

St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

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DECEMBER 26, 2021



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THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY 7AM-5PM

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Registration forms are on our parish website

SUNDAY MASSES—IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Saturday 4pm* (Anticipated), Sunday 8am & 11am

***Livestream:** facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd

Also recorded and uploaded on YouTube

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass 1st & 5th Sunday

DAILY MASSES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 8am ♦ Wed, 6:30pm

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, 8am

CONFESSIONS

30 min before all weekend Masses or by appointment

WEEKLY ADORATION

Friday after 8am Mass, 8:35-9:35am

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, 7:30-7:55am

BAPTISMS

By appointment with Father

MARRIAGES

Make arrangements with your Pastor
at least six months in advance; call the Rectory

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Email Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com

BULLETIN ITEMS ♦ PRAYER LIST

Send bulletin items to SFX1640bulletin@gmail.com

Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date

Our Prayer List is refreshed each month:

Send Prayer List requests to PinedaR@adw.org

If you are seriously ill or preparing for a surgery, call the rectory to arrange for the sacrament of anointing

Rev. Ryan Pineda, Administrator

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Deacon Joel Carpenter

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
*No Religious Ed class



NO RECTORY OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
No Apologetics: Resumes Jan 3, 2022

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
No Religious Education class

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
No Book Club: Resumes in Jan 2022
No RCIA: Resumes in Jan 2022

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022
New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Masses at 10am & 4pm

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
*2nd Collection: Archdiocese for the
Military Services, USA
*No Religious Education class

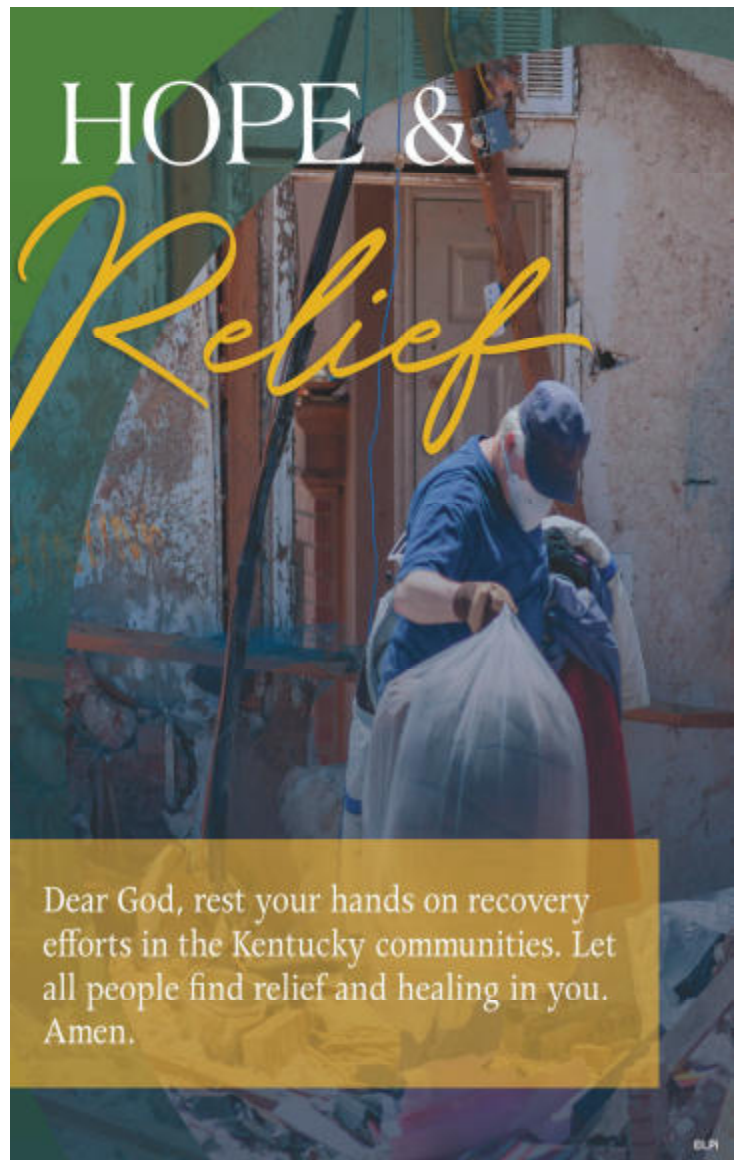
JANUARY COLLECTIONS

Jan 2 Archdiocese for the
Military Services, USA
Jan 9 FAW School
Jan 16 Maintenance Fund



SHARING OUR TREASURE

Holiday publishing deadlines preclude our reporting collection amounts for Dec 19, Dec 26, and Jan 2. These reports will be included in the Jan 9, 2022 bulletin.



Dear God, rest your hands on recovery efforts in the Kentucky communities. Let all people find relief and healing in you. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

The sanctuary lamp in the church will be lighted for the soul of Agapito Perada. The sanctuary lamp in the rectory chapel will be lighted for the soul of Justino De Lara. *To honor a loved one or pray for a special intention by offering to light the sanctuary lamps, call the office or email Fr. Ryan, PinedaR@adw.org.*



POOR BOX

Thank you to all who contribute to our poor box (in the vestibule, near the baptismal font). **For the month of January,** poor box contributions will be donated to Our Lady of the Wayside Food Pantry.



