, (Family)

9:00 am. + Missa em Portugues (Streamed)

10:30 am.+ Anthony Joseph Clemente, (Mom & Dad) (

+ Arthur Trombly, (Mary Castrucci & Family) (Streamed)

12:00 pm + Misa del Divino Niño (Streamed)

Please note that beginning on Monday, December 27th, all daily Masses will be celebrated in the lower church

Monday, December 27, 2021

9:00 am...+ Joao Tomas, (Maria Goncalves) (Streamed)

6:00 pm...+ Misa en español (Streamed)

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

9:00 am...+ Violet Benoit, (Darlene McLaughlin) (Streamed)

+ David Savaria & deceased Family Members, (Family)

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

9:00 am...+ Jorge dos Santos, (Elisa Periera) (Streamed)

7:00 pm + Gilberta Rodrigues, (Victor Rodrigues) (Streamed)

Thursday, December 30, 2021

9:00 am.. + Christine O. Rezendes, (Tim Dupree) (Streamed)

Friday, December 31, 2021 New Years Eve

9:00 am ... + Mass (English) ((Streamed)

7:00 pm.... + Mass (Portuguese) (Streamed)

Saturday, January 1, 2022 New Year's Day

10:30 am..+ Mass (English) ((Streamed)

12:00 pm....Mass (Spanish) (NS de la Nube) (Streamed)

4:00 pm ... Mass (English) (Streamed)

7:00 pm ... Missa em Portugues (Streamed)

Sunday, January 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am...+ Laurinda & Domingos Valenca, (Family)

9:00 am. + Jorge M. dosSantos, (Ercilia & Joaquim Castro)

10:30 am.+ William Dillon, Jr. (Family) (Streamed)

12:00 pm ... Misa en español ((Streamed)

Requiescat en Pacem

In your kindness, please remember

**Marie "Sannicandro" Peroni, Rico Creasia,
Peter Coroniti, Marie "Lancia" Lumentini,
Angelina Foley**

and the victims of the tornado in the Midwest

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful depart-
ed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Stewardship

As we reach the end of the calendar year, some of our members may be already anticipating the need to file for their taxes after the change of the year. As they take account of their financial situation, it is worth remembering that a donation to our parish is a tax deductible gift. Depending on one's means and income, a gift to our parish might actually move one to a different tax bracket or change the amount that would need to be paid to the government in taxes for this calendar year of 2021.



While there are many responsible and worthy charities, one needs to check the particulars of any charity that one decides to donate toward since many have high salaries for their executives and high overhead costs that absorb much of people's generosity and it doesn't fund the research, the charity or the outreach that they figure they are financing. Many of these also receive funds from general endowments and tax dollars to fund their work. A local parish is not one of these. Every local Catholic parish depends on the generosity of their own parishioners to fund their expenses, to volunteer their time and talent, and thus help to make the work of the church happen at a local level. An extra gift at the end of the tax year can be a bonus to the donor in a tax deduction as it is also a gift to help the parish fund regular maintenance and salaries, improvements in equipment and technology or assist in the cost of neglected or long overdue repairs or improvements. Like any household, a parish always has unexpected expenses and emergencies while it also tries to make funds available to help others in their time of need. Your generosity helps our parish whatever size your donation all year long.



Financials

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR DECEMBER 12, 2021

Weekly Offering (collected at Mass December 12, 2021)	\$7,832.00
WeShare	\$0.00
Electronic Giving December 12, 2021	\$367.00
Other Income (Candles, Flowers & Utilities, Holydays)	\$2,182.70
Gross Weekly Offering	\$10,381.70
5% Tithe to be Dispersed Quarterly	-\$410.00
Net Weekly Offering	\$9,971.70

DESIGNATED DONATIONS

Monies donated for specific purposes

Cemetery	\$20.00
Retired Religious	\$761.00
Second Collection	\$1,162.42
Loose Cash (Legacy of Hope)	\$2,104.00

Blue Envelope for Renovations (not OFOF pledge \$)	\$1,386.00
Total Designated Receipts	\$5,433.42

Total other income	\$5,433.42
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Total Weekly Receipts (December 12, 2021)	\$15,815.12
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During the pandemic, electronic giving is safe and secure for both our parishioners and our parish staff.

Our thanks to the 400 families who have made this choice already.

Please consider joining them! Venmo is also a way to give now.

