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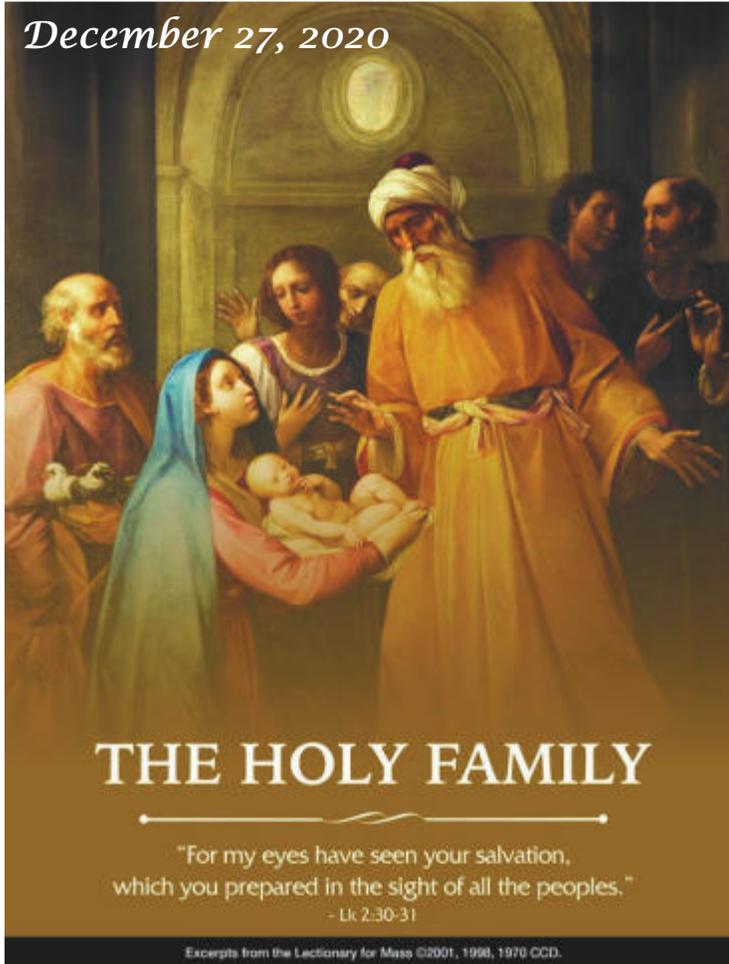
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*At Our Lady of Fatima Parish we are committed to know, love and serve God through Word and Sacrament, through our shared experience as the Mystical Body of Christ, and through the call to full, conscious and active participation in parish life.*

December 27, 2020



Each of our readings today gives us a glimpse into the complications of family life – and those

glimpses let us know we are not alone in our trials and tribulations. Our family can be the source of our greatest joys, but also sometimes the source of our greatest sorrows. From the earliest days of Israel's history, God was interceding in the difficulties of family relationships: commanding the honor and respect of parents by children, and of children by parents; and promising faithfulness to those who abided in faithfulness to him; instructing us in what it means to love as Christ loves; and ordering the family to the raising of children and the placing of God at the center of their lives.

We are also reminded today of the importance of the fact that through the Incarnation, Jesus Christ was born into a human family, and that offers us hope for making Christ the center of our own families. God could have chosen any number of ways to enter into human history, and the way he chose was to have Jesus be incarnate of a woman – the Blessed Virgin Mary – and be raised by her and Joseph in a household common to that time. In other words, God did not just take on human form in the person of Jesus, but entered into every aspect of human life, engaging with the authentic human experience of family life. Family life is sanctifying and as Jesus sanctified his own human family, he will also sanctify ours when we welcome him in. Following the example of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can strengthen our resolve to grow our families in faith and joy, and give us the confidence to weather the storms of the challenges that family life sometimes offers.

On Friday we celebrate not only New Year's Day, but also the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Yet this feast day is as much about understanding who Jesus is as it is about understanding the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the time of the Council of Ephesus in the year 431 AD, there were theologians led by Nestorius who claimed that Mary was the *Christotokos* (Greek for "Christ Bearer") or, mother of Christ,

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass ----- 7:30 AM  
Saturday Anticipatory Mass for Sunday----- 5:30 PM  
Sunday Mass-----7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM  
Weekday Mass-  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday ----- 6:30 AM  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday -----8:15 AM

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

6:30 AM, 8:15 AM and 5:30 PM *UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED*

CONFESSION Saturday----- 3:30 to 5:00 PM or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK-----First Saturday after the  
7:30 AM Mass or by request

OFFICE HOURS— Monday through Thursday- 8:00AM to 4:30 PM  
Friday –8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule...Pages 3&4



