



# CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

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## RECEPTION (OFFICE) HOURS

**Monday — Friday** 9:00 AM — 7:00 PM  
**Saturday** 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

## VISITING & PRIVATE PRAYER

Please enter through 89 Ridge Street (Rectory Entrance).

**PLEASE NOTE:** The church may be closed for a wedding or for a private event. Thank you for your consideration!

## DAILY MASS TIMES

**Monday — Friday** 7:30 AM  
**Tue, Thur, & Fri** 5:30 PM  
**Wed & First Friday** 7:00 PM  
**Saturday** 9:00 AM (*Español*)

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil** 5:00 PM  
**Sunday** 8:30 AM  
10 AM (*Español*)  
12 Noon

## HOLY DAYS & CIVIC HOLIDAYS

Please consult bulletin for Mass times.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration takes place Wednesdays and First Fridays at 6:00 PM in Lady Chapel.

## RECONCILIATION TIMES

Whether is has been 10 years, or 10 months or 10 days, God is waiting for you. Come experience the mercy of a Father who loves and forgives you.

**Wed & First Friday** 6:00 PM — 6:45 PM  
**Saturday** 11:30 AM — 12:30 PM

**Confessions are heard in the Chapel of St. Anne.**  
Confessions are also available by appointment at any time.

## TOURS OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

**First Sunday of the Month**, following the 12 Noon Mass. Those interested can meet near the pulpit at 1:30 pm. *Guided group tours are available on weekdays by appointment.*



**DECEMBER 26, 2021 • FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

# WELCOME HOME

## You belong here!

The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart is the seat of the Archdiocese of Newark. We stand in the heart of Newark as a reminder of God's steadfast love.

## OUR TEAM

### CLERGY

#### Rev. Bismarck Chau

Rector

#### Rev. Msgr Richard F. Groncki

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Directress of Religious Education

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#### Robin Melleno

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#### Brandon Ocampo

Communications Coordinator & Young Adult Ministry

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### WEDDING MINISTRY

#### Debra M. Loprete

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#### Dennis Blasi

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#### Olfary Gutiérrez

Coordinator of Hispanic Music Ministry

#### Kristin Dabaghian

Associate Organist

### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

#### Camillus L. Mitchell

Maintenance Supervisor

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 26 • Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 AM

Janet Morris

10:00 AM (ESP)

Zoila Toro

12:00 PM

Columbia Cleo Zoppi

### Monday, December 27 • Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

7:30 AM

+ Felicitas, Pablo, & Lorenzo Marte

### Tuesday, December 28

7:30 AM

+ Palma Celiano

5:30 PM

+ Cornelia Julien

### Wednesday, December 29

7:30 AM

+ Dan Dunford

7:00 PM

Epifania y Genoveva Gonzales Cantu

### Thursday, December 30

7:30 AM

For the Healing of Joe Oakes

5:30 PM

+ Lorraine K. Rak Matyas

### Friday, December 31

7:30 AM

Carmen Cosillo Ochoa

### Saturday, January 1 • Solemnity of the Bl. Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

10:00 AM (ESP)

+ Almas de los Legionarios de la Legion de Maria

12:00 PM

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM (VIGIL)

Molly Lewis

## POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Pope Francis asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

### Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



## ONLINE GIVING

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on designated Sundays at 1:30 PM.

**Second Sunday of the Month** in Spanish · **Last Sunday of the Month** in English

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made **one year** in advance. *Regular Sunday Mass attendance is required for those preparing for the sacraments.*

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office to request the visit of a priest to the home or hospital of someone who is ill and in need of the sacraments. Holy Communion for those who are homebound is also available upon request.

# PARISH LIFE

## CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS COFFEE

Introducing the Limited Edition of our "Cathedral Christmas Coffee" - a Medium or Dark roast with a Christmas aroma that will fill your whole house and taste delicious. Get your 10 oz bag for only \$10 after each Mass. You can also place your order by calling our rectory at (973) 484-4600. It is also available in our Gift Shop. This 10oz bag makes for a perfect Christmas gift!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we continue to grow and develop more opportunities for our community to encounter Christ and to grow in relationship with Him, we are in need of volunteers to serve in different capacities! We are currently in need of volunteers to cover the front desk on weekday evenings (5-7 PM). For more information, or to sign up to volunteer, please email Brandon at [brandon.ocampo@rcan.org](mailto:brandon.ocampo@rcan.org).