A Message from Father Peter

Dear Parishioners,

The great solemnity of Christmas overwhelms us with the generosity and unconditional love of our God. The one is all-powerful and eternal steps into time and the humility of our human flesh so that we can be reborn by His grace and the Spirit to be able to regain what was lost in sin, eternal life and glory with Him in heaven. The immensity of this act of our God is reinforced by the wonderful feast this week of the Holy Family at Nazareth. It reminds us of God's dependence on us to share our humanity to save us from ourselves and from Satan. He needed the free consent of a woman in order to be born in our history and flesh, and he needed the example of a family to teach His Son the reality of human life. They would cradle him as an infant. The all powerful would be dependent on their strength and generosity to nourish, clothe and shelter him in this world. And more importantly, to teach him the ways of our society and world so that while not of it, he would be immersed in it in order to redeem it to the Father's glory.

The Holy Family reminds us that none of us are truly or fully human in a vacuum. What the Son of God comes to share and learn from this holy couple are a reminder of the blessing that is each of our families. Some are better than others, some are wealthier than others, some are wise or more intelligent, some have gifts and experiences that change their lives and enrich their world and that of those around them. The Child Jesus knew these realities as he grew in wisdom, grace and maturity at the feet of his parents, in the meals he shared in their home and the love that surrounded him in them as a reflection of the Father's love that he knew deeply in his heart.

While the stories of the Gospels and the miracles of our Lord remind us of the amazing things that He did with the power of God He possessed, today's feast reminds us all of what occurred against the landscape of a human life. That means there was laundry to be done for dirty clothes, meals to be prepared, cooked and served. Shopping that took place for essential items and occasionally for holiday treats and festive events. There were beds to be made, days that it rained and others when the sun was too hot and the humidity unbearable. There were times when they would gather for a meal to light a candle as the sun set and moments when the sun would stream through a window to wake them with the dawn's light. There were times when they laughed outrageously and wept bitterly, times when they played games and even teased each other as families and loved ones do of every generation. There were stories of ancestors and landmarks as they would travel Galilee, or to Cana for a wedding, or to Jerusalem for a festival. How many times on the road to Jerusalem did the parents of our Lord challenge him to not repeat his behavior from the year that he went missing and they were frantic.

This weekend we celebrate the Holy Family, not a perfect one. They are human like our own family, but they are full of grace that they would teach us how to overcome our sins, how to endure the idiosyncrasies of each other, how to be forgiving and loving at all times.

A Look Back ... School Changes 1954-1962

The postwar era was a boon to Catholic life, especially for the faithful in Milford. Many of our young men and women had needed to head off to serve in the armed forces and sadly not all of them returned. But for those who did, it was a time of great prosperity. Europe was an eager market for American money and prosperity was seemingly on every corner. Returning GIs could now attend college and improve the lot of their family, families were growing so that parishes and schools were flourishing. Milford had been identified as part of the new Diocese of Worcester, created in 1950 and its young bishop, John Wright, set about to build a diocesan church of impressive activity and deep faith. It was no surprise that the expectations of the faithful were high for him, he would rise to be cardinal of the Church and hold a position in the Vatican.

In Milford, Saint Mary's Schools were feeling the success of the times and there was a need for more space to teach the increasing numbers of Catholic students. On May 21, 1954, the headline of *The Milford Daily News* announced that Saint Mary's **'Is Made a Central High School.'** This designation decided at the annual meeting of the School Corporation, at which Bishop Wright presided, made the decision that the Corporation and not the parish would be responsible for the administration of the high school. The administration of the Grammar School was transferred to the pastor of Saint Mary's Parish while the school corporation would be solely responsible for the high school.

The original members of the corporation were reelected to serve the new Board: Bishop Wright was elected as President with the Very Rev. William Foran, Pastor of Saint Mary's as treasurer, the Hon. John Swift as clerk, and Benjamin Clancy, Patrick Lally, Patrick Lawless and John Neilan as lay representatives. Fr. John P. Farnon was elected to the school corporation and named its headmaster with Sr. Rose Concepta, SSJ, as Principal. She, along with Sr. Mary Nativity, the superior, were also elected to the Board. The other members of the Board were fourteen pastors from the area, from Southboro to Uxbridge.

