



# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Catholic Church

DECEMBER 26, 2021

The Holy Family

## MASS

### DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday | 8:30am

Saturday | 5pm

Saturday | 7pm (*Spanish*)

Sunday | 8am, 10am

Sunday | 12pm (*Spanish*)

### CONFESSIONS

Friday | 7:30am - 8:15am

Saturday | 3:00pm - 4:45pm

or by appointment.

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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.  
- Jn 1:14

Y aquel que es la Palabra se hizo hombre  
y habitó entre nosotros.  
Hemos visto su gloria,  
gloria que le corresponde como a Unigénito del Padre,  
lleno de gracia y de verdad.  
- Jn 1, 14

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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.

*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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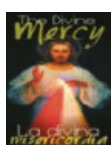
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Fam. Robles

*Dichosos los que viven en tu casa, Señor.  
(Salmo 84)*

**SATURDAY, SABADO DECEMBER 25**

- 9:00am For the People
- 5:00pm †Dorothy & Raymond Hansen
- 7:00pm Confirmation Preparation—Parents & Students

**SUNDAY, DOMINGO DECEMBER 26**

- 8:00am †Leonard Dornak
- 10:00am †Edward Pavlik Sr.
- 12:00pm For the People

**MONDAY, LUNES DECEMBER 27**

- 8:30am Richard Nanez

**TUESDAY, MARTES DECEMBER 28**

- 8:30am Jose Vega y Familia

**WED, MIERCOLES DECEMBER 29**

- 8:30am †Rosalinda Hernandez

**THURSDAY, JUEVES DECEMBER 30**

- 8:30am †Luz Martinez Garza

**FRIDAY, VIERNES DECEMBER 31**

- 8:30am †George & †Ruth Meyer
- 5:00pm For the People

**SUNDAY READING**

First Reading:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request.

Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD;

as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers,

listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

**1 bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord... You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Luke 2:10-12**

**SECOND COLLECTION / SEGUNDA COLECTA**

- Today's second collection is for Capital Campaign
- La segunda colecta de hoy es para Campania Capital

**WEEKLY READINGS**

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 2:1-1



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### Pray for Vocations Crucifix Schedule

5:00pm Jan 1 Magda & Jerry Gwodz  
8:00am Jan 2 Antonio & Carmen Arreola  
10:00am Jan 2 Marguerite & Curtis Bagwell



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## NEWS & EVENTS

### Faith Formation Office

Oficina del Catecismo  
Will be Closed  
estara cerrada

**Dec. 20, 2021 - January 3, 2022**

Merry Christmas &  
A Happy New Year!

### 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



## FISH FRY FRIDAY

**EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

Jan 7 / Feb. 4

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**\$ 11.00 / PLATE**

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### Holy Hour / Hora Santa

English Holy Hour Every  
Wednesday 6:30pm



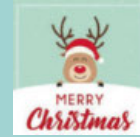
Hora Santa en Español

Primer Viernes

después de la Misa de 7:00pm

Everyone is Welcome

**From Father John  
and all the Staff**



**The parish office will be closed  
Dec 23, 24 and 27th.  
La oficina de la Parroquia estará  
cerrada Dec 23, 24 y 27.**

St John the Baptist Chapel will be closed from Friday Dec. 17, 2021 at 12 midnight and will re-open on Monday January 3, 2022 at 9:00am after daily Mass.

The Chapel may be closed, although Adoration never stops. Spend time wherever you are in Adoration as God is with us at all times.

La Capilla de San Juan Bautista permanecerá cerrada desde el Viernes 17 de Diciembre a las 12 de la noche y volverá abrir el Lunes 3 de Enero, 2022 a las 9am después de la Misa diaria.

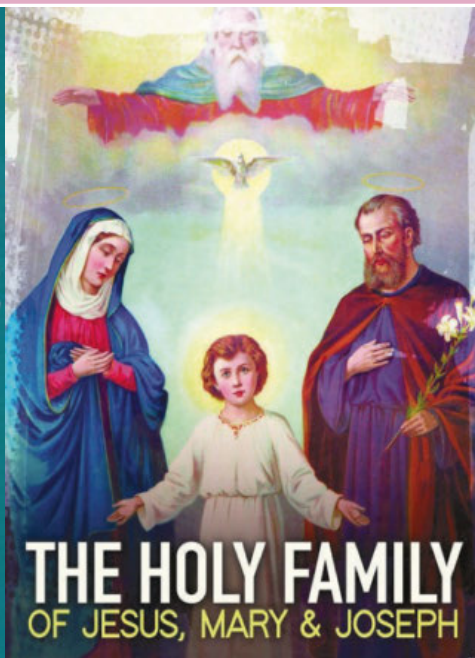
La Capilla puede estar cerrada, aunque la Adoración nunca se detiene. Pasa tiempo dondequiera que estés en Adoración, ya que Dios está con nosotros todo el tiempo.



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.



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**Wishing you  
a blessed  
New Year**





Jackie Hernandez  
Elysia Collins

Juan M. Morales Soto  
Mark Lund  
Ana Maria Medina  
Santa Bendides



† Alonzo Flores †

**26 de Diciembre de 2021 La Sagrada Familia**

Hoy es un día para celebrar a la familia - a la nuestra y a las familias de todo el mundo, de celebrar y gozar a los hijos, nietos y parientes cercanos y lejanos. Dios quiso nacer en una familia y por medio de ella, se nos ofrece una oportunidad para conocerle mejor y amarle más. Recordemos que es en la familia donde se forjan los santos y santas de Dios. Y es también en ella donde están los vicios y malas acciones. ¡Cuidado padres de familia! Aprender de la familia de Nazaret es importante. Cada día del año es una oportunidad para continuar la búsqueda de Dios, de Jesús, en nuestro hogar. Podemos vislumbrar, en la Liturgia de hoy, a tres figuras importantes del hogar de Nazaret: una mujer con su pequeño y su esposo, listos para hacer la voluntad de Dios, para orar y platicar en familia. El papa Francisco nos dice que: "Realmente, hoy es un día hermoso... hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. El término sagrada coloca a esta familia en el ámbito de la santidad, que es un don de Dios, pero, al mismo tiempo, es una adhesión libre y responsable al plan de Dios" (12-29-2019). Sé, y busco cuál es el plan de Dios para mi hogar o ¿ni siquiera me importa ese diálogo entre esposa, esposo e hijos? El tiempo de confinamiento debió ser una oportunidad para crecer en gracia y sabiduría en la familia. ¿Lo ve usted así? Padres de familia, la mejor herencia para sus hijos y nietos es fomentar la fe, la educación, el amor y la unidad en el hogar.

**December 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

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