

December

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 7:30 am
 Confession before Daily Mass 7:00 am - 7:30 am

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday - Attend/Livestream 4:00 pm
 Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00,am ,11:00 am

Attend And Livestream @ the 11am

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday 7:00 am
 Saturday -Church 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday - Friday 7:00 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
 Fridays 8:30 pm - 12:00 pm

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December 27, 2020

Parish Mission Statement

A welcoming and joyful community committed to making disciples, by igniting and strengthening faith in Christ, and the celebration of Gods grace.

MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

45033 North 12th Street
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WEEKEND MASS

Sunday 9:00 am

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Sunday 8:30 am

ADORATION

Thursday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-
6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb
11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8
[7]/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
[11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10
[11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
[11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal
4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
[3cd]/Jn 1:19-28



Sunday, December 27, 2020

- 7:00 am +Leonard Donofrio Sr.
- 9:00 am +Angelina Kurklen
- 9:00 am +Tom Johns
- 11:00 am All Parishioners

Monday, December 28, 2020

- 7:30 am +Manuel & Nena San Pedro

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

- 7:30 am +Mary Albrecht

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

- 7:30 am +Carlos and Rosario Kodumal

Thursday, December 31, 2020

- 7:30 am Chelsea Manguerra-Thanksgiving
- 7:00 pm +Rufino and Florencia Iglesias

Friday, January 1, 2021

- 9:00 am +Frank Iovanella
- 9:00 am +Tom Johns
- 11:00am Jordan & Rachelle Kuhle-Thanksgiving

Saturday, January 2, 2021

- 7:30 am +James Lesniak
- 4:00 pm +Sarah Fragosa

December 12th and 13th

ST. ROSE: \$25,281.00
(includes online giving of \$10,278.00)*

GOOD SHEPHERD: \$1,346.00 (includes online
giving of \$672.00)***ST. ROSE** includes a
\$10,000.00 check donation

TOTAL PARISH GIVING: \$26,627.00
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Mortgage Retirement Contributions: \$3,375.00
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Pastors Corner

Epiphany Sunday: Jan. 3, 2020

Mt 2:1-12

The entire chapter 1 of the Gospel of Matthew tells us about the origin of Jesus. While chapter 2 deals with Jesus' mission and life's purpose. He is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy: He is a King, a new and greater king than David. The prophecies fulfilled – the *star* that signals His birth (Num. 24:17), *Bethlehem* where the Messiah is born: *From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Mic. 5:1), kings of the earth coming to pay honor to God and offering gifts and worship (Is. 49:23, 60:5-6; Ps. 72. 10-15).* The child to be born is the Son of God who accomplishes the work of salvation that Israel did not accomplish. The *Magi* (not Jews) visit represents the Gentiles invited to salvation through Jesus Christ.

Magi originally mean members of the *Median* and *Persian* priestly caste who serves as adviser to a king and interpret dreams. Later, it evolves into people who possessed mystical knowledge as priests, astrologers, or sages. The journey of the *Magi*: In search for the *Messiah* recounts an oracle in the book of Numbers of a future king arising from Israel, and a star would be the sign that a great king is born. (Num. 24:17) According to the most famous tradition, from the apocryphal Armenian Gospel, these wise men were kings from Persia (East); their names are *Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar*.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem during the reign of King Herod. And behold, wise men from the East arrived in Jerusalem. Their arrival establishes the historical context of the birth of Jesus. Who is Herod? Herod constructed the new Temple of Jerusalem, but was known more for his cruelty. He ordered the assassination of family members (three sons) and anyone that could be a threat to his reign. Herod was called the *murderous old man*. His political friend *Augustus Caesar* once says: *I would rather be a pig (hys in Greek) than a son (hyios in Greek) of Herod*. When Herod heard of the *Magi*: it causes great disturbance for Herod because of the threat to his throne, and for the people because Herod's insecurity would unleash his wrath on them.