The Board planned its annual meeting for the fall, before the opening of the new school year. Saint Mary's was then the third high school in the diocese to become a Central High School, the others being Saint Bernard's in Fitchburg and the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Worcester. The determination of a central high school is done on a regional basis and allows students from the member parishes in that geographical area to have equal access to a Catholic education. The designation also places the larger expenses of maintaining a high school facility and curriculum on a single parish since the administration of the school is the responsibility of the headmaster of the school.

With the announcement, *The Milford Daily News* identified that the enrollment in the high school was 319, with 495 in the grammar school. There were 20 Sisters of Saint Joseph teaching with two lay teachers, "*Albert Sayles, teacher-coach, and Mrs. Rita Hanlon, Latin teacher.*" Tuition for the central high school that September of 1954 would be \$50 while tuition for the grammar school was set at thirty dollars (\$30).

Parish Information

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 26, 2021

1st Reading Old Testament: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 (17C)

2nd Reading New Testament: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Our Meditation: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)

Our Response: During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

"Whatever you did to the least of these,
You did to me."
Matthew 25: 40

St. Mary's Food with Friends invites all those who hope for a delicious meal with friendly people to join us. We will offer a served lunch in the small hall for all who have been vaccinated this **Thursday, December 30, 2021**, from 11:30 - 12:30 at 17 Winter Street. *It is our pleasure to respond to God's call by serving you.*



Confessions

Every Saturday from 3 to 3:30 pm (in the lower church again)
Every Friday after the 7 pm Mass in the upper church

2021 Christmas Ornament available

There are still ornaments from this year and previous years available for purchase. Please contact the office during business hours. This year's ornaments are available for \$20 each. Those from 2019 and 2020 for \$15 each.



Lower Church Notice:

After nearly two years, and significant renovations, the lower church is once again available for private prayer, Saturday confessions, and daily Masses. It will open at 8 am and be available for private prayer until 2 pm, Monday thru Friday. Devotional candles will be available in the sacristy prior to Mass. Beginning this Monday, December 27th, daily Mass at 9 am will return to the lower church, as will our evening Masses in Portuguese on Wednesdays and Fridays.

2021 LITURGICAL MASS SCHEDULE for the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS at SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

*All Masses take place in the main upper church
if there is a need for overflow, the Mass will be
livestreamed to the lower church*

Feast of the Holy Family

No Evening Masses on Saturday, December 25th
Sunday, DECEMBER 26, 2021

7:30 am (English)

9:00 am (Portuguese)

10:30 am Mass (English)

12:00 pm Mass del Divino Niño (Spanish)

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

This feast is NOT a holy day of obligation for 2022
Friday, DECEMBER 31, 2021

6:00 pm Family Holy Hour & Benediction

7:00 pm Mass (Portuguese)

New Year's Day

Saturday, JANUARY 1, 2022

10:30 am (English)

12:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Procession for Our Lady of the Cloud precedes the Mass

Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 2, 2022

*Masses will follow the usual Saturday and
Sunday schedule on January 1st and 2nd for
Sunday Masses.*



BLESSING YOUR HOME FOR THE NEW YEAR!

The Feast of the Epiphany is the customary day to bless the home for the new year, or a blessing is fitting whenever you can gather your family during January. You can bless the house by simply praying a special prayer of blessing as a mealtime grace, or by embellishing the blessing by writing, **20 + C + M + B + 22**, above the front door or individual bedroom doors with blessed chalk.

*Blessed chalk & copies of the prayer
are available in the vestibule of the Church.*



**THE PARISH & REL ED OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 27,
2021 IN CELEBRATION OF THE
CHRISTMAS HOLYDAY.**



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit or crochet?

The "Hands-to-Work Ministry" at Saint Mary's needs new members to join them in work, prayer, and fellowship. They create prayer shawls for parishioners experiencing lengthy or chronic illness, who are hospitalized, or recovering from surgery. They also create hats and blankets for babies saved at Problem Pregnancy in Worcester. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the parish center from 10 to 11:30 am. Meetings will resume after the new year. Members are welcome to knit at home if preferred. Please contact the parish office (508) 473-2000 to volunteer or for more information. Any help would be appreciated.

Did You Know?

Learn to "Stop" Inappropriate Activity Before It Happens

Child safety tip: Teach your child to respect the word "stop!" Teach your preschooler that "stop" means "stop," and that your child has the right to stop people from touching his or her body. Obviously, exceptions will have to be made for doctors and parents, but even parents must listen when a child doesn't want to be tickled or hugged anymore. Reinforcing this excellent lesson gives your child the power to recognize—and to stop—"bad touching" by others if it should happen. For particular help, you may call: Worcester Diocese, Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363 Source: "Know the Rules . . . After-School Safety Tips for Children Who Are Home Alone," www.kidsafe.com.

