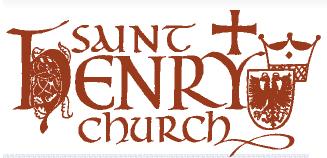
December 26, 2021 & January 2, 2022



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Holy Hour Bilingual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament December 31 @ 6pm Spanish Mass at 7pm

Come join your fellow parishioners for an hour of Adoration followed by

Mass in the Church.

Mass Schedule Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 11am English & 1:30pm Spanish

Daily Mass: Monday ~ Saturday 8am (January 1 morning Mass at 10am [not 8am])

Reconciliation: Saturday 3pm



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Church Calendar and Events



Mass & Event Calendar Sunday December 26

Masses: 8:30am & 11am English, 1:30pm Spanish

(Organ & Piano Duets at 8am with Jo Tuttle & Rod Spring) 9:45am Everyday Strength (OC)

> No Children or Teen Faith Classes or Sacramental Preparation Classes today

Monday December 27 Daily Mass: 8am English

Tuesday December 28 Daily Mass: 8am English Vespers Service for Holy Innocents 7pm (CH) English

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry 10am (SVDPP)
Spanish RICA 7pm (MC)

Wednesday December 29 Daily Mass: 8am English

O.A. 10:30am – 12noon (Rm 7) English Choir 6:30pm (CH) Spanish Choir 7pm (MC) No Youth Ministry tonight

Thursday December 30

Daily Masses: 8am English, & 7pm Spanish

Brother & Sister Kitchen Serving to-go 12noon (GYM)
Folk Group Practice 6pm (MC)
Spanish Leadership Meeting 7pm (MC)

Friday December 31 Daily Mass: 8am English
Spanish Mass: 7pm

Bilingual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm

Saturday January 1
New Year's Day Mass: 10am English
Vigil Mass: 5pm English

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry 10am (SVDPP)
Spanish Baptism Class (Pre-Registration) 9am (Rm 7)

Sunday January 2 Epiphany

Masses: 8:30am, 11am English and 1:30pm Spanish

9:45am Everyday Strength (OC)

No Children or Teen Faith Classes or Sacramental Preparation Classes today Mass & Event Calendar

Monday January 3 Daily Mass: 8am English

Tuesday January 4 Daily Mass: 8am English
St. Vincent de Paul Pantry 10am (SVDPP)
Spanish RICA 7pm (MC)

Wednesday January 5 Daily Mass: 8am English

O.A 10:30am—12noon (Rm 7)
English Choir 6:30pm (CH)
Spanish Choir 7pm (MC)
Youth Ministry 6:30pm (PC)

Thursday January 6

Daily Masses: 8am English, & 7pm Spanish

Brother & Sister Kitchen Serving to-go 12noon (GYM)
Folk Group Practice 6pm (MC)
Spanish Leadership Meeting 7pm (MC)
English RCIA 7pm (FSR)

Friday January 7 Daily Mass: 8am English

Youth Choir 7pm (CH)

Saturday January 8
Daily Mass: 8 am English
Vigil Mass: 5pm English

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry 10am (SVDPP) Fatima Prayer Cell 8:30am (MC)

Sunday January 9

Masses: 8:30am & 11am English, & 1:30pm Spanish

9:45am Everyday Strength (OC)

EFF / Sac Prep Classes 9:45am & 12noon (PC)

Please pray for Joseph DiPietro who has recently died. May Joseph and all the faithfully departed rest in peace.



"What you ask in my name, I will do" John 14:13. Every January 1 the Prayer list starts over.

Please pray for... Art Abbott, Marven Bowman,
Page Bowman, Vickie Rizzo
Out of respect for an individuals privacy,
we print only the names of those who give
their permission to have their names published.
Please call the office to have your name on this list.

~ Pastor's Notes ~ Mother of God





Mother of God 2021: At the National Museum of Women in the Arts (Washington DC) Dec 5 2014 – April 12 2015 – six rooms were set aside to showcase art about Mary, the Mother of God. The six rooms describe the display: Mary the Life of Believers, Mary as Idea, A Singular Life, Mother of the Crucified, Woman and Mother, Madonna and Child. The artists represented: Fra Filippo Lippi, Michelangelo, Lorenzo di Credi, Rembrandt. The images were amazing! And the obvious response? An invitation to prayer, contemplation and awe!

We Catholics celebrate Mary, so we say Mary Christmas. Mary is Jesus' most faithful disciple. Mary is our model for following Jesus, for from Jesus' birth to death, Mary contemplates and ponders Jesus. May Mary grow her Son Jesus in our hearts! She was there in Mexico as Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1517, in Vietnam in 1792, Our Lady of Lavang, giving solace and healing to persecuted Catholics. She was there in Lasallete, France in 1846, and in Paris giving the

miraculous medal to St. Catherine Laboure in 1870. She was there at Lourdes, in the Pyrenees on the border of Spain and France in 1858. She was there in Knock, Ireland in 1879, and in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. There are many other apparitions of Mary, all resulting from her love for us and all calling us to a deeper love of her Son. For that is what a true Christian mother does. A mother loves.

