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DECEMBER 26, 2021 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



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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POTHE PUBLIC MASS SCHEDULE:

All Masses at Holy Martyrs will continue to be livestreamed. Go to: pothe.org and click on "Watch Mass Live"

Weekend Mass Schedule:

- Holy Martyrs: Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 pm
- Sacred Heart: Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00am
- St. Gregory: Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 8:30am
- St. Jude: Sunday at 9:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule:

- Holy Martyrs: Mon, Tue 5:30 pm, Wed, Fri 7:30 am
- St. Gregory: Friday 8:00 am
- Sacred Heart: Mon, Tue, Thurs 8:00 am, Sat 8:15 am

Eucharistic Adoration:

- Holy Martyrs: Monday 12:00 - 8:00 pm
- St. Gregory: Fridays at 8:30 - 9:30 am
- Sacred Heart Saturdays at 8:45 - 9:45 am

Confession:

- Sacred Heart : Saturday 8:45 am - 9:45 am
- HM, SG, SH : Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Act of Contrition: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

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.

THE FAMILY IS A GIFT FROM GOD



The Sunday between Christmas and New Year's is designated as the Feast of the Holy Family. The date of the feast has shifted in the history of the Church, but not its importance. The family is the first place we hear the call of the Gospel and are formed in the faith. It is safe to say that the threats to family life are great in these days. The Church calls us to remember that the family is a gift from God and the foundational building block of His Church. We turn to Joseph, Mary and Jesus for the graces to overcome the threats and misunderstandings that challenge us. For me, the key phrase in this year's Gospel is Jesus saying that He had to be in His Father's house. The Son of God Himself needed to come in worship, to praise and give thanks to God. Can we do any less? I am writing this before the 4th Sunday of Advent. I do not know what Mass attendance will be for Christmas. Last year, we were restricted to 50 people. The year before, it was standing room only at many Masses. We inherently understand that it is important to come to Mass for Christmas. Christ is teaching us that its importance extends throughout the year. We are not going to find healing and strength for our families in a library, or through sheer self will and determination. Rather, we shall find it by being humble before God, open to prayer and understanding how He can sustain us. This begins at Mass. At our Masses this weekend, we will offer a prayer of consecration for families attending and watching on livestream. I invite you to pick up a prayer card at our Masses. Bring one to a family member or friend that perhaps came to Mass for the holiday but is not coming regularly. Encourage them to pray this prayer. Assure them that you will be praying for them in the coming time. Consider inviting them to come to the Mass that you attend. Let us not be passive in the face of challenge, but turn to our loving God with joy and confidence.

-- Father Phil

SANCTITY OF LIFE PRAYER SERVICE - JANUARY 16

Come pray for the Sanctity of Life on Sunday, January 16. The service runs from 2 pm to 4 pm at Holy Martyrs Church, and will also be livestreamed. We'll include the Rosary for Life and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet; there will be time for silent Eucharistic Adoration and contemplation. This prayer service is sponsored by the POTHE/OLH ACTS Ministry and the Knights of Columbus. Please bring your families and friends and join us in praying for this important cause.



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Feast of the Holy Family

LET US PRAY

Our Father...

GOSPEL BACKGROUND

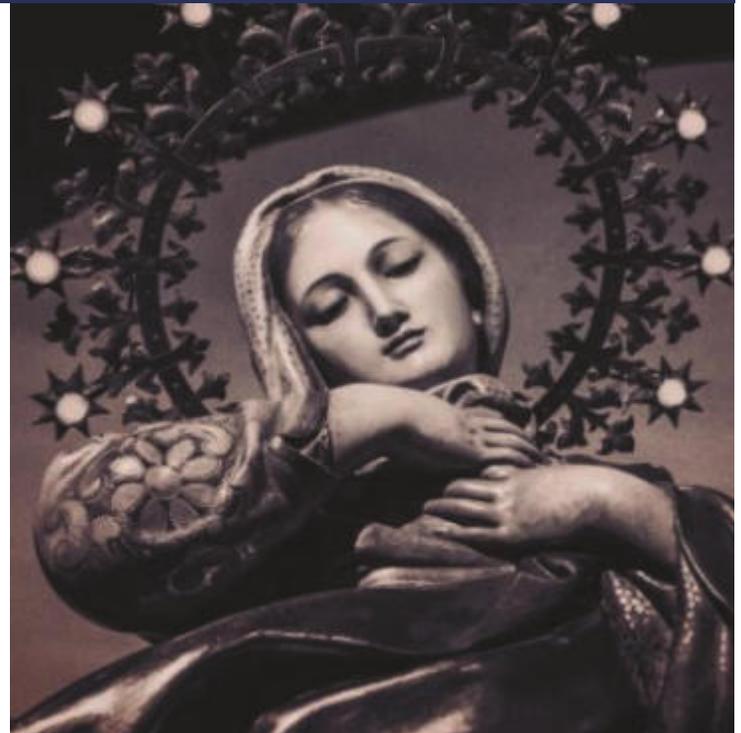
Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

LUKE 2: 41 - 52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when He was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but His parents did not know it. Thinking that He was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for Him. 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. When His parents saw Him, they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what He said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Discuss what rules you follow as a family. Jesus is God's Son, but He was still a child. He needed Mary and Joseph to be safe. He needed to obey them. Sometimes we may not want to obey our family's rules. We can remember that Jesus obeyed His parents. We can ask Him to help us.



Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass Schedule

Friday, December 31, Vigil Masses: 4:00 pm Sacred Heart and St Gregory

Saturday, January 1, Feast Day Masses: 8:15 am Sacred Heart, 10:00 am Holy Martyrs

On New Years Day, Catholics will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, with a feast. This celebration is the octave of Christmas. An octave is an eight day extension of the feast. In the modern Roman Calendar, only Christmas and Easter have an octave. This holiday is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". Mary being chosen by God, the Father, to bring Jesus Christ into this world, and her willingness to do so is great cause for celebration. Without her role, Jesus would not have been able to die for the sins of humans, thus giving them a second chance at redemption.

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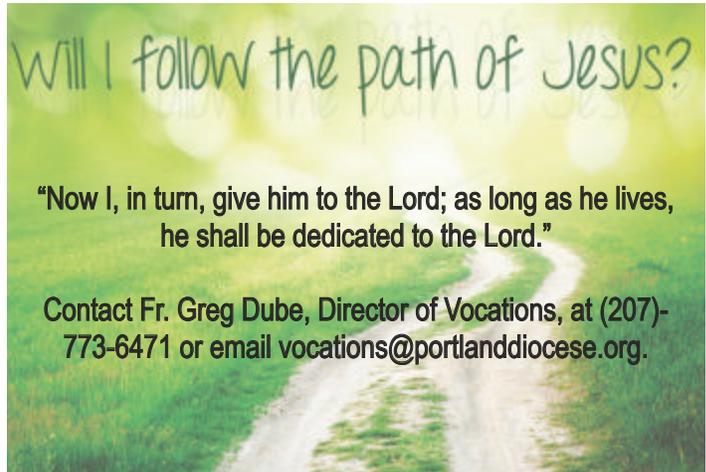
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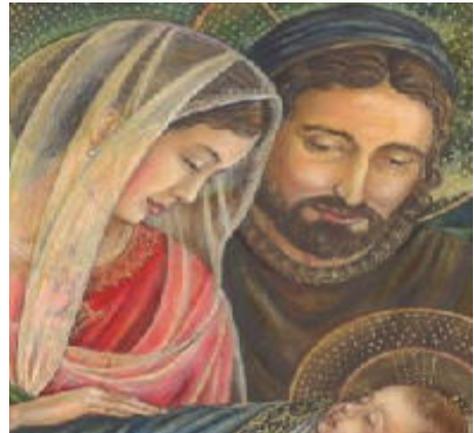
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Consecration to The Holy Family December 26



To help families live out the joy of Christ, Father Phil and your Parish Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a 'Consecration to the Holy Family' prayer at the Sunday Masses on December 26, 2021. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect Mother, and Joseph who is a model for every Father. Please consider attending Mass on Sunday, December 26 and join us with your family, to offer up this important and impactful prayer. Participating in the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this Consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through one's Church.

O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission
as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



Saturday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord

8:30 am SG Public Mass
 9:00 am SH Public Mass
 10:30 am HM Public Mass

Sunday, December 26 Feast of the Holy Family

8:00 am SH Public Mass
 8:30 am Public Mass (HM and SG)
 9:30 am SJ Public Mass
 10:30 am HM Public Mass
 11:00 am SH Public Mass
 5:30 pm HM Public Mass

Monday, December 27

8:00 am SH Public Mass
 12:00 pm HM Eucharistic Adoration (until 8:00 pm)
 4:00 pm HM Be Courageous Unplanned Pregnancy Support Group (until 7:00 pm)
 5:30 pm HM Mass of Remembrance
 6:30pm SH POTHE Boy Scouts (until 8:00 pm)
 7:00 pm HM RCIA/Conference Room

Tuesday, December 28

8:00 am SH Public Mass
 9:30 am HM Centering Prayer
 5:30 pm HM Public Mass

Wednesday, December 29

7:30 am HM Public Mass

Thursday, December 30

8:00 am SH Public Mass
 5:00 pm HM Wedding Rehearsal Salvo / Costello

Friday, December 31

4:00 pm Public Mass (SH and SG)
 4:00 pm HM Wedding Salvo / Costello

Saturday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary

8:15 am SH Public Mass
 10:00 am HM Public Mass
 4:00 pm Public Mass (HM, SH, and SG)

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am SH Public Mass
 8:30 am Public Mass (IHM and SG)
 9:30 am SJ Public Mass
 10:30 am SJ Baptism Lucas Leavitt Milton
 10:30 am HM Public Mass
 11:00 am SH Public Mass
 5:30 pm HM Public Mass

Saturday, December 25

8:30 am SG Fr. K Burchard Dunn by Pat Dunn and family
 9:00 am SH Fr. M Tony Lisa by Katie Lisa
 10:30 am HM Fr. T Mary P Mitchell by Steve Mitchell

