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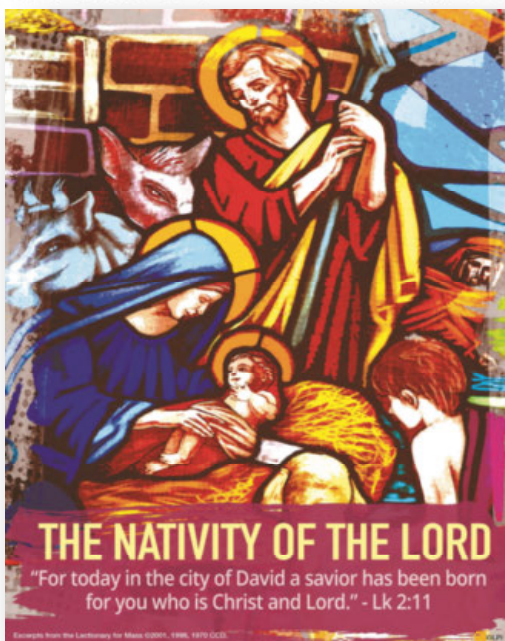
Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.
Sundays: 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Website:

www.stmikescanoncity.org



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Friday, December 24
4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25
9:00 a.m.

The Holy Family MASS TIMES

Saturday, December 25
4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 26
9:00 a.m.



THE HOLY FAMILY

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. - Lk 2:51-52

December 25 - 26, 2021

St. Michael Catholic Church Mission Statement:

We, the parish family of St. Michael Catholic Church, following in the footsteps of the Lord, are a Eucharistic community of faith. Nourished by the Sacraments and the Word, we strive to reflect Christ's light to the world through worship, education and service.

St. Michael's Catholic Church

Cañon City, Colorado

Adoration of the Eucharist:



Eucharistic Adoration will continue on Tuesdays in The Main Church from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays in the Main Church beginning at 12 p.m. and continuing through the night until 8 a.m. Mass Thursday morning.

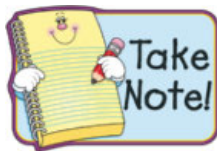
Adoration will continue after Mass until approximately 10:15 a.m. concluding with Benediction. Contact Jeff Worley for more info: 269-1278.

PARISH SUPPORT December 14, 2021

Envelopes ~ \$5,182 Votive ~ \$178
1st Mass ~ \$775.00 Alms ~ \$110
Immaculate Conception ~ \$150 Xmas Flowers ~ \$590.00
Religious Retirement ~ \$1,004 Special Improve. ~ \$335
St. Anthony Chapel ~ \$225 Guadalupe Mass ~ \$202

Due to an early bulletin deadline during the holiday season, the Parish Support amounts for the weekend of December 18/19 were not available. This information will be printed in next week's bulletin, January 1 & 2.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.



The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 27, 2021 through Friday, January 31, 2021 for the holidays. The office will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022

Saturday, January 1st, 2022

Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God Mass
at **9:00 a.m.** in the Main Church
(There is NO Vigil Mass
on December 31st)



Christmas Flower Fund

All are welcome to help contribute to our depleted Flower Fund for the holiday season. If you would like to make a contribution in your name or in memory of a loved one, flower envelopes are on the entry tables in the Narthex.

Join in on our local Synod Journey!

As you may know, Pope Francis has called a Synod of Bishops in Rome for October 2023, designated as the Synod on Synodality.



The purpose of the synod is to remind the entire Church to walk together on a synodal journey.

On October 17th, Bishop Berg celebrated an opening Mass for the Synod. He also invited all Clergy and laity to participate in the official Prayer for the Synod on Synodality, and take the **official survey** which will be submitted to the Vatican for review and consideration.

You can easily find a link to this Diocesan survey on our **St. Michael website home page: www.stmikescanoncity.org**
Thank you in advance for your participation!

