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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

a Message from Bp. Golka

An urgent call for prayer and fasting to protect the unborn!

The United States Supreme Court has granted a review of the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case from the State of Mississippi. The specific question the Court will answer is whether a state may enact limits on abortion before viability, i.e., when the baby is capable of living outside their mother's womb.

The Court heard oral arguments in this case Dec. 1, 2021. It is expected that their opinion on the case will be announced in June of 2022. As the justices consider the merits of the case, they face the opportunity to right several tragically wrong decisions handed down by their predecessors over the last 49 years.

Here in the Diocese of Colorado Springs, over the course of these next six months, let us humble ourselves before the Lord with fasting, prayer and works of charity and mercy. Let our prayer be for the conversion of the minds and hearts of all people in this great nation to defend and protect the personhood of every human life from the moment of conception. Let us come before the Lord with fasting, prayer and penance, that he might accept our pleas and transform our minds and hearts, and to have mercy on us! Specifically, I invite you to:

- Pray daily for the Court to uphold the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health law in Mississippi.
- Pray frequently for the members of the Supreme Court to exercise their responsibility as they stand before God, the Lord and giver of life.
- Pray for your own conversion to a deeper understanding and reverence for ALL human life.
- Each week offer some work of mercy or engage in some act of charity in the service of human life.
- On the First Friday of each month, fast and pray the rosary through the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the conversion of all those who are engaged in the practice and promotion of abortion.
- Accept suffering and hardship in your own life to make reparation for the lives destroyed through abortion since the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision in January of 1973.

Lord, hear us! Lord, have mercy on us! Lord, save your people!!

+ James R Dolka

Most. Rev. James R. Golka Bishop of Colorado Springs

Stewardship

Christmas Tithe: La Puente and Rocky Mountain Community Land Trust

At Christmas, St. Patrick provides a donation to two organizations as these organizations help individuals and families in need.

La Puente, Colorado San Luis Valley:

Poverty in the Valley is greater than the U.S. national average with many families on the edge of crisis in need of support to avoid homelessness. La Puente is a community response that addresses the effects of poverty by providing a safety net of services where individuals and families get what they need to stabilize, heal, strengthen and ultimately to thrive.

Rocky Mountain Community Land Trust:

A local non-profit that provides transitional housing, affordable rentals, affordable home ownership and supportive services to low-income individuals and families in El Paso County and the City of Colorado Springs. As part of their supportive services, they help families with loan modifications, budgeting and foreclosure prevention/ intervention counseling.

> Your Faithful Tithe December 8, 2021: \$4,075.01

December 12, 2021: \$33,591.94

December 19, 2021: \$27,109.10

Next Week's Tithe: St. Patrick Emergency Fund

This fund allows us to assist those in need with their rent and utilities bills through our St. Vincent de Paul ministry. We have had high demand for help in recent months.

Put on Christ

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one nother, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. *And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus...*" Col 3:12-17

Returning God's Gifts 2021	
Number of Families	1,004
Number of Pledges	365
Goal	\$162,776.16
Total Pledged	\$182,500.26
Total Paid	<u>\$179,422.86</u>
% of Goal Paid	110.23%

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

Mass Intentions

(+) = Deceased (SI) = Special Intention

Saturday, December 25

9:00am for: Kearney Family (SI) by: Kearney Family

Sunday, December 26

7:45am for: Rosa Yupa (SI) by: Yupa Family

- 9:30am for: For the People of St. Patrick by: Fr. Francisco Quezada
- 11:30am for: Minnie Fox (+) by: Deb Harney
- 4:30pm for: All the Departed Souls in Afghanistan (+) by: Roger Hammock