On this Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we are reminded that Mary is our mother too. We call out to her to protect us from the enemy who would destroy the life of her son within us and among us. We ask her as her children, to nurture us, to teach us and always to love us. So does our devotion to Mary distract us from our devotion to Jesus? No, it strengthens our devotion to God. He gave us Mary to be our mother so that we might always be guided by her to her Son. Mary is our mother too! She leads her children to love God.

Epiphany 2021: What a contrast we have, a striking poverty of the manger scene...and here comes some Persians in fine, bright, colorful garments...with camels completing a long journey following a star. The contrast continues. They bring extravagant gifts...And their posture is one of homage...This is all held up for our contemplation and imitation. There are Two themes here: God's gift manifested AND Mission. Today we concentrate with the Magi on the Mission: 1. To be open to the star – to really be open to the epiphany! 2. To accomplish our own journey to the Lord 3. To say no

to the distracting idols around us 4. To be courageous against the Herods of today: the forces of violence, hatred, and darkness that resist the light.

Perhaps there are some elements of the secret that is still hidden: **no one is to be excluded from Christ**. What St. Paul says about the gentiles refers to all people of whatever background, experience, orientation, or what have you: We are all co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the same promise of Christ Jesus through the gospel. I am tired of people using religion as an excuse to look down on other people. And I am frustrated at the times that I have done this myself. The Solemnity of the Epiphany teaches us this: There is no us and them in Jesus Christ. There is only one big us, an us that includes all people, everywhere.





In honor of the Holy Innocents, the St. Henry Respect Life Committee is holding a Vesper Service on Tuesday, December 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All are invited to come and participate in this beautiful prayer service to honor the Holy Innocents and to pray for all children who die from abortion. Come and honor these children and pray for them and their mothers and all expectant mothers who are experiencing difficulty of any type. Deacon Larry Loumena will be presiding. We will be reciting the psalms and prayers and singing the hymns that make up this beautiful liturgical service. The service will last about a half hour. The usual Covid precautions will be observed. Ques-

tions: Jerry McAfee, Phone # 503-260-8995.

Schedules and Readings



Greeters & Lector Schedule for the Weekends of January 2 & 9

January 2

5:00pm Saturday Evening... Greeter: Karen Lewis, Bill & Mary Hay Lector: Terry Tygielska

8:30am Sunday Morning... Greeter: Dixie Sweo, Jean Bertson, Peggy Hietpas Lector: C.M. Owen

11:00am Sunday Morning... Greeters: Bev Chaney, Sanzones, Godwin Emetarom Lector: Brandon Dannog

January 9

5:00pm Saturday Evening... Greeter: Ilene Burkhardt, Neil & Diane Kaufman Lector: Jeanne Chambers

8:30am Sunday Morning... Greeter: Donna Leinhard, Jim & Eileen Suchanek Lector: Marcy Marlow

11:00am Sunday Morning... Greeters: Pat Fiedler, Sharon Williams, Chris Honig Lector: Judy Giorgi

M	Mass Intentions December The Swancutt Family +Dominic & Shirley Rogers	27 - January 2 (Cathy Swancutt) (Gail Edwards)
Т	Catholic Educators +Mike Myers	(Ron Welsh) (Family)
W	+Helen Clow	(Claire Clow)
Т	+IHM Sisters of St. Henry School +St. Henry School Alumni +Juana Garcia & Estanisluo Lopez	(Ron Welsh) (Ron Welsh) (Lopez Family)
F	-St. Henry School Alumni	(Ron Welsh)
S	-Men of Meadows/Huachuca +Those who died alone	(Ron Welsh) (Ron Welsh)
S	Home Bound Parishioners Health Care Professionals -Christians in Afghanistan	(Ron Welsh) (Ron Welsh) (Ron Welsh)

M	Mass Intentions +Mark Ponganis	January 3 - 9 (Gerald McAfee)
T	+Mark Ponganis	(Gerald McAfee)
W	City of Gresham	(Ron Welsh)
Т	RCIA Candidates	(Ron Welsh)
	-Farmers and Truckers	(Ron Welsh)
F	-Parish Musicians & Choirs	(Ron Welsh)
S	+Bruce Allen Masseth	(Ron Welsh)
	+Fr. Evan Harkins	(Ron Welsh)
S	+Souls in Purgatory	(Ron Welsh)
	-Freedom of Religion	(Ron Welsh)
	Family of Anne & Charlie Jochim	
		(Thursday Book Group)

St. Thomas Becket | Feast Day December 29

Not many saints can be relatable to our times, but St. Thomas Becket (December 21, 1118 – December 29, 1170) is one of the few. King Henry II, a good friend, made him chancellor of England at the age of 36. Then, despite St. Thomas Becket warning the king that he would not blindly follow his wishes, he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162.