***The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. (Luke 2:40)***



**Monday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

8:15 AM †Loyola Baca (Family)  
†Leo D'Amour (D'Amour Family)  
†Joseph Anthony Frias (Our Lady of Fatima Church  
and School Staff, Faculty and Students)

**Tuesday, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the  
Nativity of the Lord**

6:30 AM ♦Intentions of Luis F. and Eduardo Pinedo  
(Alvarado Pinedo)  
♦In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph (Bernadette Moraga)  
†Corinne Duran & Intentions of Deacon Charlie Duran  
(Our Lady of Fatima Church and School Staff, Faculty & Students)

**Wednesday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the  
Nativity of the Lord**

8:15 AM ♦Special Intention  
†Claude W. Hance & Jennie Hernandez (Dolores Hance)  
♦Intentions of Dolores Hance (Nunez Family)

**Thursday, December 31, Seventh Day within the Octave of the  
Nativity of the Lord**

6:30 AM †Fr. Raymond Jablinske (Carol Yarnall)  
♦Intentions of the Nunez Family  
♦Intentions of Luis F. and Eduardo Pinedo  
(Alvarado Pinedo)

5:30 PM *Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*  
♦Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima Parishioners

**Friday, January 1, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord,  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

No 6:30 AM Mass

7:30 AM ♦Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima Parishioners  
10:00 AM ♦Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima Parishioners

**Saturday, January 2, Saints Basil the Great & Gregory  
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

7:30 AM ♦Living and † Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary  
†Patrick Josey  
♦Intentions of Sally Morris– Happy Birthday

5:30 PM ♦Intentions of Mary Menicucci– Happy Birthday  
(daughter, Mary)  
♦Intentions of Odeila Beach (Cecelia D'Amour)

**Sunday, January 3, Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 AM †Fusako “Chiko” Jaramillo  
†Jimmy and Nestora Baca (Baca Family)  
10:00 AM ♦Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima Parishioners Especially  
those Celebrating Birthdays in the Month of January  
♦Intentions of Judy Mutty (Carol Yarnall)  
12:00 PM ♦Intentions of Beatrice B. Carrillo– Happy Birthday  
(Elena Portillo)  
♦Intentions of Odeila Beach- Happy Birthday  
(Cecelia D'Amour)

**Readings for the week of December 27, 2020**

**Sunday:** Wisdom of Ben Sira 3:2-6, 12-14 or Genesis  
15:1-6; 21:1-3/Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Psalms  
105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Colossians 3:12-21 or  
3:12-17 or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Luke 2:22-40  
or 2:22, 39-40

**Monday:** 1 John 1:5—2:2/Psalms 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8  
[7]/Matthew 2:13-18

**Tuesday:** 1 John 2:3-11/Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6  
[11a]/Luke 2:22-35

**Wednesday:** 1 John 2:12-17/Psalms 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10  
[11a]/Luke 2:36-40

**Thursday:** 1 John 2:18-21/Psalms 96:1-2, 11-12, 13  
[11a]/John 1:1-18

**Friday:** Numbers 6:22-27/Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/  
Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21

**Saturday:** 1 John 2:22-28/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
[3cd]/John 1:19-28

**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 60:1-6/Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-  
11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew  
2:1-12

***Quotable Saints***

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*“O Lord, may I place all my happiness in  
remaining with you. One thing alone I desire,  
and I ask it from your love – to dwell always  
close to you, in body or at least in heart; to  
behold your Eucharistic beauty and glory; to  
feed ever on your love; to pass my days and  
nights, as far as you allow, in blessing, in loving,  
and in contemplating you!”*

– St. Gertrude the Great

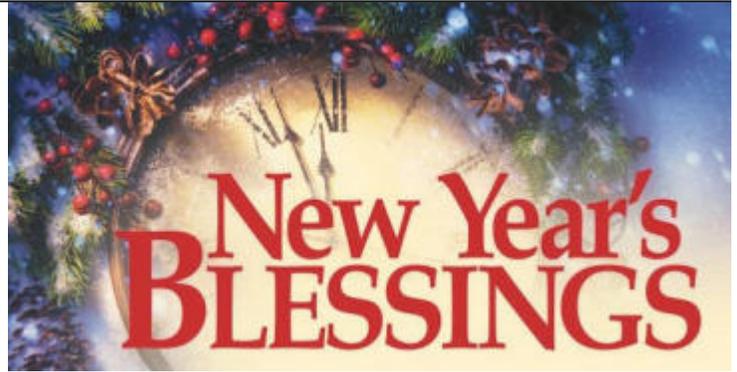
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# Happy New Year!

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, January 1st, 2021.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

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 in 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.



