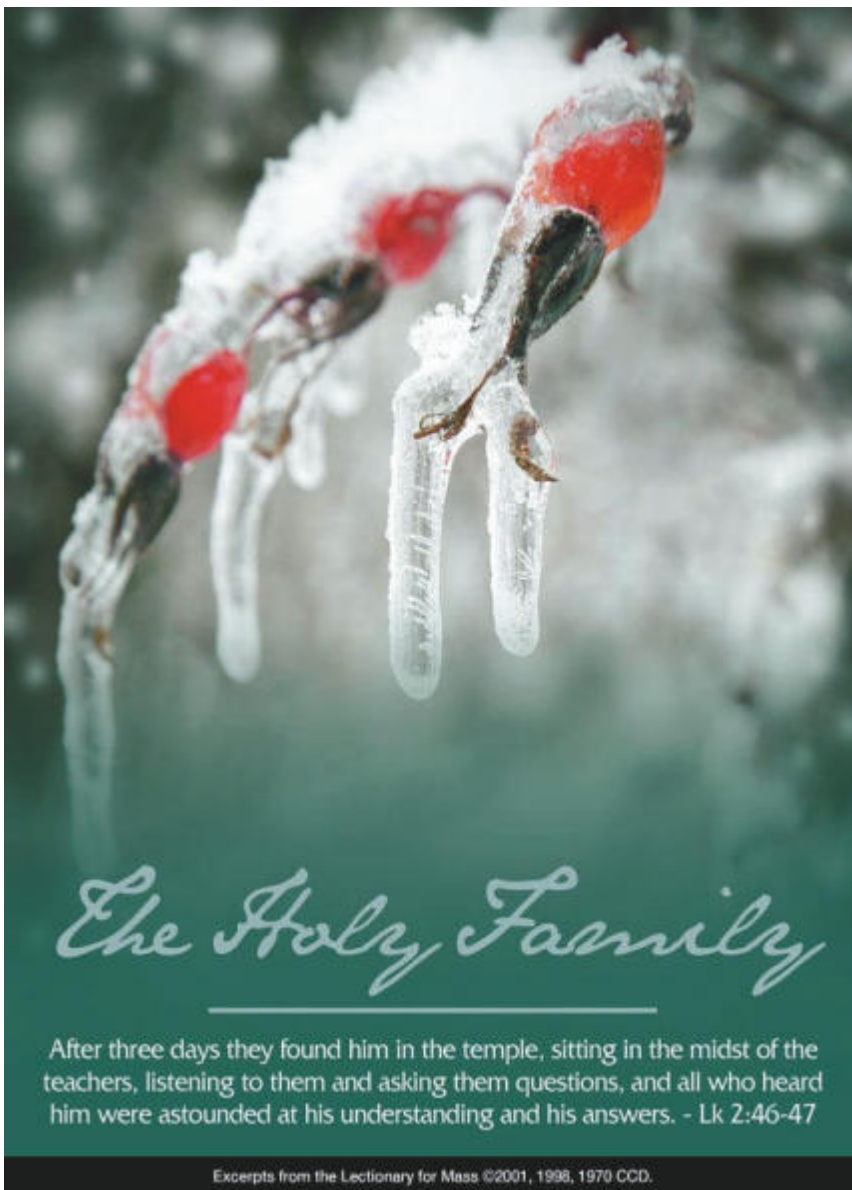




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Membership in the Parish

We welcome each one of you who has come to worship today. We extend a special welcome to those who are new to the area. If you are a Catholic returning home after a absence, the church has missed you and warmly welcomes you back. Welcome packets and registration forms are available in the back of Church or please stop in to the Parish Office and register in person. We hope you will decide to make St. Jerome your Parish home!

Sacrament of Baptism Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage requires a six-month planning period and participation in a marriage preparation program. DO NOT book your hall until you meet with Father Anthony. Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Homebound or Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered to anyone seriously ill or facing surgery. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please contact the Parish office.

Religious Education Classes (PREP) is offered for children who attend public school in grades 1 through 8 on Sunday mornings starting at 11:15am ending at 12:15pm. from September to May. Please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA is for anyone searching for a spiritual home or anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. RCIA is a Journey of Faith to encounter Christ and discover His teachings and way of life. For more information, contact Deacon Paul Nungester at deaconpaul@stjeromewalbridge.org.

Prayer Chain: Email, Call or Text Jean Momenee at jimom777@aol.com or 419-601-3118

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Bulletin Deadline: All bulletin requests, including bulletin inserts, must be submitted by Noon on Wednesday the week prior to publication.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In the event of an Emergency, outside of regular operating hours, please call the Parish Office at 419-666-2857, and follow the appropriate prompts.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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.