When there is more information regarding the Synod on Synodality, the Pueblo Diocese will make sure to let you know through "The Living Garden". Make sure to subscribe for the latest updates!
www.dioceseofpueblo.org

Emergency Prayer Chain: (719) 275-5970
or (719) 269-7316

NEW LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Meets Wednesday mornings in the school meeting room.
8:45—9:45 a.m. Scripture Study
9:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting
All are welcome.



!!! THANK YOU PARISHIONERS !!!

Thank you to all who have come and worked hard to make our worship space "sparkle"! **We will NOT be cleaning the church the Monday after Christmas & the Monday after New Years Day.** If you would like to join this group to give your time and talent to this project, come join us on **Monday, January 10, at 9:00 a.m.** All are welcome to help clean the house of our Lord.

We will be collecting items to give out to the homeless again this winter on behalf of our community Homeless Outreach Team.



**Items in need (new, not used please):
coats, hats, gloves, boots, hand warmers,
heavy socks, & blankets.**

Donated items can be brought to the large tote located in the Narthex. All items donated will be passed out to individuals and families who are homeless in Fremont County.

For any questions or concerns, contact Anna Carochi at 719-371-3525.
Thank you in advance for your generosity in serving Christ's poor.

St. Michael has several ways in which we support each other in special personal prayer. Our goal is to make everyone aware of the most immediate needs in an appropriate and respectful way.

*Please remember to follow the guidelines listed on the sign-in sheet. **The intent is to make us aware of a current illness or death that has taken place within the past month.***

PRAYER CORNER

Liz & Warren Babilot	Phil Baca Sr.
The Baca Family	Jerry Beatty
Bill Booth	Karen Breidenbach
Joanna Buchanan	Patti Bullock
The Brixey Family	Jeanne Burrage
Jane Cole	Ralph & Juanita Cruz
Louisa DeAlejandro	Jody DeCook
Bert & Bob DeFelice	The Delgado Family
Irene Delgado	Sharon Delgado
Mike Deneff	Kelly Henderson
Michael Hudson	Jeff Iubatti
Joe Kahnke	Ted Kennedy
Dolph Koroshetz	Irv & Margaret Lange
Ralph & Margaret Linscott	Orlinda Marquez
Suzanne Martinchalk	Tom McCoy
Tim Menhennett	Our Country
Our Military Troops	Father Kevin Novack
Rita Parsons	Clare Reynolds
Rose Scancarello	Maria Stucker & Family
Mary Louise Thorton	

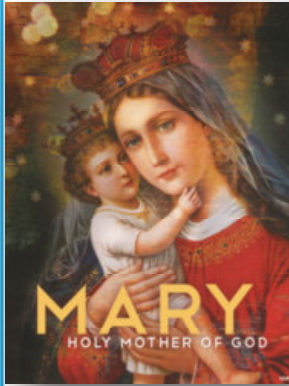
"(Therefore) Pray for one another ... The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful!" James 5:16

The Prayer Corner Sign-in Sheet is located in the Gathering Space.
Please print legibly, thank you!

Due to early publishing deadlines for the holidays, any names listed on the prayer list during the weekends of December 18/19 and December 25/26, will be added to the Prayer Corner on the weekend of January 1st / 2nd.

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday January 1, 2022	
	9:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary Mass	
Altar Servers	Connie Williamson	
Lectors	1) TBD 2) TBD	
Sacristan	Mary Manchester	
Hospitality Ministers	Rosie Arnett Sean Arnett Hilda Prieto Julio Ramirez	
	HM Coord - Delia Middlemiss	
Liturgical Ministers	Saturday January 1, 2022	Sunday January 2, 2022
	4:30 p.m. Epiphany of the Lord Mass	9:00 a.m. Epiphany of the Lord Mass
Altar Servers	Delaney & Mackenna Irvine	Julie & Paula Schilf
Lectors	1) TBD 2) TBD	1) TBD 2) TBD
Sacristan	Pat Ruder	Ray Clark
Hospitality Ministers	Bev Essex Ken Holm Ralph Kunselman Maria Stettmisch	Elizabeth Cornella Jacob Cornella Ryan Cornella Tanner Cornella
	HM Coord - Sandi Miller	HM Coord - Ken Burger



Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions:
December 28th, 2021 — January 2nd 2022
Daily Mass in St. Michael Main Church

Tuesday, December 28 8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Wednesday, December 29 8:00 a.m. Mass	✠Janet Carson By: The New Life Prayer Group
8:45 a.m. & 9:45 a.m.	✠Bob Middlemiss By: Delia Middlemiss
Thursday, December 30 8:00 a.m. Mass	Scripture Study & Prayer Meeting (in school meeting room)
Friday, December 31 8:00 a.m. Mass	✠Ralph Cruz By: Bob Fahey
Saturday, January 1, 2022 9:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary Mass	In honor of the Wedding of; Caoilainn D'Arcy & Tobin Norton ✠The Poor Souls in Purgatory By: The Worley Family
4:30 p.m. Epiphany of The Lord Mass	✠Kelly Marie Henderson By: Beth Webster
Sunday, January 2 9:00 a.m. Mass	✠Joseph & Gertrude Kloberdanz By: Their Children
	✠Ray Lopez By: Ruth Lopez For All Parishioners

... and for those who have died from the coronavirus, may they know the peace of joy of God's love through all eternity.



Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. Grant this through our Love Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen

Readings for the Week of December 26th

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth,
you came to us and took our earthly flesh
through the gift of Mary's yes.
She is our Mother in faith,
as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you
for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.
Through her self-giving, we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year
and endow us with the desire and ability to create a world of peace.

We ask all this, through the intercession of Mary to you,
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Reverend Jesse L. Perez

LIVE THE LITURGY **Inspiration for the week** **(Christmas)**



Merry Christmas! There is something sacred about sun when it dances upon a field of newly iced snow. Lights and colors bounce around in myriad ways flashing prisms of beauty as if in tune with the rhythm of a melodic dance. The Word became flesh and now dwells among us. Humanity can now dance. We sparkle with the beauty and radiance of God and can now walk through life with confidence knowing that we have been divinely kissed. It is a sacred moment, a holy marriage between God and His sons and daughters. All is bright and all is well. Today we celebrate who we are in Christ and rest safely in God's care. God's presence, revealed in the humble birth of His Son, dances in our hearts, calling us to beauty, truth, purpose, and love. Today we know, without doubt, that we are not the product of the rambling offerings of a universe that created itself. We are loved, treasured, and blessed. We have a Savior who can show us the way. Accept him.

LIVE THE LITURGY **Inspiration for the week** **(The Holy Family)**



It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

Observances for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family
Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday:
Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God;
World Day of Peace

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**“For he will save the poor who cry out and
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~ Psalm 72:72



*Please join the Where Mercy Abounds Hope and Healing after
Abortion Ministry, in praying for life.

Each week we will provide you a quote or verse to reflect on
and hold in your heart.

If you or anyone you know is suffering from the aftermath of
abortion, please know there is hope and healing.

Fr. Matthew, the Project Rachel contact for the Diocese of
Pueblo, can be reached by email at
mwertin@dioceseofpueblo.org.

All counseling is free and confidential.

The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas) December 25, 2021

First Reading:

All the ends of the earth will behold
the salvation of our God. (Is 52:10)

Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.
(Ps 98)

Second Reading:

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways
to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days,
he has spoken to us through the Son. (Heb 1:1-2)

Gospel:

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth. (Jn 1:14)

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

First Reading:

“I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request.
Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD;
as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD.” (1 Sm
1:27-28)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.
And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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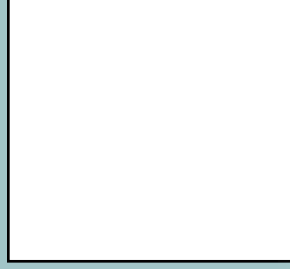
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