If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judith Audette at the Office of Healing and Prevention, (508-929-4363) or in writing, to the Office for Healing and Prevention, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA. 01609.



SAINT JOSEPH CHAPLET

In a revelation in Brazil, Saint Joseph asked that the first Wednesday of each month be dedicated to him and his Most Chaste Heart in prayer. To those who make the 9 first Wednesdays (similar to the promise of nine first Fridays to the Sacred Heart), he promised special graces to the sick and dying. This revelation included the 7 Sorrows and Joys of Saint Joseph and special prayers for his chaplet. We will pray the chaplet in the Saint Joseph Chapel of the Parish Center **Wednesday, January 5, 2022 the 1st Wednesday of the month.**

Milford Christmas Tree Pickup

The Boy Scout Units of Milford will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Pick Up on **Sunday January 2, 2022**, from **8am to 1pm**. Scouts request all trees be placed curbside no later than 8:00 a.m. on the pickup day. The Scouts will go door to door to collect and recycle the trees for a donation of \$8 per tree with all money directly benefiting the unit collecting within your area.



Please leave your donation (cash or personal check) in an envelope attached directly to the tree. Checks may be made payable to "The Boy Scouts of America". Thank you for your support.

"Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, "in every situation, Joseph declared his own "fiat" (PC3). His "yes" to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2021 Respect Life Reflection

Not every pregnancy is easy to talk about. If you or someone you know are hurting from a past abortion, God's mercy awaits you! Call Project Rachel in strictest confidence at 508-791-HOPE (4673) to begin your healing journey. Learn more about the Catholic Church's Project Rachel ministry at www.hopeafterabortion.com



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Help Us to Grow Father, through the holy family, you have made all families holy. You have given them as a model for us as we walk through life together. Help us to be ever more merciful. Help us to forgive one another and to do small things with great love. Help us to grow together in holiness. Give us the wisdom to imitate Mary, holding all great mysteries in our hearts. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 26, 2021
All Families Are Made Holy

Today's readings: Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14; Psalm 128: 1–2, 3, 4–5; Colossians 3:12–21 or 3:12–17; Luke 2:41–52 or 1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28; Psalm 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10; 1 John 3:1–2, 21–24; Luke 2:41–52.

Little is known about the life Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived in Nazareth. From the time they returned from Egypt until the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, the only story that appears in Scripture about the family is the founding of Jesus in the temple. A close reading of this text shows that they were observant Jews and they went to Jerusalem each year for Passover. It also can be seen that they traveled with their extended family, so they had other significant relationships in their lives. They had regular family struggles. Mary asks, "Why have you done this to us?" She sounds like many mothers who are raising adolescents. Their family life is a model for ours, but it must have been very ordinary indeed. Imagine what that can mean for us. Jesus knows our hearts and our struggles because he lived them too. God entered into a family and set the family apart as a place of sanctification. The holy family makes all families holy. The family is an ordinary place filled with ordinary love, peace, mercy, justice, and forgiveness. It is a place to grow in holiness. This week, as you go about your routine, imagine how you are connected to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, across time and space, to their home in Nazareth. If you are preparing a meal or folding the laundry, you are doing holy work, just as they did .

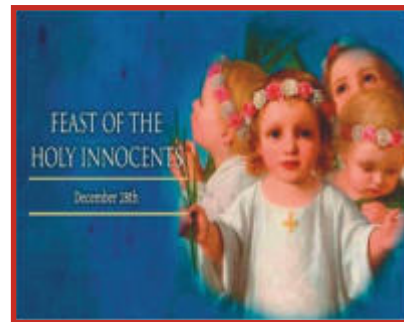
This Week at Home



Monday, December 27
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of St. John, apostle and evangelist. He and his brother were early disciples of Jesus and witnesses to the resurrection. He traveled to Ephesus, where he composed his Gospel and letters, and later wrote the Book of Revelation from the island of Patmos. It is traditional to bless wine and cider on the Feast of St. John.

Today's readings: 1 John 1:1–4; Psalm 97:1–2, 5–6, 11–12; John 20:1a, 2–8.



