

St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake

6100 Lohman Ford Road • Lago Vista, Texas 78645

December 26, 2021



*Sculpture by Jim Thomas,
parishioner*

THE HOLY FAMILY



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the third Sunday of the month following the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you have a child that you would like to have baptized, or have been asked to be a godparent, please contact the parish office. Classes are held by appointment.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturday from 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m., and anytime by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered on the first Saturday of each month, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, facing or recovering from surgery, or women who are pregnant are welcome to celebrate this Sacrament of healing. If you or a loved one would like to celebrate this at any other time, please contact the parish office.

Marriage: Couples preparing for marriage should contact the parish office six months prior to the planned wedding date. No date can be scheduled until an initial meeting.

DEVOTIONS

Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is held following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays until 10:30 a.m.

Rosary: The Rosary is prayed every Wednesday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, during Adoration.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed every Friday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

SAINTS, READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 26

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Mass Intentions: 8:30 a.m. *Sunday Smith/Grapp Families*
11:00 a.m. *Sunday For the People of St. Mary's*

Monday, December 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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

Mass Intention 9:00 a.m. *George & Cecelia Koharchik †*

Wednesday, December 29

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

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

Mass Intention 9:00 a.m. *Marcis Family*

Thursday, December 30

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

Mass Intention 9:00 a.m. *Victoria Lofton*

Friday, December 31/Saturday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Mass Intention: 4:00 p.m. *Friday - Vigil Douglas Hayes †*
No Mass on Saturday for this Solemnity



PRAYER REQUEST LIST

All names will remain on the prayer request list for two months. To add, delete or renew someone, please call the office.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Logullo • Van Eman Family • Jesse & Carol Cowart • Paul Normand • Anne Fiedler • Phil Howard • Alicia Blanco • Aubre Davis • Nancy Keck • Webster Veade • Mike Schneider | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kay Schneider • Jan Broxterman • Estela Lopez † • Dee Graff • Alice Michalec • Stephen Coffey Jr. • Doug Degroot • Flor Lopez † • Carol Christ † • Matthew Novelli • Josephine Driver |
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Birthdays

- December 25** Saideli Martinez
- December 26** Cole Corbin, Clara Puentes
- December 27** Laura Duty, Vicki Luckie, Matthew Pieklik, Ian Villela
- December 28** Sandra Miller
- December 29** Dominic Garcia, Emilia Newton
- December 30** Argelia Cantera, Matthew Hallett
- December 31** Laura Arizpe
- January 1** Marah Alatorre-Francis, Miguel Rocha, Cyryl Yannitell

Announcing our First International Epiphany Pot Luck hosted by the Women's Guild.



The Epiphany Pot Luck will be after the 11a.m. Mass on January 2nd in the PAC. All families are cordially invited to attend our First International Epiphany Pot Luck. Please bring a dish or dessert that represents your family heritage for everyone to share. There should be a great variety of foods for all to enjoy. Along with the food there will be coffee, tea, and lemonade furnished by the Women's Guild. You will find a sign-up sheet in the PAC starting December 26 to let us know what you will be bringing and how many will be attending. Hope to see you all there as we Celebrate Epiphany!



STEWARDSHIP

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor 9:7

332 People in Attendance on December 11-12, 2021

| | Dec. 11-12 | Goal | To-Date | Difference |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Weekly Offertory..... | \$5,010.00 | \$6,100.00 | - | -\$1,090.00 |
| Annual Goal..... | - | \$146,400.00 | \$151,712.00 | \$5,312.00 |
| Building Maintenance..... | \$147.00 | - | \$15,750.00 | |
| St. Vincent de Paul..... | \$1,108.00 | - | \$20,774.00 | |
| Clergy & Religious..... | \$1,690.00 | | | |
| Immaculate Conception.. | \$827.00 | | | |

Please continue to support our parish financially in the coming months. An easy option for giving is on-line stewardship. Go to www.stmaryourlady.org, then click on the icon. Online giving has an option for targeted donations. Please add a gift note to designate your beneficiary.

Thank you for your generosity of heart.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - December 26, 2021

"I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least." - Dorothy Day

Matthew 6:33

Dear Parish Family,



I've just addressed you as "Family," and in a very real way, that is what we are. Dictionary.com offers fifteen different definitions of this word, ranging from "a basic social unit consisting of parents and their children, considered as a group, whether dwelling together or not: the traditional family," to "a unit of the Mafia or Cosa Nostra operating in one area under a local leader!" I suppose the definition that fits my use of it would be "a group of people who are generally not blood relations but who share common attitudes, interests, or goals and frequently, live together: Many hippie communes of the sixties regarded themselves as families!" I suppose it's a good thing that we do not live together, and, while I imagine a number of you are rather free-spirited, I'm not so sure you would be considered "hippies" in the true sense of the term. Nevertheless, all of us who make up the Catholic Community of St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake profess a common belief in Jesus Christ as Lord, the Word incarnate of God the Father, sharing a relationship with love in union with the Holy Spirit. In that sense, we are a *family*.

