



## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 26, 2021

# RISEN CHRIST Catholic Parish

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### DAILY MASSES

**Daily: 6:30am, 8:00am and 12:15pm**

**Saturday: 8:30am and  
4:00pm (LIVESTREAMED)**

**Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and  
5:30pm**

### CONFESSIONS

**Saturday: 9:00am & 2:30pm**

**Sunday: 4:45pm**

**Wednesday: 11:15am**

**First Friday of the month: 11:15am**

### OFFICE OPEN

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY**

**Tuesday and Thursday By Appt. Only!**

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday: 8:30am—5:00pm**

**Friday: 8:30am—3:00pm**

**Closed for lunch: Monday-Friday  
12:15pm-12:45pm**

### DO YOU EVER ASK “WHY DO WE EXIST”?

**RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC PARISH EXISTS TO  
HELP PEOPLE EXPERIENCE THE RISEN JESUS!**

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*Welcome to Risen Christ Catholic Parish*

Risen Christ Catholic Parish exists to help people experience the Risen Jesus, who offers us joy and new life! We do this through dynamic faith formation, through frequent and accessible liturgies, by putting people first, and by meeting people where they are. We strive to live joyfully, with a servant's heart, and with the trusting "fiat" of Mary. Fr. Scott Bailey and the staff invite everyone to participate in our ministries, activities, and liturgies; these are opportunities for spiritual growth and to share the Risen Jesus with others. Risen Christ Catholic Parish welcomes all visitors and is happy to have you pray with us!

*Week at a Glance***Readings for the week of December 26, 2021**

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

## High School Youth Ministry



Join us Sunday, January 9th@ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall for fun and fellowship!  
Friends are welcome!

**THEOLOGICAL TIDBITS**

Due to the divine Personhood of Christ, all his human actions were actions performed by God. When Christ slept, it was God who was sleeping. When Christ ate, it was God who was eating.

When Christ suffered, it was God who was suffering. When Christ died, it was God who died. The emphasis here should be on the pronoun “who”. “Who” refers to Christ’s Person but not to his divine nature—which he shares with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

The Divine Nature certainly did not suffer. That would be impossible since it is immutable. The Divine Nature does not experience pain or pleasure from the actions of another being. However, the divine Person of Christ—insofar as he had a human nature—slept, ate, suffered, and died. Therefore, it is accurate to say that God slept, ate, suffered, and died. All the human actions performed by Christ, although human and finite, nevertheless had an infinite value because it was divine Person who was performing them.

**AMAZON SMILE**

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*Upcoming Events*

**NO-RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**  
**NO-MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
**CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**PARISH OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD**

**ONE DAILY MASS ONLY @ 8:00AM**  
**DECEMBER 27TH —DECEMBER 31ST**

**NO ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL**  
**UNTIL JANUARY 3RD**

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION IN THE CHURCH**  
**DECEMBER 27TH, 28TH & 29TH FROM 6:30PM--8:00PM**

**NO INTRO TO CATHOLICISM**  
**UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 4TH**



**Intro to Catholicism**  
**The Gospel Message: A Short History of the Church in Scripture, in Church Teaching, in Devotion**  
**Instructor: Jason Cox, M.T.S.**  
**Tuesday, January 4th from 6:30pm—7:15pm**  
**2nd Floor—Seminar Room**



**Baby Layette Drive**  
**The Weekend of January 8th & 9th**

The Respect Life Ministry and the Women of Risen Christ are collecting baby layette items for Marisol Family (formerly known as Gabriel House). We will be putting together gift baskets for moms and newborns. A list of suggested items is on our parish website. Put donations in the cardboard collection boxes in the vestibules.

**Please Pray for the Sick:**

Lenora Brendlinger, John Dix, Vanessa Dowd,  
Daniel Foxhoven, Cooper Reh and “Baby Cullen”



**Please Pray for the Deceased:**

Peter Gunder

**ALL THE OFFICE FOR ANY PRAYER  
INTENTIONS FOR RECENTLY SICK/ DECEASED**

**Please remember in your prayers all expectant mothers and the  
children in their wombs, especially those from Risen Christ.**

Laura B.—December; Pricila G.—February;  
Heidi S.—March; Natalie S.—June; Ashley B.—June

**All Expectant Mothers!**

*If you are a member of our parish and you are pregnant, please contact the office with your first name and due date so that we can keep a rose in the vase in the Holy Family Chapel during your pregnancy and we can pray for the healthy development of your child.*

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

December 26, 2021

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

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.

**COME CELEBRATE  
WITH US!**



**Sunday, December 26th – the Feast of the Holy Family**

7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:30pm

**Daily Mass Times – December 27th – December 31st**

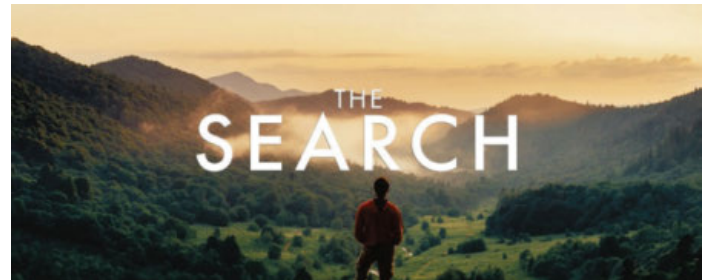
8:00am **ONLY**

**Exposition and Benediction – December 27th, 28th & 29th**

6:30pm each night

**Saturday, January 1st – Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

It is **NOT** a holy day of obligation. Only one Mass at 8:30am.