Tuesday, December 28
The Holy Innocents

When Herod massacred all baby boys under two years of age, he sought to eliminate the threat the messiah posed to his power. His horrific, violent act epitomizes a truth we know even today: those who benefit most from the world's brokenness and injustice will always oppose the transformation God has promised. The infant Jesus needed protection, protection God provided in the person of St. Joseph. The deaths of the children were profound violations of the law of God. God is the God of life. God raised the infants to be saints, that the profound injustice of their deaths might be transformed: from death to life, that is the way of our God.

Today's readings: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Psalm 124:2–3, 4–5

Wednesday, December 29
Simeon: Waiting in Hope



God had promised Simeon that he would not see death until he had seen the salvation of Israel. The child Jesus, not yet six weeks old, is brought to the temple to be dedicated to the Lord. What must it have been like for him to feel the fulfillment of the promise? What desires of your heart are you awaiting God to fulfill?

Today's readings: 1 John 2:3–11; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 5b–6; Luke 2:22–35

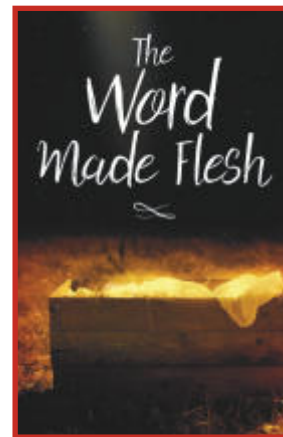


Thursday, December 30
Anna the Prophetess

Anna the prophetess “spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Israel.” The hope that she has held onto has been realized before her eyes, and she cannot keep it to herself. She goes out into the world to be the bringer of the Good News, to bring hope. When we celebrate Christmas, we are making present the incarnation through which God continues to bring about a renewed world. Christians are to testify about our hope, just as Anna did. How can you share your hope today?

Today's readings: 1 John 2:12–17; Psalm 96:7–8a, 8b–9, 10; Luke 2:36–40

Friday, December 31
Word Made Flesh



“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” The evangelist John tells us the cosmic significance of the birth of Jesus. Because John uses the language of philosophy and poetry, it can be hard to grasp what he means. But because he uses these elevated ways of speaking, it is possible to approach the inexplicable mystery that is contained in the incarnation. Read today's Gospel. What word or phrase sticks out to you most? Copy it and meditate on it as you pray this week.

Today's readings: 1 John 2:18–21; Psalm 96:1–2, 11–12, 13; John 1:1–18.



Saturday, January 1
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

“Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” Mary's central place in this great mystery of God dwelling among us led her to a place of contemplation. Though she was the one chosen to bring Jesus into the world, she did not have all the answers. Praying the Rosary, we have the opportunity to contemplate like Mary, deepening our reflection while our words proclaim the memorized prayers. Pray the Rosary today and ask Mary to help you to hold all these things in your heart.

Today's readings: Numbers 6:22–27; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4: 4–7; Luke 2:16–21

FESTA DA SAGRADA FAMÍLIA

Domingo, 26 de Dezembro de 2021



AJUDE-NOS A CRESCER

Pai, através da sagrada família, você tornou todas as famílias sagradas. Você os deu como um modelo para nós enquanto caminhamos juntos pela vida. Ajude-nos a ser cada vez mais misericordiosos.

Ajude-nos a perdoar uns aos outros e fazer pequenas coisas com muito amor. Ajude-nos a crescer juntos em santidade. Dê-nos a sabedoria de imitar Maria, segurando todos os grandes mistérios em nossos corações. Por Cristo nosso Senhor. Amem

TODAS AS FAMÍLIAS SÃO SANTIFICADAS

Pouco se sabe sobre a vida que Jesus, Maria e José viveram em Nazaré. Desde o momento em que voltaram do Egito até o início do ministério público de Jesus, a única história que aparece nas Escrituras sobre a família é a fundação de Jesus no templo. Uma leitura atenta deste texto mostra que eles eram judeus praticantes e iam a Jerusalém todos os anos para a Páscoa. Também pode ser visto que eles viajaram com sua família extensa, então eles tiveram outros relacionamentos significativos em suas vidas. Eles tinham lutas familiares regulares. Maria pergunta: "Por que você fez isso conosco?" Ela se parece com muitas mães que estão criando adolescentes. A vida familiar deles é um modelo para a nossa, mas deve ter sido muito comum.

Imagine o que isso pode significar para nós.

