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## DECEMBER 26, 2021



### THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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### MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

6:30AM (except Saturday)

8:30AM

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

5:30PM (Saturday)

SUNDAY MASS

7:30AM, 9:00AM

11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish)

5:30PM

Livestream Mass

See Page 5 for details

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# From Our Pastor

On the day immediately following Christmas, I am so used to celebrating the Feast of St. Stephen, the protomartyr, or first martyr of the Church. This year, however, we roll right into the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, instead. The celebration of the martyrdom of St. Stephen falls off the liturgical calendar, as did the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which gave way to the celebration of the Third Sunday of Advent. There is something of a “science” that goes into determining what feasts and celebrations take precedence on the liturgical calendar, and if anyone wants to get into it, I’d suggest clicking on the US Bishops website (<https://www.usccb.org/resources/2022-liturgical-calendar>).

In thinking about what I might say about family, however, I find myself being somewhat reflective. I’ve been thinking about the joy that my nieces, Mollie and Anna, bring to our entire family. But I’ve also been remembering back into my own childhood, and my experiences of growing up in a remote part of the world. I had a very blessed and carefree childhood. I was blessed to know my grandparents on both sides of my family. Not only did I know them, but I knew them as young men and women not much older than I am today. They were energetic and engaging, and deeply involved in my life. In fact, it was not uncommon for my father’s parents to “kidnap” me without my parents knowing. We would be gone for the day, just driving around, visiting extended family and friends. I have very fond memories of those days, and of the times spent with my adoring grandparents. To this day I can remember things they said, jokes that I was told, and insights for life that they shared with me.



Much has changed in our experiences of family and I have learned that not everyone’s experience is the same. Traditionally, family might have been understood as a husband and wife and their children. Today, there are a variety of realities embraced and being understood as family, for example, there are single-parent families, co-habiting couples with and without children, foster families, same-sex parent families, child-free families, etc. There are many people who enter into relationships of intentionality in which people choose others to be family together. Then there is the whole world of “extended family.”

How we understand family is important in our society, and it seems to me that it’s not as simple as articulating things according to any one person’s experience. There are a myriad of related issues to this that we have to consider in society today. Immediately I am thinking of who gets to be with loved ones in hospitals or in other care settings. Caregiver

benefits and opportunities for leave from work, compassionate leave and other forms of leave, are often described in terms of family relationships. Likewise, how we understand family goes into our development of parental rights and responsibilities as well as maternity and paternity leave policies. Add to this that it is not uncommon in our time for multi-generational families to live within the same household, and as people live longer, it begins to stretch members of families in their relationships and the attendant responsibilities.

While these might all be issues that deserve our considered attention, on this day when we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, it’s worth remembering that our scriptures have an abundance of insights into family relationships and the range of experiences is reflected in the pithy sayings from the Book of Proverbs (e.g. “Listen to your father who begot you, do not despise your mother when she is old.” Prov 23:22; “Discipline your children, and they will bring you comfort, and give delight to your soul.” Prov 29:17), as well as in the longer narratives such as we hear in today’s first reading and gospel.

While families have grown increasingly complex, and our understanding of what constitutes a family has been stretched and continues to be stretched in how we work to support and nurture families, it is good to remember that God-among-us in the person of Jesus, entered into this world and began the work of salvation as a child, as a son, with a mother and father to guide and guard him. It was within the context of family that the experiences and wisdom of generations before him was passed on to him as his birthright, and the history of his people was embodied in the lives of his immediate and extended family. This was true for Jesus, and it has its parallels in our own lives.

As we seek to live lives of Christian discipleship, we don’t do this apart from the context of who we are in our relationships with one another, and foremost among those relationships are those we have within our families.

May God bless the families of our community. May God grace all those who take their place within their families, striving to be their best selves in their relationships with one another. May we find in our lives of love for our brothers and sisters, our children and our parents, a pattern of love to enable us to open our hearts to all those in need. May God bless us all, that we in turn, may be a blessing for our world.

