

# Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

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### Parish Information

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### Office Hours:

**Mon. - Thurs.** 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Fri.** - 8:30am - 12pm

### Sacraments & Liturgies

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish), 10:30am

#### Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

#### Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

First Friday Mass: 12:00 p.m. at

St. John's Chapel

#### Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

**Baptism:** By appointment, contact  
Parish Office.

**Weddings:** Six months notice  
required. Please contact the pastor  
to begin the preparation process.

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Friday

6:00-7:00pm.

December 27, 2020 • The Holy Family

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

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!

### Catechetical Corner

*Religious Education Classes*

*Christmas Break—No Class*

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

### **Prayers for the Sick:**

#### **Please pray for:**

Juan Franco, Dale Wilson, Jean Beesley, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Betty Conway, Don Perno, Rick Larson, Judy Diskin, Dianne Perno, Lindsey Roberts, Richard Contu.

**Happy Birthday to:** Karen Sontag (26); Jackie Chalfant (27)

#### **Happy Anniversary to:**

Angel & Regina Javier (28).

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the office so we can update our information.*

### **Mass Intentions: December 26th - January 1, 2021**

**Saturday** Special Intentions of Karen Sontag  
**Sunday 8:00** Special Intentions of Jackie Chalfant  
**Sunday 10:30** Special Intentions  
**Tuesday** Jerry Dickerson t / Lisa Berry  
**Wednesday** Jeanne McCreary t / Terry & Laurie Boyne  
**Thursday** Fr. William Novak/Terry & Laurie Boyne  
**Friday** Gretchen Chalfant / Jackie Chalfant

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



**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 /Ps 128/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96/Lk 2:36-40

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18

**Friday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### **Lectors: Saturday 1st & Second Readings**

December 19th - Mike Tanner

December 26th - Jeff Everard

January 2nd - Karen Sontag

January 9th - Mike Tanner

#### **Lectors: Sunday 1st & Second Readings**

December 20th - Chris Lawson

December 27th - Sue Ausmus

January 3rd - C. Gebetsberger

January 10th - Josette Haskell

**Ushers** - volunteer basis

### **Sacred Heart Church Collections**



#### **December 13, 2020 Collection**

Envelope .....\$ 1,726.00

Loose .....\$ 437.00

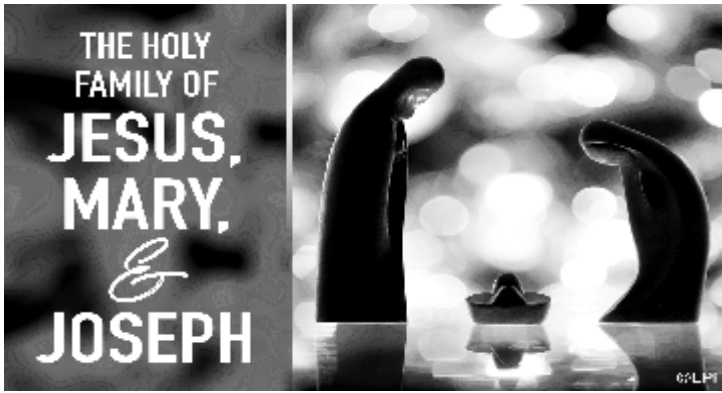
**Total Weekend Collection .....\$ 2,163.00**

Capital Improvement .....\$ 305.00

Holy Day/Immaculate Conception..\$ 512.00

**December 20, 2020 Collection ....Not Available**

*Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7*



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**  
**The Gift of Family**

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation? As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.

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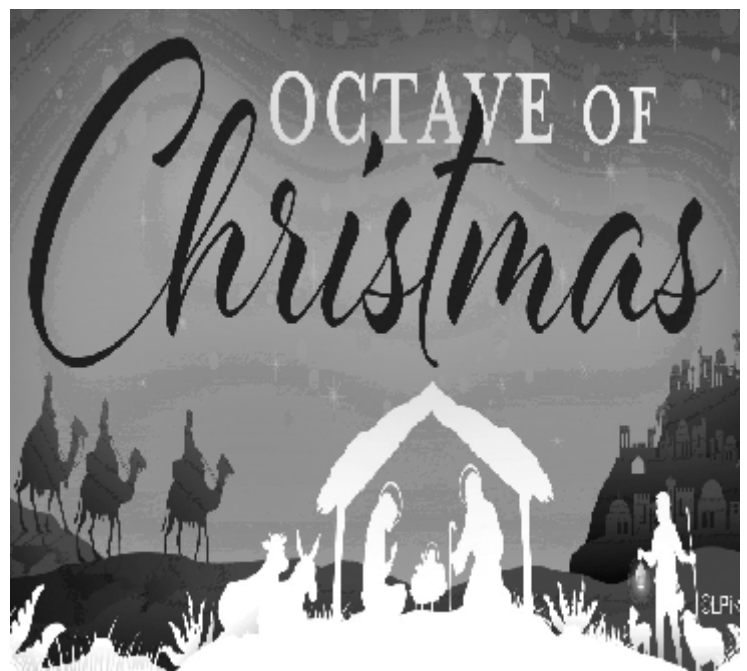
**Knights of Columbus:** The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.  
Contact Grand Knight Robert Mulvihill 918-906-7170.  
**Prayer Network:** For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office.  
**Women's Bible Study Group:** Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.  
**Fatima Ladies:** Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.  
**Grief Support Group:** 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays/8 wk sessions Contact Connie Anderson by text at 319-470-2800.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**January 1, 2021 is the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God and Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.**

The Coats of Compassion drive will continue until January 10th, 2021. The coats will be delivered to Catholic Charities.

**Together in Holiness Marriage Conference** - presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma on Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm at the Parish of Christ the King. Featured Speakers: Kathryn Whitaker and Dcn Tim Sullivan. Registration: \$59/Couple or \$35/Individual At Home Experience: \$15. Early Bird discount available until January 6th. Scholarships available upon request. Visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or [sara@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:sara@forlifeandfamily.org)



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