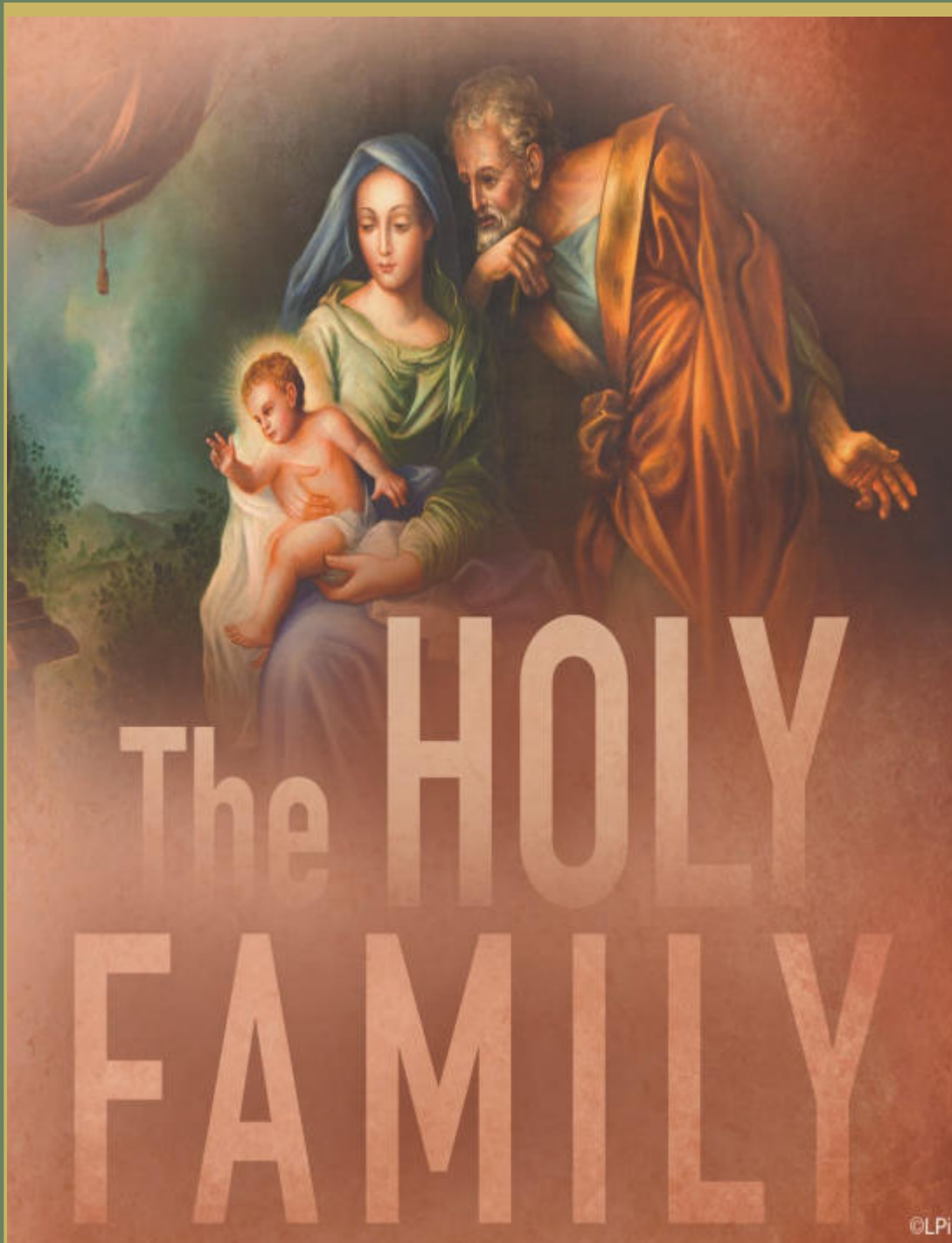




Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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December 26, 2021



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

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Ministry Schedule for January 1/2—Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday: Lector: Mary Fleuridor E.M.: Deacon Jose
Sacristan: Deacon Jose Usher: Dennis Wnorowski

Sunday: 11AM—Lector: Kris Kwak EM: Deacon Jose
Sacristan: Lee Mathis Ushers: Bobby & Carolyn Hall
Media: Brad McCumsey

Sunday: 1:15PM—Lector: Zayra Mendez EM: Deacon Jose
Sacristan: Brenda Diaz Usher: Brenda Diaz & Jose Gomez
Media: Erick Delgado Banuelos

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.



CANDLES - What a beautiful part of our celebration and when offering prayers for our concerns and loved ones.