*Fr. David*

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### 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

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

**Sunday:** The Holy Family

**Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

**Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

**Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

**Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

**Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

**Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church



### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION CLASS FOR BEGINNERS

Meditation has many neurological and physical benefits to the human body. Learn more about the form of meditation found in Christianity and practice it with us. **Saturdays**

**January 8 - February 12, 2022, 9:45AM - 10:30AM**

Sessions taught by Fr. Francis Kim at St. Mel's Parish Center in Woodland Hills. Please email Genevieve to register at: [vievelane@gmail.com](mailto:vievelane@gmail.com) \$30 or 2 for \$50. Includes Meditation Guide book.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

Please invite any family members or friends who may be in need of this sacrament.

**Meetings will begin Tuesday, January 25, 2022 from 7:00PM - 9:00PM. Please call Sr. Sharon to register at 818-349-2836.**

Please provide a copy of your Baptism and First Communion Certificates.



### GENESIS TO JESUS BIBLE STUDY

**Thursdays 10:00AM - 12:00PM**  
**in the Moran Center**

**January 13 through March 10, 2022**

Workbooks for the study can be found on the following link: [stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com) or through Amazon.com for \$24.99.

Spend your Lent learning more about God's immense love for you. For information and/or registration, please contact Carmen Schroeder at 818-368-2393 or email [biblestudy@ollnr.org](mailto:biblestudy@ollnr.org). Register early since space is limited.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND

Healing after abortion this retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential.

**January 28 - 30, 2022 at Poverello of Assisi Retreat Center, San Fernando. Cost is \$250.00 per person.**

For confidential registration or more information please call or email: Roseanne Becker at 661-510-8258, [rachelsvineyardscv@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardscv@gmail.com)



### THE CHURCH OF GOD IS CONVOKED IN SYNOD

The theme of the synod is "For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission." With this convocation, Pope Francis invites the whole Church to question itself on synodality: a

decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church." What the pope is calling "the synodal path" is a journey of prayer and reflection. In this coming year, he is asking each of us to think about our relationship with Jesus Christ, our communion with him in his Church, and how we participate in his mission. This site will accompany the two-year journey (2021-2023) of reflection and sharing of the whole Church.

<https://www.synod.va/en.html>.

# Parish Family

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 27 and Friday, December 31.**

**Regular hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM, closure for lunch from 12:00PM - 1:00PM**

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## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN



### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Check Christmas Presents for Button Batteries

Many parents will be spending the next few days and weeks assembling (and reassembling) their children's gifts, and it's important to be on the lookout for potential hazards, including button batteries. Button batteries are small, round discs used in anything from toys to key fobs to watches. If these batteries end up being swallowed or placed in a child's nose or ears, they can cause serious damage - from electrical currents to tissue burns. Keep an eye on the power sources for the toys your children get this Christmas, and consider taking extra safety measures for anything with a button battery. For more information, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/button-batteries>.

For more information call Safeguard at 213-637-7508 or email [bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org)

If you need to complete "Protecting God's Children" or take re-certification, "Keeping God's Promise" VIRTUS® training contact Dianne at [parishcenter@ollnr.org](mailto:parishcenter@ollnr.org). Zoom sessions are available.

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Erik & Carolina Lozano	4
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## PARISH SUPPORT

This holiday season we are expecting an unprecedented

number of people throughout our community to turn to Our Lady of Lourdes for warm meals, comfort, and shelter. No one in need should be turned away, which is why we are reaching out to our parishioners. Your generous online donations will help sustain holiday ministries that reflect God's love. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for e-Giving from your smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts help sustain our parish throughout the year. They provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Here's how you can help:

- \* **Drop off your weekly envelopes in the mail slot at the Parish Center Monday - Friday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM**
- \* **Mail your weekly contribution to the Parish Center or drop it in the collection basket on Sunday**
- \* **Call Faith Direct at 866-507-8757, church ID 756**
- \* **Transition to online giving by visiting, [faith.direct/CA756](http://faith.direct/CA756)**
- \* **Text ENROLL to 818-334-6955 or visit our [website](http://www.ollnr.org) and click on the "Donate" tab**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God bless you,

**Fr. David**

Pastor



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday - Friday: 6:30AM**  
**Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM**  
**Vigil for Sunday 5:30PM (Saturday)**  
**Sundays: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish) and 5:30PM**

### LIVESTREAM MASS

**Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM**  
**Sundays: 9:00AM and 12:30PM (Spanish)**

To watch our masses live, just visit our [website](#).