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**STARTING JANUARY 10TH**

Do you know a life-long searcher, someone who has left the Faith or an agnostic waiting for the evidence about God? Invite them to participate in “The Search” on Monday, January 10th @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. It is free and dinner is provided. Sign up today on our website [www.risenchristchurch.org](http://www.risenchristchurch.org).



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday January 9th after all of the morning Masses. Cost is \$5 (children under 6 eat free), and it is all you can eat! Gluten free pancakes will also be available.

**Baptism**

Call the parish office to register for a Baptism class. Baptisms are scheduled after the 11:00am Sunday Mass only.

**Marriage**

Couples wanting to get married at Risen Christ need to contact us at least 8 months prior to their wedding to discuss marriage preparation. An initial meeting will be scheduled to discuss the marriage preparation process in more detail.

**R.C.I.A.**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process for bringing adults into the church (converts) and for Catholic adults who need to complete the initiation sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Call the parish office for more information.

**Religious Education for Children**

Please call the parish office for registration information and for class information.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

In the case of serious illness in the family, contact the parish office immediately. Please do not wait until death is imminent.

**Adoration Chapel**

Parishioners may contact the office to receive the code for the door to the chapel.

**Lost & Found Items**

Any item lost in the church or in the office building will be held in the parish office for one month before being discarded.

**Stay Connected With Us!**

Receive emails or texts from our ministries through Flocknote. You can sign-up to receive messages and updates from: Fr. Scott (his weekly "From the Pastor's Desk")

- Religious Education
- Women of Risen Christ
- Weekly Bulletin
- Knights of Columbus
- Funeral Notifications
- And More!

Text the keyword **monaco** to the number 84576, then click on the link you receive by text. That link will let you choose the ministries you'd like to hear from. Or sign-up on our website at <https://risenchristchurch.org/flocknote>.

**VENMO**

A convenient new way to donate to Risen Christ Catholic Parish. Take a card from the back table and scan the QR code or scan the QR code on the pews.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FUTURE MASSES,  
PLEASE CALL OR STOP BY THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE.****Sunday, December 26**

7:30am—Special Intention  
9:00am—David Reza+  
11:00am—Olaf Erickson+  
5:30pm—Leonard Uher+

**Monday, December 27**

8:00am—Int. of Greg & Lynne Gerken

**Tuesday, December 28**

8:00am—Patrick Seggerson+

**Wednesday, December 29**

8:00am—Bob McMin+

**Thursday, December 30**

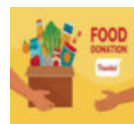
8:00am—John Cody+

**Friday, December 31**

8:00am—Michael O'Hollearn

**Saturday, January 1**

8:30am—Priests in the Archdiocese  
4:00pm—Bill Walsh+

**Food Collection for the People  
in the Inner City****"Hunger Knows No Season"**

More than ever, there are people who desperately are in need of food. A list of needed items is available on the food collection boxes located in each vestibule. We are asking parishioners visiting the church to take a list of needed food items. At your convenience, please bring your donations of non-perishable items and place them in the food collection boxes in the vestibules.

**CAN YOU MAKE A GIFT TO OUR PARISH FUND?**

As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us over the past year. And it's a great time to thank God for these blessings by gifting to our parish fund. Gifts of appreciated stocks, IRA distributions, real estate and cash can fulfill your giving needs while helping grow our parish fund. To learn more or to make a gift, please reach out to our partners at The Catholic Foundation by calling 303-468-9885 or visit [TheCatholicFoundation.com](http://TheCatholicFoundation.com).

Other News



Please remember in prayer these men & women who are in our military:

LT Andrew Faciszewski (Air Force); 1LT John Paul Caldwell (Army); LTC Tyler Canter (Army); MAJ Garrett Nakazono (Army); PFC Matthew Nelson (Army); MAJ Gregory O'Malley (Army); CPT Mary O'Malley (Army); PVT Jakob Skinner (Army); CPT Bret Bartlett (Marines); CPL Anthony Edwards (Marines); LCPL Robinson Goldman (Marines); CPL Danny Summer (Marines); PO Jessica Quaille (Navy); LT Alec Rynaski (Navy); 2LT Patrick Neff (Air Force); SN Brady Fossett (Navy); TSGT Connor Smith (Air Force); TSGT Peter C. Wirth (Air Force); W-1 Gabriel Varela (Army); TSGT Jesse R. Albin (Air Force); MSTG Tony Mercado, Jr. (Air Force); Samuel Kenny (Army); LTJG Angela Naple (Navy Nurse Corps); SSGT Damon Daniels (Air Force); PO Christian Farris (Navy).

If you have an immediate family member who is on active duty in the military, call the office with name, rank and the branch of service the person is serving in.

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