The *Magi* were wise men, but their knowledge had not gone to their head, but remained grounded and followed their better insight. After receiving information about the birth of the Messiah, they journeyed from the East until they found the Baby Jesus. They seek the new King to pay Him homage and offered Him their gifts.

1. They offered Him *Gold* – They gave Jesus all their love, as pure as gold, precious, lasting, and purified from all selfish motivation. They love Jesus with all their heart and with all their mind. Gold also symbolizes fidelity and perseverance. *Nothing will separate us from the love of Christ. (Rom. 8:5)* Their love was sincere. Is our love as precious and pure as gold for Jesus?

2. They offered incense – We use incense for rituals of praise, worship, and adoration. The *magi* adored Jesus as God. In the liturgy, we use it as a sign to worship. In the Mass, we incensed the Gospel, Jesus is the Word, the altar, representing Christ, the gifts of bread and wine on the altar transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. The *magi* offered the Lord their prayer. *Let my prayer come like incense to you, lifting my hands like an evening sacrifice (Ps. 141:2),* as we often pray when we use it.

3. Lastly, they offered Jesus *myrrh* – This symbol affirms the humanity of Jesus, His crucifixion, and death. Note: At the funeral of Jesus, they used *myrrh*. For the *magi*, it was a sign of their willingness to suffer themselves. Later, Jesus would say: *Whoever wishes to be my disciple must deny his very self, take up his cross daily, and follow in my me. (Lk. 9:23)*

Epiphany is the manifestation of the Savior Jesus Christ and the revelation of God's universal Plan of Salvation. May Christ be found in our work, prayer, and suffering. A Blessed New Year to all.



Everyday Stewardship

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, and wedding engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the good news?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to him, the more we will want to share about him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to others might be the gift that changes their history.



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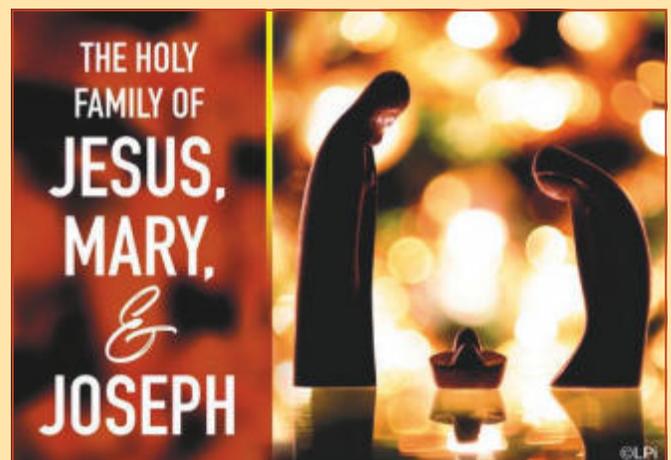


The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



Mary, Mother of God

Mass schedule for the Solemnity

Vigil Dec 31 at 7:00 pm at St Rose
Jan 1 at 9:00 am St Rose & GSM
11:00 am at St Rose



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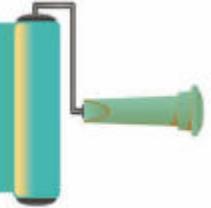
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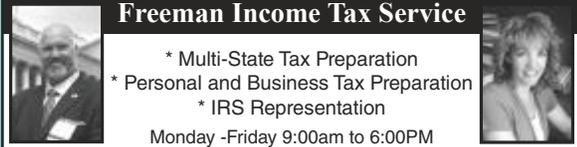
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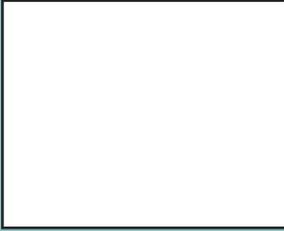
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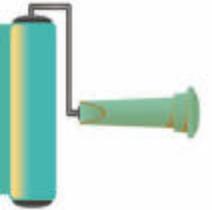
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