Monday, December 27

7:00am for: Richard Plummer (+) by: Deb Harney

Tuesday, December 28

12:00pm for: Kevin Harney (SI) by: Deb Harney

Wednesday, December 29

7:00am for: Holy Souls in Purgatory (+) by: Richard and Beth Schuh

Thursday, December 30

12:00pm for: Audie Hernandez (+) by: Bowers Family

Friday, December 31

7:00am for: Richard and Beth Schuh (SI) by: Richard Schuh

Saturday, January 1

9:00am for: Glenda Youmans (+) by: Summer LaMay

4:30pm for: For the People of St. Patrick by: Fr. Francisco Quezada

PRIESTS CELEBRATING Mass this Week

Saturday 9:00am: Fr. Francisco Quezada

Sunday 7:45am: Fr. James Klein

Sunday 9:30am: Fr. Francisco Quezada

Sunday 11:30am: Fr. Joseph Dygert

Sunday 4:30pm: Fr. James Klein

Monday 7:00am: Fr. James Klein

Tuesday 12:00pm: Fr. Chance Billmeyer

Wednesday 7:00am: Fr. James Klein

Thursday 12:00pm: Fr. Chance Billmeyer

Friday 7:00am: Fr. Don Billiard

Saturday 9:00am: Fr. James Klein

Saturday 4:30pm: Fr. Francisco Quezada

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Alex Dvorshek, Angie Dykes, Annunciata Salvoni, Naoma Ford, Linda Henggeler, Mary Rowlands, Beverly Stevens, Charise Garrett, Glenda Youmans, Josh Taft, Pat Strahan Sr, Jolene Hodder, Tyler Berry, Mary Ruther, Kay Turner, Larry Linnenburger, Barb Souba, Ken Williams, Alva and Janice Richardson, Anna Jones, Falisha Lahman, Evelyn Kuhn, Alma Perez, Susan Rohe, Kumari Arimilli, Cindy Laverentz, Thomas and Rose Ryan

Calendar for this Week

Sunday

7:45am Mass 9:30am Mass 11:30am Mass 4:30pm Mass



6:30am Rosary 7:00am Mass 7:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Grief Support 6:45pm Benediction

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8:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am Rosary 12:00pm Mass 6:45pm Benediction

Wednesday

6:30am Rosary 7:00am Mass 7:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30pm Music Ministry 6:45pm Benediction



Thursday

8:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00am ESL 11:30am Rosary 12:00pm Mass 6:45pm Benediction and Vespers

Friday

OFFICE CLOSED 6:30am Rosary 7:00am Mass

Saturday

9:00am Mass 3:30pm Sacrament of Penance 4:00pm Rosary led by Knights of Columbus 4:30pm Mass

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Christmas is a time for families. And today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We all desire to spend quality time with family—what better way than to come together as a family and pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Strengthen your family! Teach your children (no matter how old or young) that Jesus is their friend and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Bring your young children—they are always welcome. They will become closer to Jesus by watching you adore Him.

Eucharistic Adoration will be continue as normal on Monday through Friday (December 27th through December 31st. If you are interested in finding out more about Eucharistic Adoration and the joy it can bring in your life, contact Anne at adoration@stpatscs.org or talk to any adorer at St. Patrick. May God bless your family this coming year!

<u>St. Nicholas Giving Tree:</u> Thank you! Because of your overwhelming generosity, St. Patrick was able to help 100 families this year. Sts. Patrick and Nicholas, pray for us!





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Food Pantry: Our food pantry is open from 3:30-4:30pm on Fridays. If you know of someone who could use assistance, please let them know of our drive-thru operation in the south parking lot. Reminder: no expired or opened donations please!

Parents of High Schoolers: We meet after the Sunday evening Mass! With the Mass time change to 4:30, Life Teen high school catechesis begins at 5:45pm and ends at 7:45pm. Come check out our new youth room! The three parts of each Life Teen night:

- Dinner and socializing
- Catechesis in an area of our faith (This year, first semester focuses on *The Spiritual Life* and the second semester focuses on *Misconceptions in Church History*)
- Eucharistic Adoration and silent prayer

Calling all Children to Feed the Poor:

Remember to bring a nonperishable food item with you each Sunday to give to the poor. During the offertory hymn, bring your box or can up to the basket on the sanctuary steps. Your gifts will be distributed through our church's Food Pantry, which is open every Friday.

<u>Volunteer Requirements for working</u> <u>with Children (Safe Environment</u>

Training): If you are planning on volunteering with the children of our parish you must be safe environment trained. Please contact Marie Nicole Strahan for more information at 719-598-3595 or mstrahan@stpatscs.org.

Poinsettia Memorial: Thank you to all who honored a loved one by donating to the Poinsettia Memorial!