Soon after, King Henry insisted upon seizing Church rights. In the name of peace, St. Thomas Becket came close to a compromise, and momentarily approved the Constitutions of Clarendon, which would have denied the clergy the right of trial by a Church court. But he later rejected this, and for his safety fled to France where he remained in exile for seven years.

Although returning to England meant almost certain death, St. Thomas Becket came back. According to historical accounts, King Henry implored, "Who will free me from this troublesome

priest!" St. Thomas Becket was later murdered by four knights in his Canterbury Cathedral as he was praying. For his part in the murder, King Henry per formed public penance after St. Thomas Becket's canonization.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Pg 4 Question: What does RCIA stand for? Answer: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Community News



Epiphany ©LPi

Question: Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer: Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

Coming Back to Church Question: I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer: If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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26 de diciembre de 2021 La Sagrada Familia ©LPi

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 Naza-

ret. 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 ©LPi

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

Pg 6 because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

Anuncios Parroquiales



- 1. Entrada a la Iglesia se les pide de manera atenta recordar venir a tiempo a la Misa, que inicia a la 1:30p.m y que tenemos un Rosario a la 1:00 p.m.. Gracias por Respetar la MISA.
- **2.** Confesiones. Son los días Sábados y son a las 3 de la tarde, si vienen a las 3:40p.m. y ya no hay gente en el templo, es posible que los sacerdotes se hallan ido también.



- **3.** El Horario de la Oficina Parroquial. Es el Lunes a Jueves de 9:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. Hay Servicio en En Español los MARTES y JUEVES de 10:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. Favor de hablar antes de llegar a la Oficina para que se le atienda con prontitud.
- **4.** Pláticas para Bautizos en Español. Las pláticas para los Bautizos son los Primeros Sábados de Mes. de 9:00a.m. a 1:00 p.m. PERO PRIMERO DEBEN REGISTRAR EL BAUTIZO EN LA OFICINA. (Con la Sra. Mina.) Si no se registra en la oficina no pueden ingresar a la plática.
- Ø Recuerden que los Padrinos, que son pareja, deben estar casados por la Iglesia, si no, NO PUEDEN SER PADRINOS; los padrinos solteros, bien solteros.
- Ø Los Papás deben estar registrados en esta parroquia.
- Ø Traer la Copia del Acta de Nacimiento del Nino, y de la Boleta de la Boda de los padrinos.
- 5. A TODOS LOS SERVIDORES Y LIDERES DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO:
- Ø Se les Recuerda el COMPROMISO de Venir a Los Jueves de Formación en el Horario de Costumbre,
- Ø Se les Recuerda la Obligación de Buscar Adquirir el MEMORANDUM de la Semana para estar al día de las Actividades del Ministerio Hispano.
- Ø Ver también las Fechas y Hora de los Talleres de cada Ministerio.
- **6.** R.I.C.A. (Para los Catecúmenos y Candidatos). Tendrán su RITO/BENDICION de BIENVENIDA el Próximo Domingo (Cristo Rey), se les pide venir 15 minutos antes para tomar su lugar en las dos bancas de Frente y Lados. Son un total de 29 personas.
- **7.** Ya hay FECHAS para las Pláticas PRE-MATRIMONIALES y las XV Añeras: Ambas consisten en 7 clases ininterrumpidas.
- · MATRIMONIOS, inician el LUNES 17 de Enero de 2022, de 7:00 p.m. a 9:15 p.m.
- · las XV añeras inician el SABADO 22 de Enero de 2022, de 10:00 a.m. a 12:15 p.m.

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Preguntas de la Semana ©LPi

Primera Lectura:

Ana, la madre de Samuel y el padre de Samuel son mostrados como padres de profunda oración y gran fe. ¿Cómo describirías la fe de tu madre o tu padre?

Segunda Lectura:

Juan nos enseña que, si creemos en Jesús y nos amamos unos a otros, "podemos ser llamados hijos de Dios." ¿Cómo demuestras gratitud por ser parte de esta sagrada familia?

Evangelio:

Lucas es el único evangelista que conserva una historia sobre Jesús de su juventud. En este relato, María y José estaban llenos de "gran ansiedad" mientras buscaban a Jesús quien pensaban estaba perdido. ¿Cómo buscas la ayuda de Dios para los momentos de ansiedad en tu familia? $P_{\mathbf{g}}$ 7



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