



## MASS TIMES

### WEEKENDS

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 7:00am & 9:30am

### WEEKDAYS

Mondays 6:30pm

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday | 7:30am

1st Thursdays | 6:30pm

Holy Days & Anticipated Mass | TBA

Tuesday Rosary | 9:00 am

### Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 5:30pm

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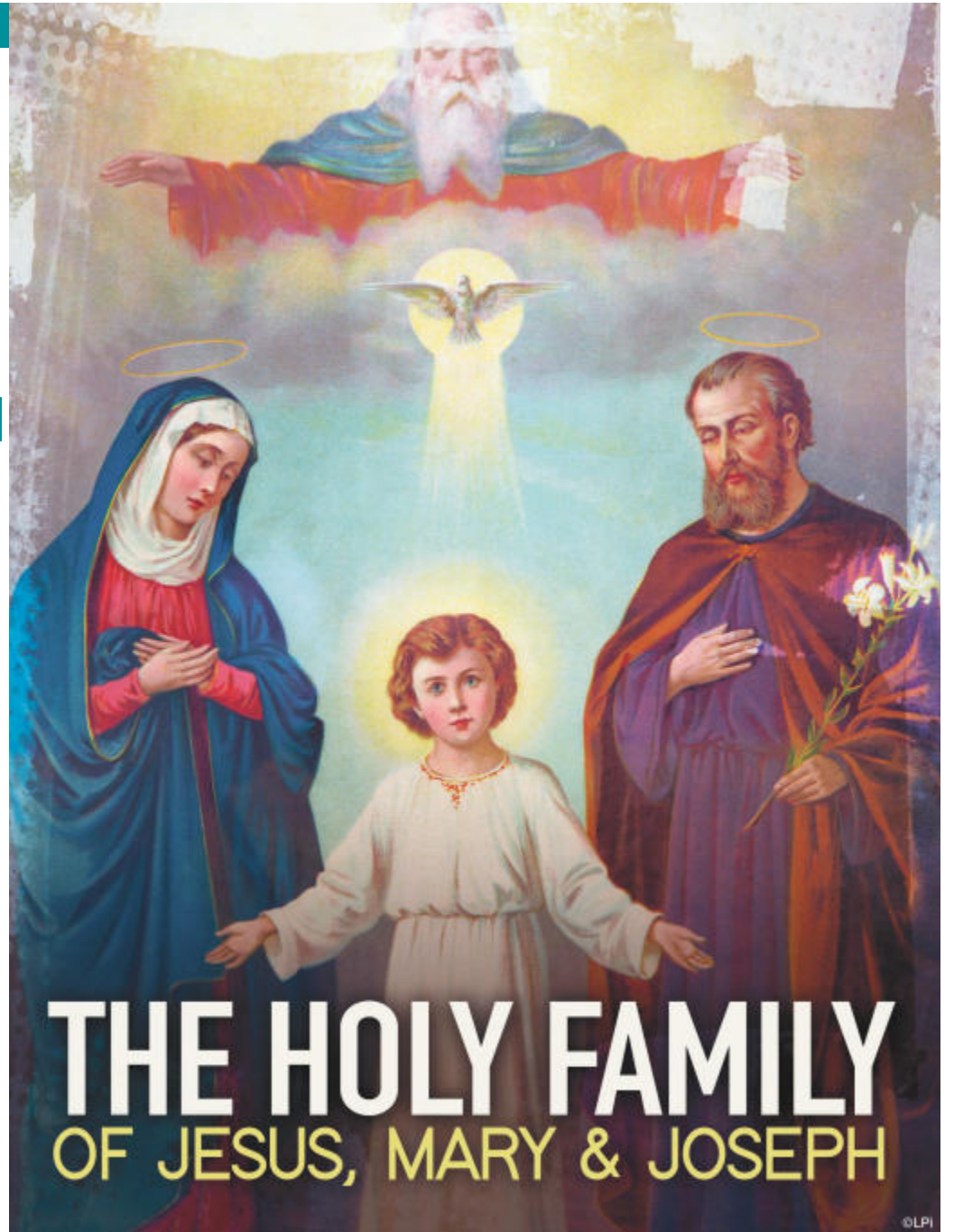
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## SACRAMENTS

**Confession:** 30 minutes before weekend mass or by appointment.

**Matrimony:** Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

**Baptism:** A class will be given if you are expecting and have not attended a baptismal class.



# PRAYER & WORSHIP



**Saturday December 25, 4:00 p.m. Flower donors**

**Sunday December 26**

**7:00 am: Mass for parishioners**

**9:30 pm: Robert & Lucille Hartwell; Madeline Leonard, Leonard & Aucoin Families; Bella Hahn; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville, Brenda & Patsy Courville**