Parents of Little Ones: We love seeing your babies and toddlers at Mass! Thank you for bringing them to our community and most importantly, to the altar of the Lord.

40th Jubilee Notes on Our Parish History:

In January 2002, parish health professionals seeking to use their gifts for the benefit of the larger community established a St. Patrick Health Ministry as "a special way of caring for one another." The Health Committee included a doctor and four nurses. Bridget Miller, RN, was our first volunteer parish nurse.

The Health Ministry was faith-motivated and God-centered: Jesus sought the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of every human being. He "came that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) Parish nurses made home and hospital visits, led health education programs, and made referrals for diagnosis/ treatment. They did not diagnose medical conditions or provide medical treatment.

Activities of the Health Ministry included:

- Updating church first aid kits with medical response instructions to help people injured or sick at church.
- Conducting blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose level screenings.
- Conducting Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training.
- Conducting flu shot clinics.
- Hosting Family Caregiver socials to introduce home caregivers to community resources.
- Hosting speakers on health topics (yoga, chiropractic, advance directives, and selfcare).
- Making referrals to local agencies for installing/using car child safety seats, obtaining low-cost children's dentistry, and supporting hospital blood banks.





The Nine Months of the Child Jesus in the Womb of Mary

This is the last in a series of nine monthly reflections on the growth and development of Jesus in the womb. Our parish Respect Life Ministry began the series on March 25th when we celebrated the Feast of The Annunciation marking the Incarnation, when Jesus was conceived and the Son of God became the son of the Virgin. <u>God became one of us at his</u> <u>Conception</u>, and now we celebrate the wonderful <u>Feast of the Birth of Jesus at</u> <u>Christmas</u>.

Towards the End of Mary's Pregnancy:

So very close to Mary's time to give birth, Mary and Joseph start their journey. Bolstered by provisions and buoyed upon a cushion of carpets, Mary perches upon their patient donkey. The trip to Bethlehem should take four days, but Mary's pregnancy forces them to travel slowly. Do they perhaps fall behind their fellow travelers? Soon they will be entrusted with the life of God made man. How must they reflect on this awesome responsibility as they journey toward their destiny?

At nine months, a baby is poised head down for its descent into the world. At birth, approximately 280 days from conception, a baby normally weighs from 6-9 pounds and may be 19-21 inches long. The tiny heart pumps 300 gallons of blood per day.



God bless you for your Spiritual Adoption prayers these last nine months as we have celebrated Jesus growing for nine months in the womb of His Blessed Mother Mary. Some continue to pray for the baby they spiritually adopted up through the Feast of the Annunciation in March. Then, they spiritually adopt another baby. Please, continue to pray daily for life, all life!

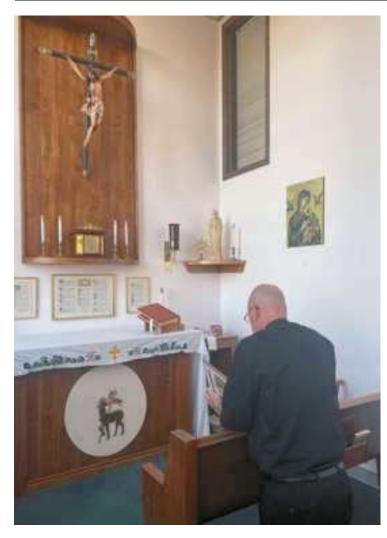
"The crib is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy. This does not mean having many things, but in feeling loved by the Lord, in making oneself a gift for others and loving one another.

Look at the crib: The Madonna and St. Joseph do not seem to be a very fortunate family—they had their child in the midst of great hardships; yet they are full of deep joy, because they love each other, help each other, and above all they are certain that in their story there is the work of God, who became present in the little Jesus."—Pope Benedict XVI "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much.

Please spare the life of the preborn child I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

-Archbishop Fulton Sheen

AROUND THE DIOCESE



Praying for Your Family: On December 16th, Bp. Golka had a binder with a list of family names and prayer intentions from Catholics throughout the Diocese of Colorado Springs. He slowly worked his way through each one. Bp. Golka continued to pray for all those who have died or fallen ill, and all of those who are facing any hardships this year. He invites you to join him in lifting up in prayer all of these intentions and to continue to pray for him and all our diocesan priests.