Flowers in our church this Christmas Season were donated in memory or in honor of the following:

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Doug Woodburn
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Young
Mary L. Young
DeLoris Zucker
Mae Zucker

(The above were received as of
Dec 15; names and donations received
after this date will be included in the
Jan 2, 2022 bulletin.)

Congratulations to our Knights of Columbus
"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest Winners!



Category K—1st Place Artist: Alice Geary



Category 1 — 1st Place Artist: Matthew Perraut



Category 2 — 1st Place Artist: Raeylyn Wathen



Category 3 — 1st Place Artist: Helen Geary



Category 4 — 1st Place Artist: Becket Geary



**FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW)
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Christmas Blessing:

Today our Savior is born!

May the blessings of faith, hope, and love be with you and your family this Christmas Season. Father Andrew White School wishes you and your family much peace and joy. Merry Christmas!



2021 YEAR-END

CONTRIBUTION REMINDER

Your Christmas and Dec 26 donation must be received in

the parish office by Fri, Dec 31, 2021 in order to be included in your 2021 Contribution Statement.

Contributions received after Dec 31, 2021 must be considered a 2022 donation.

If you'll be away this season, consider making an electronic donation. Visit the *Online Giving* section of our parish website, at stfrancisxavierchurch.org.

Questions? Call the rectory office, 301-475-9885, or email Judith, SFXparishoffice1662@gmail.com.

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Call the office at 301-475-9885 or email Fr. Ryan Pineda at PinedaR@dw.org for more information.



FROM YOUR SHEPHERD:
PAX ET BONUM!

Rev. Ryan Pineda
PinedaR@adv.org

Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad! Maligayang Pasko!
Joyeux Noël! Buon Natale! Wesołych Świąt!

I could go on and on, but whatever language one speaks, we are all celebrating Christmas, the Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is interesting to note that historians cannot even agree on the origin of Christmas. Unlike Easter, Christmas is not taken over from the Jewish Calendar. The date is also not determined by an exact knowledge of the birth of Christ. We do know, however, that by 336 A.D., the celebration of Christmas is testified in Rome.

What we can testify is the fact that when we celebrate Christmas, we mark the dawn of the light of God's eschatological self-disclosure. We celebrate the coming of His kingdom. Hence, to prepare for this celebration, we have the Advent season, whose readings speak about the Promised Messiah. We lighted each candle in the Advent wreath every week until we lit all 4 candles.

To mark the Solemnity of Christmas, we have four sets of readings every year whether we are in Cycle A, B, or C. Please do not be surprised if you hear a reading that is different from what you are expecting. After all, the priest can choose any of the four set of readings whether the *Mass is the Christmas Vigil*, *Mass at Night*, *Mass at Dawn*, or *Mass During the Day*. The Gospel for the *Vigil Mass* is from Matthew and the longer version includes the genealogy of our Lord, to recall the Lord's ancestry. Then, for the *Mass at Night*, we have the account of Jesus' birth as announced by the angels in Bethlehem. The Gospel for the *Mass at Dawn* describes the shepherds finding the Holy Family in the manger. Finally, for the Gospel at *Mass During the Day*, we will be hearing from the Prologue of the Gospel of John. This Gospel is very theologically profound. You will not hear the story of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. Instead, we will be reflecting on the profound truth that the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Whether you come to the 4pm Children's Mass, Mass at Night, or Mass during the Day (sorry, we do not have Mass at dawn at St. Francis Xavier), please reflect on this amazing gift that God has given us: His only Begotten-Son who entered human history and became like us so we can be redeemed.

In Christ, Fr. Ryan

Mass Intentions

Saturday – December 25

The Nativity of The Lord

4pm — Pro Populo

Sunday – December 26

Feast of the Holy Family

8am — Bill Law

11am — Pro Populo

Monday – December 27

St. John

8am — James & Joan Marsh †

Tuesday – December 28

The Holy Innocents

8am — Nestor Diolazo †

Wednesday – December 29

St. Thomas Becket

6:30pm — Bill Law

Thursday – December 30

8am — George Payne, Sr. †

Friday – December 31

St. Sylvester

8am — Gertrude Oertly †

4pm — David Hughes

Saturday – January 1

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10am — Pro Populo

4pm — Mercy Aguinaldo †

Sunday – January 2

The Epiphany of the Lord

8am — George "Buster" Payne, Sr. †

11am — Pro Populo

Pray For

The sick: John & Carol Crowe, Ron Glockner, Brenda Mattingly Garber, Bill Law, Arthur Goeller, Fernando Peredo, Kylee Viola, Rick Merrill, Elsie Marte, Mickey McAloon, Richard Fezio, Karen Feagley, Willard L. Jones Jr., Amanda Gwynn, Pacencia Santiago, Joan O'Dell, Glenn Priddy, Godilla Anana Gudelos, Kit Pilkerton, Mary Helen Farrell, Karen Huseman, Wally Bowles, Richley (Bunky) Taylor, Erin Schaller; those in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation & long-term care facilities, or homebound.

Our beloved dead: Mary Virginia Brown, Rick Miller, Mercy Aguinaldo, Deacon Chester Chen, Fr. John Carroll, all who have died of COVID-19, and all buried in our cemetery.

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