In our personal families, we experience a range of good and not-so-good. How often do we compare our own families with those of others, thinking that ours doesn't measure up somehow? Our families offer some of the richest experiences we can ever have, while at the same time, in some families, some of the most painful occurrences are experienced. In reflecting on this Sunday within the Octave of Christmas – *the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph* – we might wonder how we can possibly relate to such a perfect family. To offer some reassurance here, Jesuit Father James Martin wrote on this in light of the beginning of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, which is proclaimed at the Vigil Mass for Christmas (Mt. 1: 1-25). This passage presents the genealogy of Jesus, "the son of David, the son of Abraham." He writes:

You think your family is dysfunctional? Consider Jesus's family, which we (hear about) in the Gospel of Matthew, who gives us that wonderful long genealogy ("Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob...") that leads up to "Joseph, who was the husband of Mary." The family tree of Jesus of Nazareth is hardly the purest of plants. Among some of the holiest people in salvation history come some, well, not-so-holy ones.

Where to begin? Well, Tamar, whom Judah had chosen as his wife, ended up sleeping with her father-in law, i.e., Judah. (It's more complicated and more sordid than that: check out Genesis) Rahab (who is mentioned by name in the genealogy as the mother of Boaz) is described as a prostitute (and a liar). Ruth was born into a family that had a history of incest. And as for David, he made sure that Uriah, a soldier in his army, was placed on the front lines so that Uriah would be assured of dying in battle. This was done so that David, who had eyes for Uriah's lovely wife, Bathsheba, could marry her. Uriah did die. David married Bathsheba and they gave birth to Solomon. And so on.

The point is that all of our families are to some degree or another dysfunctional. But, with God's grace, great good can come out of our families, no matter how messy they may seem. Remember this during the holidays when you are tempted to lament your family tree. Remember that the parts of your family that you think of as dirt, may be the soil that gives rise to holiness.

Jesus is often called the "Son of David" and, in so many ways, so are we.

May God's richest blessings be with you and your families, always, and in all ways.

Father Ed

A Christmas Prayer

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

The Magi Tree Program

Merry Christmas! – Thank you again to our generous volunteers and donors! The faces of many children were alive with joy, some were moved to tears, and all who received gifts were deeply grateful for your generosity!

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In addition to business ads, please consider an “IN LOVING MEMORY”, or a “SPONSORSHIP” ad. Rates will be going up in January and discounting will be only 10%, so order your ad today!



If you are interested in donating the flowers for the altar in honor or in memory of someone, please call the parish office. The donation is \$35.

EIM Compliance

Is your EIM Compliance for participation in parish activities due for renewal soon? Online EIM training is available until January 2, 2022. To update/renew EIM compliance. Go to www.austindiocese.org/workshop or www.austindiocese.org/taller-de-eim to complete the online training today!

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Please pray for all who have been forgotten, for our parishioners and their families who are sick, for the members of our armed forces and their families and for the caregivers of the sick. Please email the parish at office@stmaryourlady.org if you have special prayer intentions, would like to be added to the e-prayer line or need to send follow up information on a prayer request.


Quinceanera If you are interested in your child celebrating her quinceanera, please call the parish office, 512-267-2644.

Quinceañera Si está interesado en que su hijo celebre su quinceañera, llame a la oficina parroquial, 512-267-2644.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Save the date for the 2022 Catholic Schools Gala

An evening to celebrate Catholic education in the Diocese of Austin and to honor the unsung heroes of our schools will be held Jan. 22. The keynote speaker is Katie Prejean McGrady, a mom and award-winner author, international speaker, podcaster and daily radio show host. This event will also serve as an opportunity to raise funds to support tuition assistance for the 20 Catholic schools in Central Texas. Purchase your tickets, reserve your tables or become a sponsor today! Visit the Catholic Schools website at <https://csdatx.org/2022ccs> for more information.



Child Protection and Safety Notice

Young children should never be allowed to roam unsupervised whether in a parish building or on parish grounds. It is recommended that all children under the age of 10 be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times within the church and PAC such as to restrooms, cry room, etc. This is for the safety and well-being of all our children.

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Upcoming Parent Information Session: January 14th 9:00 am-10:30 am

Prospective parents are invited to attend an Information Session to learn how academic excellence, stewardship and Catholic faith formation guide our students lives. During this session, parents will learn about our school, enjoy a parent led tour of our beautiful campus, and hear about our admission process. Did you know that Holy Family has more than 600 students and is a Blue-Ribbon School? To find out more, please contact Grace Everett, Admissions Director, at 512-246-4455 or geverett@holyfamilys.org. Applications for the 2022-2023 school year will be accepted beginning November 1, 2021.



MARRIED COUPLES: The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be held on January 7-9 at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock. See www.austinme.org for more information and to apply. For the upcoming January Weekend only, use this code when applying: GIFT20 for \$20 off the application fee. Or you can email wwmeaustin@gmail.com or call 512-677-WWME (9963). Apply early to ensure a space.

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