The Free Catholic Prayer, Meditation,

and Scripture App: Amen is a free Catholic app that brings you daily Mass readings, beautiful prayers, faithful meditations, and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body, and soul to rest in God.

Denver Celebrate Life March on Saturday

January 15: The Diocese of Colorado Springs Respect Life Apostolate has contracted for two buses to take us to the March. Seating is limited to 56 per bus. You may also choose to attend on your own; just be aware of traffic and parking around the capitol. Here are the options for boarding the buses:

- St. Dominic Catholic Church parking lot, Security
- Monument Park & Ride
- St. Mark Catholic Church, Highlands Ranch (following Mass)

Included in the day:

- Mass at St Mark in Highlands Ranch (our option vs Denver Cathedral)
- Lunch at St. Mark -- on the link, select Bring your own OR Order from Jimmy John's
- 1pm Rally at the Capitol
- 2pm March at the Capitol

No cost to the event except for those ordering lunches. However, we will collect a free will offering and a tip for the drivers. Please sign up via this link www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0C4DAAAD2CAAFAC07-denver

Questions can be directed to Julie Bailey, Diocesan Respect Life Apostolate Director at jbailey@diocs.org or 719.866.6478 (ofc). More info at https://respectlifedenver.org/ celebratelife2022/

Pregnancy Center: Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center offers free pregnancy tests and education. Know your options with confidential and compassionate support. Visit cspregnancycenter.com or call us at 719-591-2724.

AROUND The Diocese

Annual Feast of the Holy Innocents Mass:

This solemn, candlelit Mass is open to all in the diocese and is celebrated in memory of all children, especially those lost to abortion, miscarriage, sudden infant death or accident. The Mass will be held on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Tuesday, Dec 28, 5:30 PM, St. Peter Catholic Church, Monument. This Feast commemorates the young children in Bethlehem whose lives were ended by King Herod who was targeting Baby Jesus, the Messiah. Past participants have commented that the simple act of lighting a candle for their lost, beloved child has helped scatter the darkness such a loss can cause in one's life.

Project Rachel: We provide free professional and confidential counseling, reconciliation and spiritual direction with love and compassion for those who have been wounded by abortion. Please call us at 719-866-6426 for help.

Carmelite Spirituality: The Community of the Teresian Carmel and The Little Way Discalced Carmelites Secular Order in Colorado Springs will be accepting aspirants during our February 26, 2022 monthly meeting. Our monthly Carmelite meetings are on the 4th Saturday with a few exceptions due to holidays. Aspirants will journey one year to discern whether they have a vocation in Carmelite spirituality. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, February 15, 2022. If interested, please contact Mikell Humpert at 719-651-3727 or email Mikell at mlcposch@aol.com. **Rocky Mountain Adoration for Life:** 40+ hours of Adoration for Life from Monday, Jan. 17th – Saturday, Jan. 22nd Information on Adoration times and locations may be found at: diocs.org/Pastoral-Services/ Respect-Life.

Rocky Mountain March and Mass for Life:

The March and Mass will be Monday, January 17th in recognition of the 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. We will begin at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. <u>8–8:40am:</u> Shuttles from Corpus Christi to Planned Parenthood sidewalk <u>9am–10am:</u> Rosary, Prayer, and Speakers at the sidewalk <u>10am-10:15am:</u> Eucharistic Procession <u>10:15am–11am:</u> March to Corpus Christi <u>11am–12pm:</u> Adoration and DM Chaplet <u>12pm-1pm:</u> Mass with Bishop Golka <u>1pm-2pm:</u> Pizza Lunch in parish hall

Mass for the Legal Protection of Unborn

<u>Children:</u> Saturday, Jan 22, 2022, 10am at St. Mary Cathedral with Bishop Golka.

Holy Hour for Marriage: Join Bp. Golka on February 8th, 2022 at St. Mary's Cathedral!



To submit bulletin information: email Summer Joy LaMay at slamay@stpatscs.org with "Bulletin" in the subject line by Monday at 12pm. To submit Mass announcements: email Patty Henderson at phenderson@stpatscs.org with "Mass Announcement" in the subject line by Wednesday at 10am. Thank you!



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