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## *Catholic Church*

DECEMBER 26, 2021 | HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

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We gather in praise and worship of the Father, called by our baptism in Christ and living in His Spirit. Sent forth to embody the universal mission of the Catholic Church.

Our Christian life calls us to challenge and support persons in their efforts to love and serve the Lord through abiding love of one another, to share joyfully His Word and

Sacrament, and to heal and witness the love and peace of His kingdom through generous outreach and selfless service to all, especially the least among us.

Under thy protection we  
seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
In our needs, despise not  
our petitions, but deliver  
us always from all  
dangers, O glorious and  
blessed Virgin. Amen

*When I am afraid, in you  
I place my trust. PS 56.4*



## 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

# WELCOME

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## 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.

### LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

*And his mother kept all these things in her heart.*

*Luke 2:51*



# STEWARDSHIP

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## WEEKLY COLLECTION for 12/12/21

COLLECTIONS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
General Collections	\$18,961.54	\$18,345.00	(\$616.54)
Building Fund	\$2,269.23	\$1,915.33	(\$353.90)
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$21,230.77</b>	<b>\$20,260.33</b>	<b>(\$970.44)</b>

## FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE COLLECTIONS

July 1, 2021 - December 12, 2021

COLLECTIONS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
General Collections	\$455,076.92	\$395,430.03	(\$59,646.89)
Building Fund	\$54,461.54	\$35,489.21	(\$18,972.33)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$509,538.46</b>	<b>\$430,919.24</b>	<b>(\$78,619.22)</b>



## SECOND COLLECTION OPPORTUNITY

### Diocesan Infirm Priests' Fund December 24 & 25

The Catholics of our area have a strong tradition for supporting our Infirm Priest Fund. Remember that you are providing needed generosity for these dedicated men who have given a lifetime ministry to the faithful of our diocese. As the average age of our priests continue to rise, the need in this area will only increase as we seek to care for those priests who provided spiritual care to us and our families. Please prayerfully consider how you can assist our infirm priests, and may God bless you for your assistance in this worthy cause.



The end of the year can be an excellent time to review your important financial matters, especially those dealing with your desire to make any charitable gift to the Church before December 31, 2021. Your consideration of a year-end gift to our parish is greatly appreciated.

All donations postmarked by December 31, 2021 will appear on your tax statement for the 2021 calendar year. Questions concerning your donations, online giving or tax statements may be directed to Lori Mainiero in the church office.

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

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- ✕ indicates Deceased
- (SI) indicates Living

## Saturday, December 25

10 AM

Benefactors of SVdP

4 PM

- ✕ Walter Snelling

## Sunday, December 26

8:15 AM

- ✕ Lily Green

11 AM

- ✕ Wilbert Maxey

5 PM

Parishioners of St. Elizabeth  
Ann Seton

## Mon., December 27; 7:30 AM

- ✕ Rich Baki

## Tues., December 28; 7:30 AM

- ✕ Paul Warren

## Wed., December 29; 7:30 AM

- ✕ Bob & Mary Vento

## Thurs., December 30; 7:30 AM

- ✕ Emile & Rosalie Danna

## Friday, December 31; 4 PM

(SI) Kathy Snelling

- ✕ Jim Sweeney

## KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Rodger & Shirley Anderson  
Owen Aycock  
Harold & Carol Battarbee  
Bernadette Bitting  
Hadley Marie Bourgeois  
Denise Bridges  
Zena Cobbs  
Sawyer Cobbs  
Dale Dupuy  
Thomas Ebarb  
Austin Folks  
Kim Green  
Jessica Harrison  
Larry and Theresa Holland  
Juanita Huffstickler  
Kathy Iles  
Bob Kalinsky  
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Briar Kelley Lee  
Walter & Kathy Matrana