The liturgies may also be viewed by pointing your browser to <https://vimeo.com/ollnr> where our liturgies will be available for 48 hours.

Our parish priests are praying for all of our parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes and all those listed on our Mass Intentions.



**Celebrate your marriage anniversary with our parish community at our livestream Sunday masses once a month.**

You may send a picture to [awing@ollnr.org](mailto:awing@ollnr.org) to be used in an anniversary video.

Please call Betty Peltier at 818-363-0174 for additional information.



## IN LOVING MEMORY

Sean Cronin  
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 Bronislawa Kicka

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>December 26</b>	7:30AM	Evelyn Ward Cassidy (D), David Cassidy (D)
	9:00AM	Jaravata & Navarro Families
	11:00AM	Elena Evangelista (D), John Patrissi (D)
	12:30PM	Tomasia Hernandez (D)
	5:30PM	Rebecca Sanchez Figueroa (D)
<b>December 27</b>	6:30AM	Jennifer O'Brien (D) Lourdes Memales Vasquez (D)
	8:30AM	Madelyn Kamins (D), Filiberta Zamora (D)
	8:30AM	Alan Evangelista (D), Paul Treadwell (D)
<b>December 28</b>	6:30AM	Wayne Tippie (D), Anne Wong Mak (D)
	8:30AM	Mary Baker (D)
<b>December 29</b>	6:30PM	Brian Diaz, Robert Valdemor
	8:30AM	Elena Evangelista (D), Carlos Vito Cruz (D)
<b>December 30</b>	6:30AM	Leo Kim, Eddie Velasco
	8:30AM	Buenaventura Agraviador (D)
		Sabina Agraviador (D)
<b>December 31</b>	6:30AM	Bonnie Danielson, Roy Perera
	8:30AM	Tamaki Nakashima (D), Monina Valdecanas (D)
<b>January 01</b>	8:30AM	Herminia Gonzales, Richard Ragon
	5:30PM	Chuck Weghorst (D), Aaron Shifrin (D)
<b>January 02</b>	7:30AM	Anthony & Mary McAndrew (D)
	9:00AM	Ann Sabelen (D), Carlos Elorza (D)
	11:00AM	Cecelia Richards (D), Linawati Gunawan (D)
	12:30PM	Tom Christopher Jeronimo (D)
	5:30PM	Edwin Josafat Jeronimo (D)
		William Anderson, Tess Martinez Morales



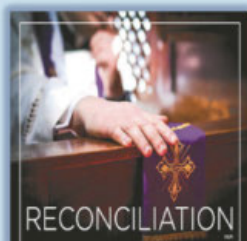
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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Confession in the Church Confessional Chapels**  
**4:00 - 5:00PM and 7:30 - 8:00PM Saturdays**

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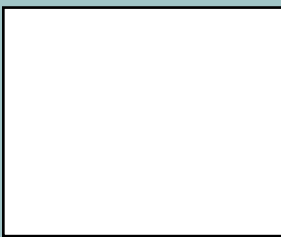
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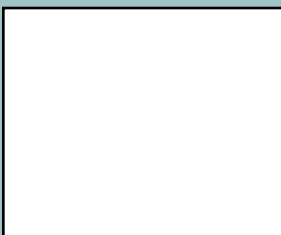
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# 2021 OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Sunday, December 26  
(Feast of The Holy Family)

7:30AM

9:00AM

11:00AM

12:30PM Spanish

5:30PM

Parish Office is closed

Monday, December 27

6:30AM and 8:30AM

Parish Office is closed

Friday, December 31

6:30AM and 8:30AM

Parish Office is closed

Saturday, January 1, 2022

(Solemnity of Mary)

8:30AM and 5:30PM (Vigil for Sunday)

Parish Office is closed

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### 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.