Sunday, December 26

8:00 am SH Fr. T Diane Fournier by John and Jeanne Collins
 8:30 am HM Fr. M Alice Hendry by the Kidric family
 8:30 am SG Fr. K Heather Maines by the Boulos family
 9:30 am SJ Fr. T Betty Goodwin by Gretchen Sayward
 10:30 am HM Fr. M Rolande Begin and the souls of my family members
 11:00 am SH Fr. K St: Bill, Rita, Vlad, and Hunter by their loving family
 5:30 pm HM Fr. M Alberta Adcock by Tracy Winkeler

Monday, December 27

8:00 am SH Fr. M Charlie Prinn by Thomas Sitzmann and Elizabeth Casey
 5:30 pm HM Fr. T Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday, December 28

8:00 am SH Fr. M Jack Gilday by Joe Becker
 5:30 pm HM Fr. T Jack Feacteau, Sr. by Rosemary Fecteau

Wednesday, December 29

7:30 am HM Fr. T Della Neuts by Marion Clarke

Thursday, December 30

8:00 am SH Fr. K Concepcion Castillo by Carol Mitchell

Friday, December 31

4:00 pm SG Fr. K Ramona Tessier by Catherine M.
 4:00 pm SH Fr. M Lionel and Rita Morency by the Chapman family

Saturday, January 1

8:15 am SH Fr. K Holy Souls in Purgatory by Laurette Bilodeau
 10:00 am HM Fr. M Anthony Cemoni by the Ewald family
 4:00 pm HM Fr. M Deceased members of the Sedzia and Gorecki families
 4:00 pm SH Fr. T Deceased members of the D'Alessandro and Palli families
 4:00 pm SG Fr. K Holy Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am SH Fr. T Roger Gagne by his loving family
 8:30 am HM Fr. M Aggie Ferencak by Diane Kidric
 8:30 am SG Fr. K Hugh Everett LaRochelle by his loving family
 9:30 am SJ Fr. T All POTHE Parishioners
 10:30 am HM Fr. M Jack Mullin by Mary T Honan
 11:00 am SH Fr. K John Hinckley by daughter, Paula Hinckley
 5:30 pm HM Fr. M Seamus Murphy by the Conroy-Vella Family

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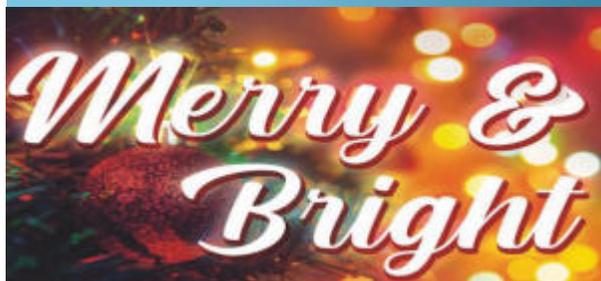
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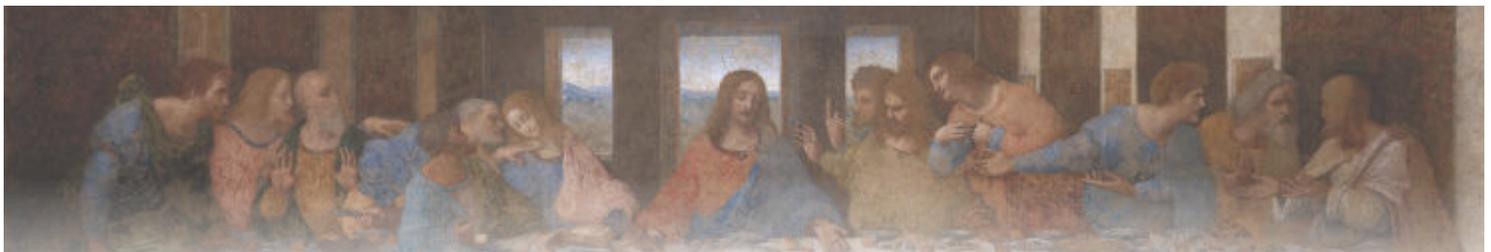
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 St. Gregory: Friday 8:00 am
 Sacred Heart Mon, Tues, Thur 8:00 am Saturday at 8:15 am

Confession (or by Appointment)

St. Gregory: Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
 Holy Martyrs: Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
 Sacred Heart: Saturday 8:45 am - 9:45 am and 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm



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Saturday	12/25	Our Holy Father
Sunday	12/26	Rev. Paul R Marquis Rev. Thomas M Lee
Monday	12/27	Rev. Antonio A Amato Rev. Kent R Oullette
Tuesday	12/28	Rev. Harold D Moreshead All Deceased Priests
Wednesday	12/29	Msgr. Charles M Murphy Rev. Aurelijus Gričius, OFM
Thursday	12/30	Rev. Arockiasamy Snathiagu, HGN Rev. Steven F Concannon
Friday	12/31	Rev. David E Schlaver, CSC Rev. Sylvio J Levesque
Saturday	1/1	Our Holy Father
Sunday	1/2	Bishop Robert P Deeley, JCD

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