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Happenings at St. Jerome And The Community

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

If you have donated items for the funeral luncheons and are wondering where your dishes are, please take a moment to check the white cabinet in the Parish Hall entry. It is getting full, and it would be beneficial if you check for your things. We appreciate your assistance with this ministry!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

NDA is seeking four host families for the second semester at NDA. We have junior students arriving from France, Italy and two from Japan. These students speak English, are excited to share their culture and learn about American life with a host family and what it is like to attend school at NDA. You can learn more about hosting one of these lovely ladies by contacting Angie Joseph for details, by email ajoseph@nda.org or calling 419-304-7434!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities Jail & Prison Ministry Needs Delivery Volunteers – Deacon Ed Ireland, our Justice Ministry Coordinator leading Jail & Prison Ministries needs help on Thursdays. Volunteers are needed to help deliver food to reentering citizens in the Toledo Metropolitan area. Contact Deacon Ed at 419-214-4958 or eirelan@toledodiocese.org to find out how you can help! Thanks!

THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations to the Mother Theresa Community Fund. Due to your generosity, the parish helped more than 40 families have a great Thanksgiving and Christmas with a gift card to a local grocery store. This includes 82 adults and 107 persons 16 years old and younger.



The 107 young people also received at least one article of clothing and a fun gift for Christmas thanks to those of you who participated in the Angel Tree Project. On behalf on the Angel Tree Committee and those receiving gifts a warm and heart felt thank you. May the year ahead bring you abundant health and happiness.



Humberto "Robert" Vargas Cruz

Humberto "Robert" V. Cruz, 67, of Toledo, Ohio died December 5, 2021 at Bay Park Community Hospital. He was born in Matamoros, Mexico on June 12, 1954 to Eugenio and Concepcion Cruz Vargas. He was employed as a fork lift driver for Hinkle Manufacturing and retired in 2015. He enjoyed carpentry, wood-working, and collecting toys. He also enjoyed spending much time with his children, traveling, and going for rides. He was very giving and a fun loving man who loved making memories.

Surviving are his children, Christina Cruz, Humberto Cruz, Jr., Robert (Tammy) Pierson, and Sherri (Ronaldo) Rodreques; 5 grandchildren; and siblings, Oraila Serrano, Celia Cruz, Eugenio (San Juana) Cruz, Salvador Hernandez; sister-in-law, Juana Cruz. He had many honorary children and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Darleen Dorothy Cruz; parents, Eugenio and Concepcion Cruz Vargas; siblings, Reyes Cruz, Sr., and Angelica Najera.

Friends were received in the Witzler-Shank-Walker Funeral Home, 701 N. Main St., Walbridge, Ohio 43465 (419-666-3121) on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 from 2-8 p.m, where a rosary service was held at 7:00 p.m. Prayers were recited in the funeral home on Thursday at 10:15 a.m. Funeral Mass was held Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Jerome Catholic Church, 300 Warner St., Walbridge, Ohio 43465. Burial Lake Twp. Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Latins United Scholarship Fund. Online condolences may be left at www.walkerfuneralhomes.com



St. Jerome Calendar



Monday, December 27

Tuesday, December 28

8:00am Mass/Church
 9-9pm—Adoration
 1:00pm—Emmaus Charismatic Prayer Group/St. Kateri MR
 7:00pm—RCIA/St. Kateri MR

Wednesday, December 29

8:00am Mass/Church
 8:30am—Rosary Following Mass/Church

Thursday, December 30

8:00am Mass/Church
 8:30am—Rosary Following Mass/Church
 7-9pm—Acts Bible Study/Library

Friday, December 31

OFFICE CLOSED
NO 8:00am Mass
 4:30pm—Mass/Church

Saturday, January 1 New Years Day

4:30pm Mass/Church

Sunday, January 2

8:00am—Mass
 10:00am—Mass
 11:15am—PREP

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed through January 2, 2022 and will re-open Monday, January 3, 2022.



Weekend of December 11th & 12th, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$3,552.00
Online Giving	\$2,961.50
Total Sunday Giving	\$6,513.50
Weekly Financial Goal	\$9,700.00

Attendance: 365

Pastoral Council: Angie Raglow (Interim President) Debbie Ekey, Frank Kiss, Matt Wise, Sonnie Bullock, Jim Halicek, Carman Tolles, John Smith

Finance Council: Charles Rupp (Chair), Julie Pinciotti, Robin Kamann, Sue Trumbull, and Jim Lager



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day; Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

12:00am (Midnight Mass) Pro Populum

10:00am Pro Populum

NO 4:30pm MASS

Sunday, December 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; 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

8:00am Skip Vancena

10:00am Bill Momenee

Monday, December 27 Saint 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 Innocents, Martyrs; 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

8:00am The USA

Wednesday, December 29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr; 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

8:00am Mary Catherine Thies

Thursday, December 30 Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

8:00am Charles White

Friday, December 31 Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Saint Sylvester I, Pope; 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

NO 8am MASS

4:30pm Pro Populum

Saturday, January 1 The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-2


4:30pm Ethel Gilsdorf

Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of the Lord; 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

8:00am Mary Jane Hinkle

10:00am Barb Narges

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