Jesus conhece nossos corações e nossas lutas porque também as viveu. Deus entrou em uma família e separou a família como um lugar de santificação. A sagrada família torna todas as famílias sagradas. A família é um lugar comum cheio de amor, paz, misericórdia, justiça e perdão comuns. É um lugar para crescer em santidade. Esta semana, ao cumprir sua rotina, imagine como você está conectado a Jesus, Maria e José, através do tempo e do espaço, com a casa deles em Nazaré. Se você está preparando uma refeição ou dobrando a roupa, está fazendo um trabalho sagrado, assim como eles fizeram.

LECIONÁRIO DA SEMANA

Data e Festa	1ª Leitura	Evangelho
Segunda 27 de Dezembro <i>São João, Apóstolo</i>	1 Jn 1:1-4	Jn 20:1a,2-8
Terça 28 de Dezembro <i>Os Santos Inocentes</i>	1 Jn 1:5-2:2	Mt 2:13-18
Quarta 29 de Dezembro <i>Santo Tomás Becket</i>	1 Jn 2:3-11	Lc 2:22-35
Quinta 30 de Dezembro	1 Jn 2:12-17	Lc 2:36-40
Sexta 31 de Dezembro <i>Santo Silvestre I</i>	1 Jn 2:18-21	Jn 1:1-18
Sabado 01 de Janeiro <i>Solemnidade da Santa Maria</i>	Nm 6:22-27	Lc 2:16-21

02 DE JANEIRO—A EPIFÂNIA DO SENHOR

1ª Leitura	2ª Leitura	Evangelho
Is 60:1-6	Ef 3:2-3a,5-6	Mt 2:1-12



Se você deseja ajudar, entre em contato com a Pastoral Social (1-508-330-2046)

Ou faça a entrega de suas doações nas missas de Sábado que acontecem às 7PM.

AVISO DA IGREJA INFERIOR:

Após quase dois anos, e renovações significativas, a igreja inferior está novamente disponível a partir desta segunda-feira, 27 de dezembro. Estará aberto:

SEGUNDA A SEXTA

-8am até 2pm para oração privada.

-Missa diária das 9am em inglês

SEGUNDAS

-6:00 pm Missa em espanhol

QUARTAS FEIRAS

-Missa das 7pm em português

SEXTAS FEIRAS

-Missa das 7pm em português

SABADOS

-3 a 3:30pm Confissões

As velas devocionais estarão disponíveis na sacristia antes das missas.



COBERTURAS FACIAIS DURANTE A MISSA

Como anunciamos no fim de semana passado, com nossos jovens voltando às aulas de Ensino Religioso e à Missa dominical como parte de sua instrução, estamos pedindo aos paroquianos que usem algo para cobrir o rosto durante qualquer movimento durante a Missa. Portanto, estamos solicitando que as coberturas faciais sejam usado dentro da igreja:

- Ao entrar e sentar-se
- Durante a procissão de comunhão
- Ao sair da igreja até fora

As máscaras podem ser removidas enquanto você está sentado durante as leituras, homilia e orações, se isso ajudar no seu conforto durante a adoração. Nossa preocupação é que os jovens não possam ser vacinados e queremos que eles se sintam respeitados e seguros quando estiverem entre nós.

CONFISSÕES

ESTÃO VOLTANDO PARA A IGREJA INFERIOR AOS SÁBADOS, DAS 3:00 ÀS 3:30PM. COMEÇARÁ EM 1º DE JANEIRO DE 2022.

2021 ORNAMENTO DE NATAL À VENDA

Como temos feito nos últimos dois anos, encomendamos um novo ornamento colecionável para este ano usando a janela reformada da Natividade. Há uma inscrição na parte de trás com este ano incluído. Este enfeite colorido vem em uma caixa de presente atraente para dar de presente. Os enfeites deste ano estão disponíveis por \$ 20 cada.

Também há ornamentos disponíveis a partir de 2019 e 2020 por \$ 15 cada.