# YOUNG ADULTS

**Sacred Heart Young Adults (SHYA)** is the young adult ministry at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart!

SHYA is a community of men and women, 18 - 35, dedicated to forming Christ-centered, life-giving relationships that combat and heal the culture of isolation. We seek to glorify God through lives that are lived fully alive and enkindled by the Holy Spirit.

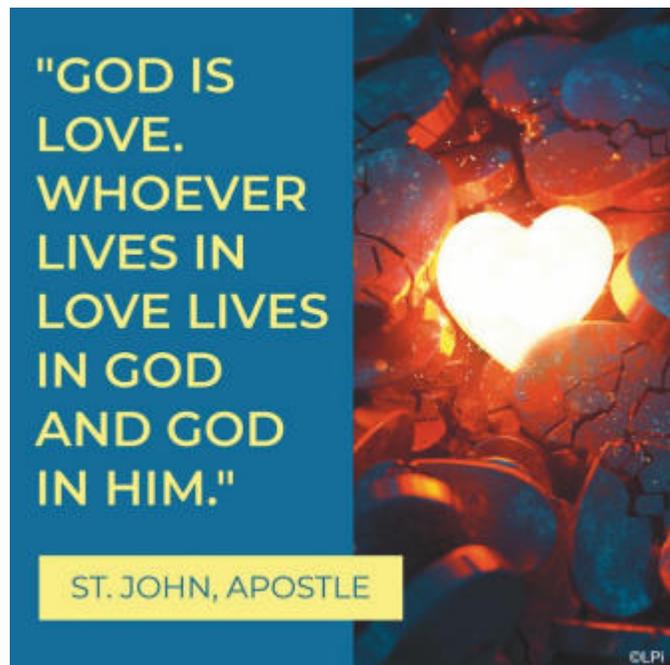
You can find us on our new pages on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter ([@cbsyoungadults](#))!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- YA Christmas Party — Date & Location TBA.
- YA Bible Studies — To return in early 2022.
- YA Formation Events — To begin in early 2022.

*Interested in joining us for an event?  
Want some more information?*

Feel free to contact Brandon Ocampo at [brandon.ocampo@rcan.org](mailto:brandon.ocampo@rcan.org) to get involved!



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: "All in the Family"

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



# THE HOLY FAMILY

## CATHOLIC Q&A

**I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?**

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK:

### ST. STEPHEN (DECEMBER 26th)

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

# GOSPEL MEDITATION

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Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

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Hoy es un día para celebrar a la familia - a la nuestra y a las familias de todo el mundo, de celebrar y gozar a los hijos, nietos y parientes cercanos y lejanos. Dios quiso nacer en una familia y por medio de ella, se nos ofrece una oportunidad para conocerle mejor y amarle más. Recordemos que es en la familia donde se forjan los santos y santas de Dios. Y es también en ella donde están los vicios y malas acciones. ¡Cuidado padres de familia! Aprender de la familia de Nazaret es importante.

Cada día del año es una oportunidad para continuar la búsqueda de Dios, de Jesús, en nuestro hogar. Podemos vislumbrar, en la Liturgia de hoy, a tres figuras importantes del hogar de Nazaret: una mujer con su pequeño y su esposo, listos para hacer la voluntad de Dios, para orar y platicar en familia. El papa Francisco nos dice que: "Realmente, hoy es un día hermoso...hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. El término sagrada coloca a esta familia en el ámbito de la santidad, que es un don de Dios, pero, al mismo tiempo, es una adhesión libre y responsable al plan de Dios" (12-29-2019). Sé, y busco cuál es el plan de Dios para mi hogar o ¿ni siquiera me importa ese diálogo entre esposa, esposo e hijos? El tiempo de confinamiento debió ser una oportunidad para crecer en gracia y sabiduría en la familia. ¿Lo ve usted así? Padres de familia, la mejor herencia para sus hijos y nietos es fomentar la fe, la educación, el amor y la unidad en el hogar.

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