## Mass Times for the Holidays

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

(New Year's): Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year

5:30 PM- Thursday, December 31, 2020

7:30 AM- Friday, January 1, 2021

10:00 AM- Friday, January 1, 2021

A warm  
*Welcomes*  
to all our guests.

We are so happy you are here to celebrate with us!!

**New to Our Lady of Fatima Parish?**

Drop a Visitor envelope in the basket with your information or call us at 265-5868 to register.



Please keep our sick parishioners and their caregivers in your prayers.

## Prayer for Healing:

Loving and compassionate God, when your Son walked this earth he extended his healing hand toward the sick and cured those afflicted with every disease. We turn to you now in our need and ask you to care for those who are ill.

Protect those who face surgery, and watch over those held bound by infirmity.

Through the power of your healing love, free from every disease and suffering those who are beset by poor health.

Guide with your wisdom all who provide care, and assist doctors, nurses, and medical workers so that they may effectively relieve suffering and bring health to all whom they treat.

Amen.



## **CHOOSING TO BELONG - ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**

Attending Mass and giving of your time, talent and treasure is an integral part of being Catholic. If you attend Mass here regularly we encourage you to register as a member of our faith community.

Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of our parish. Stating your commitment brings many advantages, recognition and responsibility.

Registration is about belonging. It is about choosing a community with which to practice everything you believe about God, about the church and about faith. Registering in the Parish also makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, religious education registration, weddings and when asked to be a sponsor for baptism or confirmation.

We welcome anyone who wants to share in the life of our Parish regardless of where they live. While the Archdiocese is divided into parish geographical areas, you have the option of choosing another parish according to your personal preferences.

If you would like to register as a member of our parish, please stop by the parish office or call 265-5868 and we will send you a registration form.



### Security Alert

Please remember to keep your vehicle locked while attending Mass, and do not leave purses, gifts, or any other temptations in view of potential

thieves. If you are leaving a purse in the trunk of your vehicle, it is best to place it in the trunk before you leave home rather than wait until you arrive at the church parking lot. Unfortunately, some thieves have been known to watch the parking lot to see if women place their purses in the trunk. They know exactly which cars to break open the trunks.

**Be smart and be safe!**



## **ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE!**

Parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Fatima Church and School can now make one-time or recurring gifts directly on our parish website. Stop worrying about mailing in tithes. Instead, give a gift at any time (from any device that connects to the internet) using a current email and checking account/credit card. It's simple and secure. You can even turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you'd like.

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**Never Alone: Life with the Holy Spirit in English with Spanish subtitles**

**Mary of Nazareth**

**Everyday Heroes**

**Knowing Giaquinta: Servant of God**

### **Rosaries as Decorations**

**Question:** I've seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars. Is it OK to do that?

**Answer:**

The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters.

Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another.

# New Year's Happenings



Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- Masses: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

Thursday, December 31-New Year's Eve

- Daily Mass at 6:30 AM
- 5:30 PM Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, not a holy day of obligation this year.

Friday, January 1, 2021, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, not a holy day of obligation this year by dispensation of Archbishop Wester.

- Masses: 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM
- Parish Office Closed



## Notes from the Pastor ...Continued from Page 1.

but not the *Theotokos* (Greek for “God Bearer”) or, mother of God. This could be seen as denying the divinity of Jesus. The whole question of whom Jesus is as well as the importance of understanding his divinity gave rise to the great theological declaration by the bishops of the Council of Ephesus that Jesus is the Son of God as well as the Son of Mary. Although Mary is fully human, she is also the Mother of God. Through the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, Mary conceived within her womb the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity who has both a divine nature and a human nature. And so we pray, “Holy Mary, Mother of God,” and we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Mary was a woman of faith; complete faith. She had faith that somehow God would care for her in her pregnancy, in the childbirth, throughout her life, at the foot of the cross, and beyond. On the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we pray for faith - real faith. Not a faith that demands proof and is therefore a very weak if not non-existent faith, but a faith that God is working his plans in and through us in mysterious ways. Let us pray with Mary, the Mother of God. We ask her to intercede with her son on our behalf so that we also might have the courage, the humility, and the faith to proclaim with the Church that Jesus is Lord.

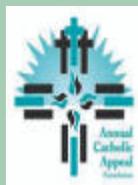


## End of Year Donation:

For parishioners who wish to make an end of year donation to the parish, please do so by Monday, December 28th, 2020. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Monday.



## Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges Due



Just a reminder that pledges made last February for the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) are due by the end of December. If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, please make every effort to do so.

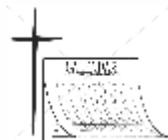
Thank you!



### 2021 Parish Calendars Are Available

The 2021 Parish Calendars are available at all Masses.

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