**Monday December 27: No Mass**

**Tuesday December 28: No Mass**

**Wednesday December 29: No Mass**

**Thursday December 30: No Mass**

**Friday December 31: No Mass**

**Saturday January 1: Special intentions**

**Sunday January 2:**

**7:00 am: Willie & Aline Hoffpauir, Femon & Eula Lognion, Zack & Diane Thibeaux**

**9:30 am: Mass for Parishioners**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

If you would like to be added to either list or know of someone who needs to be added, please email Susie Miller to [sjvcbk@gmail.com](mailto:sjvcbk@gmail.com) (e-mail is best because it is in writing and has a date and a time attached to it, but if that would cause a hardship, you can call Susie at 337-622-3218) Names received before noon on Tuesday will appear in the next week's bulletin, not the current week. Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks and then be removed. If after the 2 weeks, you still need prayer, by all means, please send another message and we'll keep praying!

### OUR SICK

Patty Borne, Joyce Bourque, Bennie Breaux, Joshua Bull, James Castille, Pammy Derouen, Terry Dubard, Joyce Guidry, Ellen Harrington, Jamie Hoffpauir, Emerson Irvin, James LaBove, Judy Leonard, Linda Lognion, Alex Manning, Kennon Martin, Katie McLean, Wyatt Myers, Mark Pedersen, Donald Pugh, Henry Romero, Jeannie Taveney Smith, Bridgette Sonnier, Barbara Theriot, Ethan Trosclair, Craig Zaunbrecher, Crystal Leger, Roger Wright, Robert Lowe, Don Racca, Margaret Arrant, Jace Fontenot, Jade Fontenot, Lynn Leger, Murphy Leger, Xandria Lenden, Ester Harrington, Freeman & Betty Leger

### OUR HOMEBOUND

Joyce Conner, Fred Conner, Lillian Conner, James Keith Leger, Benny Lognion, Leslie Hartwell

### Nursing Home, retirement home, & Assisted Living Residents

Urick Guidry, Ethel Racca, Barbara & Clarence Theriot, John & Kenora Theriot, Sidney Theriot, Sandra Fontenot

### OUR MILITARY

Brennan Arabie, Hayden Broussard, Austin Brown, Wesley Dugas, Trent Jarrel, Trey Jarrel, Gavin Leger, Alex McCready, Terry N. Trawee

### THE DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS:

#### Pope Francis - Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Bishop Glen John Provost** - For the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, and the lonely, that we will open our hearts generously to their needs and reach out to them with a spirit of self-sacrificing love.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**December 26, 2021**

### 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.

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## PARISH NEWS

The Church office will be closed December 23 through January 2 and will reopen January 3, 2022.

There will be no weekday masses Monday December 27 through Friday December 31.

Lifeshare will be here on Sunday January 23 from 8:00—11:00 for their annual blood drive.

## AREA NEWS

"The Faith Clarified," an online Zoom course offered through the Center for Catholic Studies, begins Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The five-week course, instructed by Sister Maura Clare Mayock, R.S.M., will cover basics of the Catholic faith in a new light, bringing these teachings together into a unified whole.

The course will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday from January 12 through February 9. Zoom meeting link will be provided for all who register. Class will include lecture time and a period for questions and discussion. Cost is \$15

## Question and Answer

### 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?

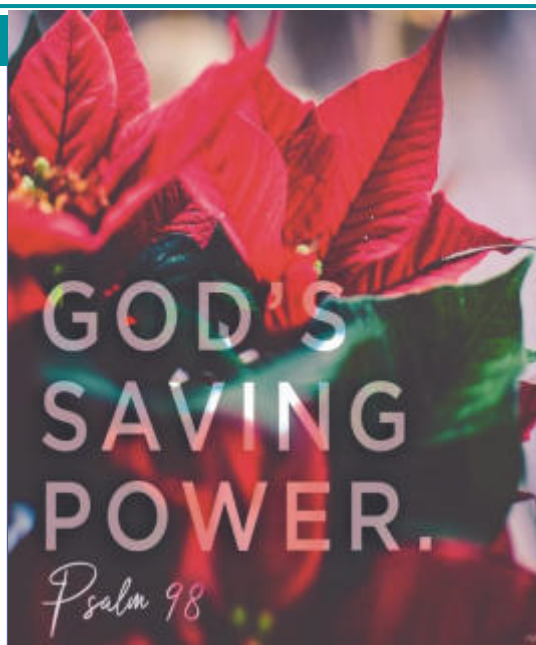
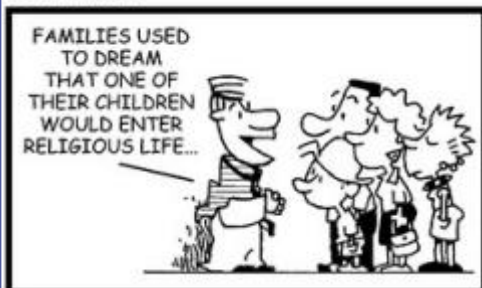
#### Answer:

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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