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SEJAM BEM-VINDOS A NOSSA COMUNIDADE

MISSAS EM PORTUGUES:

Quarta-feira - 7:00pm Sábado - 7:00pm
 Sexta-feira - 7:00pm Domingo - 9:00am

TERÇA-FEIRA:

- **Terço dos Homens** - 8:00pm-Na Capela-Marco Tulio 508-328-9630

QUARTA-FEIRA:

- **Mães que Oram Pelos Filhos:** 7:30pm-Na Capela de São José-Jaxele 774-287-5760

QUINTA-FEIRA:

- **Adoração:** 8:00pm à 9:00pm-Na Igreja
- **Grupo de Jovens** -7:30pm No Salão (15 em 15 dias) Andreia 508-202-3106

SEXTA-FEIRA:

- **Grupo de Oração Renascer (RCC)** 7:00pm-Na Capela-Wesley 774-244-1934
- **Sagrado Coração (Apostolado de Oração):**7:45pm-Primeira sexta-feira do mes-Selma 508-783-8150

CONTATOS PARA OBTER MAIS INFORMAÇÕES SOBRE:

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ABENÇOANDO SUA CASA PARA O ANO NOVO!

A FESTA DA EPIFANIA é o dia habitual para abençoar a casa para o ano novo, ou uma bênção é adequada sempre que você puder reunir sua família durante o mês de janeiro.

Você pode abençoar a casa simplesmente fazendo uma oração especial de bênção como uma graça da hora das refeições, ou embelezando a bênção escrevendo, **20 + C + M + B + 22**, acima da porta da frente ou portas individuais dos quartos com giz abençoado.

Giz e cópias da oração estão disponíveis no vestíbulo da Igreja.

2021 CALENDARIO LITURGICO DE NATAL E ANO NOVO

Festa da Sagrada Família

DOMINGO, 26 de DEZEMBRO, 2021

*Não a missas no sabado da tarde
 Missas em domingo de costume*

VESPERA DE ANO NOVO

SEXTA-FEIRA, 31 DE DEZEMBRO, 2021

6:00 pm—Hora Santa com Bencão

7:00 pm - Missa - (Portugues)

DIA DE ANO NOVO

SABADO, 1 DE JANEIRO, 2022

10:30 am - Missa - (Inglês)

12:00 pm - Missa - (Espanhol)

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ

DOMINGO, 26 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2021



AYÚDANOS A CRECER

Padre, mediante la Sagrada Familia has santificado a todas las familias. Nos la has dado como modelo para caminar juntos en la vida. Concédenos ser más compasivos y amables cada día.

Ayúdanos a perdonarnos mutuamente y hacer las cosas pequeñas con amor inmenso. Ayúdanos a crecer unidos en santidad. Danos sabiduría para imitar a María, y atesoremos tu misterio en nuestro corazón. Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

TODAS LAS FAMILIAS SE SANTIFICAN

Poco se sabe de la vida de Jesús, María y José en Nazaret. Desde que regresaron de Egipto hasta el comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús, el único episodio que conocemos de la familia es el hallazgo de Jesús en el templo. El texto muestra que eran judíos practi- cantes y que iban a Jerusalén cada año para la Pascua. También muestra que viajarían con sus familiares, por lo que se relacionarían con otras personas. Tendrían las luchas de toda familia. María pregunta: “¿Por qué nos has hecho esto?”. Ella suena como muchas madres de adolescentes. Su vida familiar debió ser muy normal. Imagínes lo que eso puede significar para nosotros.

Jesús conoce nuestro corazón y nuestras luchas porque también las vivió. Dios entró en una familia y escogió a la familia como espacio de santificación. La sagrada familia santifica a todas las familias. La familia es un espacio común lleno de amor, paz, misericordia, justicia y perdón. Es un lugar para crecer en santidad. Esta semana, en el día a día, imagine cómo está conectado usted con Jesús, María y José, a través del tiempo y el espacio, y con su hogar en Nazaret. Si está preparando una comida o doblando la ropa, está haciendo un trabajo sagrado, tal como ellos lo hicieron.

LECCIONARIO POR ESTA SEMANA

Fecha y Fiesta	1ª Lectura	Evangelio
Lunes, el 27 de Diciembre <i>San Juan, Apóstol</i>	1 Jn 1:1-4	Jn 20:1a,2—8
Martes, el 28 de Diciembre <i>Los Santos Inocentes</i>	1 Jn 1:5-2:2	Mt 2:13-18
Miércoles, el 29 de Diciembre <i>San Tomás</i>	1 Jn 2:3-11	Lc 2:22-35
Jueves, el 30 de Diciembre	1 Jn 2:12-17	Lc 2:36-40
Viernes, el 31 de Diciembre <i>San Silvestre I</i>	1 Jn 2:18-21	Jn 1:1-18
Sábado, el 01 de Enero <i>Solemnidad de Santa María</i>	Nm 6:22-27	Lc 2:16-21

EL 02 DE ENERO— LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

1ª Lectura	2da Lectura	Evangelio
Is 60:1-6	Ef 3:2-3a,5-6	Mt 2:1-12

ADORNO DE NAVIDAD 2021 A LA VENTA

Como lo hemos hecho durante los últimos años, hemos encargado un nuevo adorno de colección para este año utilizando la ventana renovada de la Natividad. Hay una inscripción en la parte posterior con este año incluido. Este adorno a todo color viene en una atractiva caja de regalo para regalar. Los adornos de este año están disponibles por \$ 20 cada uno.