Each Altar candle is \$9.78 and each of the red candles is \$2.04. Please consider a donation for CANDLES today and put in the offertory basket marked for this purpose. Thank you!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER When we pray for others, we lift them up to God, seeking God's grace and blessing in their individual situations. When we ask others to pray for us, we honor them with our prayers. *Please pray for the terminally ill, the sick, for those who are recovering, and for those who minister to us:*

Fr. Charles Breindel	Fr. Anthony Senyah
Fr. Louis Benoit	Fr. Patricio
Kenny&Nicole Roberts	Nancy Gates
Robert Wharton	Terry Arnold
Gary Cline	Ernest Paynter
Fr. Lawrence Gyamfi	Katie Chamberlain

(This group will rotate weekly. If you know of someone who may be removed from this list, please let us know. If someone should be added, contact: officemanager@holyspiritcatholic.net.)

And the repose of the soul of :

Marie Fizer	Olivia Lyall
Bob Gribben	Marfisa DiMicco
Richard Muller	Leobardo Bañuelos Arellano
Catherine Johnson	Bob Elliott

Please, kindly inform Fr. Patricio or the office of anyone who may need our love and prayers, whether aged, sick, hospitalized, in a life crisis, grieving or unable to attend a weekly mass. palcantara@richmonddiocese.org

WINTER WEATHER NOTIFICATION

IF THERE IS PRECIPITATION OF ANY KIND, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL, FACEBOOK, WDBJ7 OR WSL5 10 FOR INFORMATION REGARDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CHANGES TO MASS. PLEASE BE SAFE IN ALL YOUR TRAVELS THIS WINTER SEASON. THANK YOU!



The Mission of Catholic Charities

is to provide service to people in need, to advocate for justice in social structures, and to call the entire church and other people of goodwill to do the same. Collection taken on Christmas Day or contribute anytime.

OFFERTORY REPORT:

DECEMBER 2021

FISCAL NEWS 2020-2021	Week 24 12/5	Week 25 12/12
Weekly Budgeted Collection	\$ 3,520.00	\$ 3,520.00
Actual Collection	\$ 2,727.00	\$ 4,028.00
Over (Under) Weekly Budget	\$ (793.00)	\$ 508.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Collection	\$ 80,960.00	\$ 84,480.00
Year-to-Date Actual Collection	\$ 75,041.52	\$ 79,069.52
Over or (Under) Yearly Budget	\$ (5,918.48)	\$ (5,410.48)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Collection \$ 442
Immaculate Conception Collection \$ 125

SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASSES -

Saturday: 5pm English
Sunday: 11am English (livestream and recorded)
Sunday: 1:15pm Spanish (livestream and recorded)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday: 5:30pm
Wednesday: 7am
Friday: 9am (First Fridays—Adoration until noon)

Please sign up for Adoration 1/2 hours. The next date will be FRIDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2022.

Following Christmas:

NO DAILY MASSES DECEMBER 28, 29, OR 31ST



New Year's Weekend, January 1/2nd—Regular Mass times



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

December 26th and January 2nd—No Classes—
Merry Christmas!!

YOUTH GROUP REMINDERS: No news this week.

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New River Valley RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program—St. Mary's, St. Jude, and Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Churches



We are here to help you on the path that has Christ as the center. Contact Deacon Jose Melendez at (540) 250-1903 or email deacon@holyspiritcatholic.net

NEXT MEETING: January, 2022

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If you would like to send a card to our former priests for Christmas:

Father Louis Benoit—3106-H Honeywood Lane, Roanoke, VA 24018
Father Charles Breindel—Marian Manor Rm. 243, 5345 Marian Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23462
Father Anthony Senyah—154 College Avenue, Danville, VA 24541 (Don't forget Father Anthony's birthday is 12/29)

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION??

HOW ABOUT A COMMITMENT TO HOLY SPIRIT??

We need volunteers. Please return your Ministry Card today! Thank you!

Immediate Needs: Offertory Counters Lectors
Sacristans Choir Members

A very few cards have been returned to the office and most from those of you already serving. We thank you!

If you have misplaced your card, just send an email to officemanager@holyspiritcatholic.net and we will get you the information you need to join in the ministries of the church. Trainings are planned for January. Sign up now! Thank you!

Justice and Peace THANK YOU ALL for the Dove children gifts!



Join our Young at Heart group for coffee, lunch and outings throughout the month. January dates to come. Happy New Year! CONTACT KAREN FOR MORE INFORMATION:
YAHDATES@GMAIL.COM

Thanks for your generous donations to the senior supplies program sponsored by RSVP. Your donations will brighten the holidays for over 100 underserved senior citizens.

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