Jo Maxey  
Roy Maxey  
Joe Miciotto  
Chris Murphy  
Elise Murphy  
Lisa Naquin  
Pat Pledger  
Heather Porter  
John Reindardy  
Dr. Michael Reinardy  
Richard Reinardy  
William Reinardy  
Trish Schoolfield  
Ivy Seely  
Joan Sieve  
Amanda Tomaccio  
David Turner  
Bobby & Marianne Walley  
Deacon Mike Whitehead

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Prays for those serving our country, especially:

William G. A. Hock & Waverly K. A. Hock  
Aaron Macy  
Matthew Rambin  
William Rambin

## Bulletin Prayer List and Prayers for Those Serving Our Country

Our prayer list will be refreshed at the beginning of each month. If you would like prayers for a specific person to continue into the next month, please call or email the church office at the first of the month to have your loved one added to the new list. Thank you.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26

Sun  
26 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
Col 3:12-21  
Lk 2:41-52

Mon  
27 1 Jn 1:1-4  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tues  
28 1 Jn 1:5—2:2  
Mt 2:13-18

Wed  
29 1 Jn 2:3-11  
Lk 2:22-35

Thurs  
30 1 Jn 2:12-17  
Lk 2:36-40

Fri  
31 1 Jn 2:18-21  
Jn 1:1-18

Sat  
1 Nm 6:22-27  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

Sun  
2 Is 60:1-6  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2:1-12



# PARISH LIFE

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*Christmas, Octave Day of the Nativity and Epiphany Mass Schedule*

**CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24**

- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM Mass - Fr. Price\*
- 7:00 PM Mass - Fr. Norsworthy\*
- 12:00 AM Mass (Midnight) - Fr. Price\*

**CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25**

- 10:00 AM Mass - Fr. Price\*
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM Mass - Fr. Price\*

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY DECEMBER 26**

- 8:15 AM Mass - Fr. Norsworthy
- 10:00 AM Confessions
- 11:00 AM Mass - Fr. Price\*
- 5:00 PM Mass - Fr. Norsworthy

*\*indicates livestreamed Mass*

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Friday, December 31

- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM Mass - Fr. Norsworthy\*

Saturday, January 1

- 9:00 AM Confessions
- 10:00 AM Mass - Fr. Price\*

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Saturday, January 1

- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM Mass - Fr. Norsworthy\*

Sunday, January 2

- 8:15 AM Mass - Fr. Price
- 10:00 AM Confessions
- 11:00 AM Mass - Fr. Norsworthy\*
- 5:00 PM Mass - Fr. Price

## St. Vincent de Paul December Report Card

The 2021 holiday season is almost over and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church worked to make it a little brighter for those not as blessed as we are. With the generosity of our parishioners, SVdP was able to help several families, many with children, including:

1. provided complete food baskets to 25 households, many of them Veterans;
2. purchased and delivered food items and personal care items to 18 homeless individuals;
3. paid 7 separate electric bills and/or gas bills for families or individuals;
4. helped buy clothing for two families;
5. helped with partial rent payments for 2 different families with children to avoid eviction.

SVdP partners with multiple agencies and organizations to ensure those in need receive the support and assistance they need. Just a few of these partners are: Catholic Charities; Christian Service Program; Renesting; Hope Connections and other SVdP Shreveport/Bossier Conferences.

Call Carl Bigner at 865-5808 for more information.

## KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Our Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual Catholic Youth Leadership Award event in late January 2022. This competition is open to Catholic high school seniors who are practicing the faith. The application for consideration for a leadership award are available online, <https://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/>, and in our Director of Religious Education, Kendell Martinez's office. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, January 7, 2022.

**Friday, January 7th**  
First Friday Adoration  
Burleigh Center at 6:30 PM

**Friday, January 14th**  
Blatterball Tournament  
Burleigh Center at 6:30 PM

**Friday, January 21st**  
Real + True: Unit 2  
Burleigh Center at 6:30 PM

**Friday, January 28th**  
Trivia Night  
Burleigh Center at 6:30 PM



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