También hay adornos disponibles a partir de 2019 y 2020 por \$ 15 cada uno.

AVISO DE LA IGLESIA INFERIOR:

Después de casi dos años y renovaciones significativas, la iglesia inferior está nuevamente disponible a partir de este lunes 27 de diciembre. Se abrirá:

LUNES A VIERNES

-8 am hasta 2 pm para oración privada.
-9:00 am Misa diaria en inglés

LUNES

-6:00 pm Misa en español

MIÉRCOLES

-7:00 pm Misa en portugués

VIERNES

-7:00 pm Misa en portugués

SÁBADOS

-3 as 3:30pm Confesiones

Las velas devocionales estarán disponibles en la sacristía antes de las Misas.



MOVIMIENTO JUAN XXIII

Reuniones parroquiales comenzará de nuevo

- en Lunes el 3 de enero de 2021 en el pequeño salón después de la misa de las 6:00 pm.

Calendario Mensual de Actividades

ACTIVIDAD	DIA	HORA	LUGAR
Misa dominical	Domingos	12:00 pm	Iglesia principal
Misa semanal	Lunes	6:00 pm	Capilla del Centro
Juan XXIII 	Lunes	7:00 pm	Salón pequeño
Rosario	Miércoles	7:00 pm	Sala de la Comunidad
Hora Santa	Jueves	7:00 pm	Iglesia principal
Charlas de bautismo	Último Jueves de Cada Mes	7:30 pm	Salón grande
Bautismo afuera misa Privados	Un Sábado al Mes	2:00 pm	Iglesia principal
Confesiones	Sábados	3-3:30 pm	Iglesia principal

2021 CALENDARIO LITURGICO DE LA NAVIDAD Y DEL AÑO NUEVO
Parroquia Santa María de la Asunción

LA NOCHE BUENA

VIERNES,

SOLEMNIDAD DE MARIA, LA MADRE DE DIOS

No es día de obligación este año

VIERNES, EL 31 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2021

7:00 pm Misa (portugués)

SÁBADO, EL 1 DE ENERO DE 2022

10:30 am Misa (ingles)

12:00 pm Misa de Nuestra Señora de la Nube (español) Empezando con una procesión antes de la misa



La Fiesta de la Epifanía es el día habitual para bendecir el hogar durante el nuevo año, o es conveniente una bendición siempre que pueda reunir a su familia durante enero. Puede bendecir la casa simplemente haciendo una

oración especial de bendición como una gracia a la hora de comer, o embelleciendo la bendición escribiendo, **20 + C + M + B + 22**, sobre la puerta de entrada o las puertas de los dormitorios individuales con tiza bendecida.

Tiza bendita y copias de la oración están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia.

CONFESIONES

ESTÁN VOLVIENDO A LA IGLESIA INFERIOR LOS SÁBADOS DE 3:00 A 3:30PM HORAS.

ESTO COMENZARÁ EL 1 DE ENERO DE 2022.

CUBRIMIENTOS FACIALES DURANTE LA MISA

Como anunciamos el fin de semana pasado, con nuestros jóvenes regresando a las clases de educación religiosa y a la misa dominical como parte de su instrucción, les pedimos a los feligreses que usen algo para cubrirse la cara durante cualquier movimiento durante la misa. Por lo tanto, estamos solicitando que se usen cubiertas para el rostro dentro de la iglesia:

- **Al entrar y tomar asiento**
- **Durante el proceso de comunión**
- **Al salir de la iglesia hasta afuera**

Las máscaras se pueden quitar mientras está sentado durante las lecturas, la homilía y las oraciones si eso le ayuda a sentirse cómodo durante la adoración. Nuestra preocupación es que los jóvenes no puedan ser vacunados y queremos que se sientan respetados y seguros cuando están entre nosotros.

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