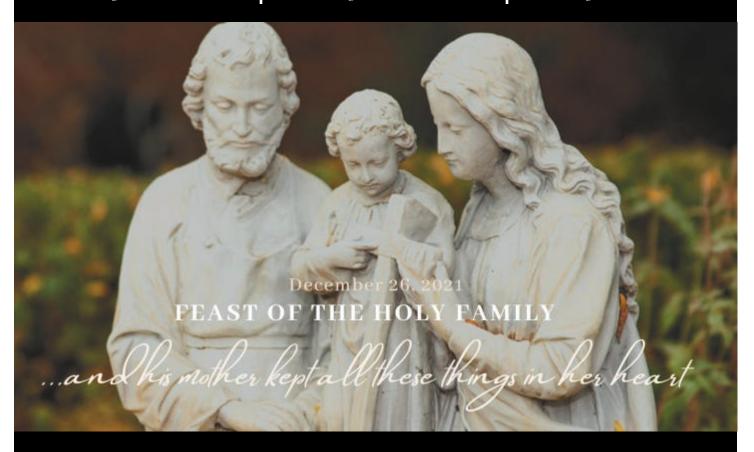
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SATURDAY: 4:00pm @ St. John Church

SUNDAY:

8:30am @ St. John Church 10:00am Online Broadcast on SSFJ Facebook Page 10:30am Outdoors @ Cardome 12:30pm (Spanish) @ St. John Church 4:00pm @ St. Francis Church

> MONDAY: 5:30pm @ St. John Church

TUESDAY: 8:30am Livestreamed on SSFJ Facebook Page

> WEDNESDAY: 12:00pm @ St. John Church

THURSDAY: 7:00am @ St. John Church

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Every Thursday @ St. John Church Beginning after 7:00am Mass & ending at 8:00pm

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HYMN

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA



- An gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
- 2. Shep-herds, why this ju bi-lee? Why your joy ous strains pro-long?
- Come to Beth le hem and see Him whose birth the an gels sing;
- See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an gels praise a bove;



- And the moun-tains in re-ply Ech o back their joy ous strains.
- 2. Say what may the tid ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.
- 3. Come, a dore on bend-ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
- 4. Ma ry, Jo seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.



Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. Crown of Jesus Music, II, London, 1862; tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882, and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Lectionary: 17

Reading I Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.

Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them.

When he prays, he is heard;

he stores up riches who reveres his mother.

Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard.

Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;

he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives.

Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;

revile him not all the days of his life;

kindness to a father will not be forgotten,

firmly planted against the debt of your sins

-a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

R. (cf. 1) Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,

who walks in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;

blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine

in the recesses of your home;

your children like olive plants

around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed

who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:

may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem

all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Reading II 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us

that we may be called the children of God.

And so we are.

The reason the world does not know us

is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;

what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,

for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,

we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask,

because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this:

we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,

and love one another just as he commanded us.

Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in

and the way we know that he remains in us

is from the Spirit he gave us.

Alleluia Col 3:15a, 16a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover,

and when he was twelve years old,

they went up according to festival custom.

After they had completed its days, as they were returning,

the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem,

but his parents did not know it.

Thinking that he was in the caravan,

they journeyed for a day

and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances,

but not finding him,

they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple,

sitting in the midst of the teachers,

listening to them and asking them questions,

and all who heard him were astounded

at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him,

they were astonished,

and his mother said to him.

"Son, why have you done this to us?

Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."

And he said to them,

"Why were you looking for me?

Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

But they did not understand what he said to them.

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.

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

DIOCESAN
PRAYER
FOR
VOCATIONS

Creator God, life is your gift to us. Through Baptism, you invite us to share in the gifts of our lives in service to others. Be with us each day as we choose to show Your presence in the world. Give us the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. We pray especially for those who serve you as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers. We pray for holy matrimonies. Keep them close to You. Open the minds and hearts of other men and women that they may accept Your challenge to build the Kingdom. *Amen*.

OFFERTORY



Text: 87 87 88 77. Verses 1 and 2, Polish carol; tr. by Edith M. Reed, 1885–1933; verses 3 and 4 © 2004, Daniel L. Schutte. Published by OCP. All rights reserved. Music: Polish carol.

COMMUNION

HYMN(S)

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR



Text: CMD; Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876, alt. Music: Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900, alt.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart and soul and voice; O give heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart and soul and voice; Now you hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, And we are blest for evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this! Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart and soul and voice; Now you need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all To gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: In dulci jubilo; Latin and German, 14th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866; alt. verses, Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

PRAYER TO

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

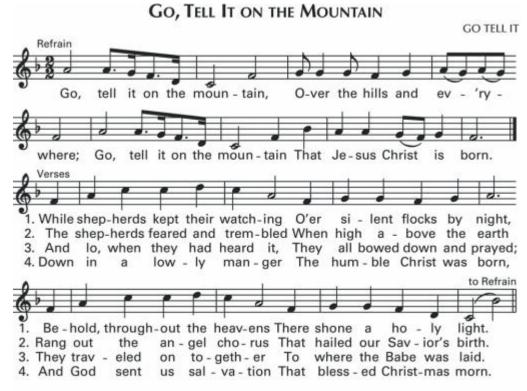
ST. JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head from me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. *Amen*.

CLOSING

HYMN



Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. American Negro Songs and Spirituals, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt. Music; Spiritual.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

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13 December 2021

Dear Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Lexington,

We have all been profoundly saddened by the tornadoes that swept through our Commonwealth on the night of December 10. The tragic loss of life by this unprecedented and unexpected storm has deeply affected all of us, but especially the Diocese of Owensboro which covers the western portion of Kentucky. The death toll as of this writing is over 70 persons, may they rest in peace.

Some of our parishes and missions were ready to begin collecting funds for relief efforts this past weekend. Our Catholic School principals mobilized quickly to collect relief items in coordination with on-site contacts. Each of our parishes and missions are asked to take up a collection for the victims of the tornadoes as soon as possible. The Diocese of Lexington will quickly pass on those funds to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro.

As we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ, think about how different this Christmas will be for those who have lost so much. Please extend your generosity to those in need at this time. We pray for those whose lives were lost and for the consolation of their loved ones. We offer our pledge of solidarity and support to those who are striving to rebuild.

In Advent hope,

Most Reverend John Stowe, OFM Conv.

Bishop of Lexington





HOLY DAY SCHEDULE FOR
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD ON
JANUARY 1st:

Friday, December 31st @ 5:30pm

Saturday, January 1st @ 10:30am

Saturday, January 1st @ 12:30pm (Spanish)

All Masses will be at St. John Church

SERVE ONE ANOTHER.....

The Confirmation Class & Youth Group at SSFJ have been encouraged to get their service hours in by playing "Service Bingo"! We invite all youth and their families to participate in this fun way to instill acts of service in our daily lives. See below ways to participate. If you have questions, please reach out to Katharine Coleman at kcoleman@cdlex.org

To participate in Service Rings, complete anything on the Ringo board, have a picture or video taken of you and wheever you are helping, and/or white you are doing. Marks your Bings Board. Send the shoto and/or video and a cinet write up about what you did and who you helpest to Katharine Colleman. In Scholan Bulleder.org. We will maintain a master board and make give time service is completed. Once you complete a row or column, send it to Katharine.

We will highlight youth and families who complete service on our Pacebook page and our website

- Helping at mass there are many ways to help at mass, some viewire training, some do not. There is
 a neededy small that is sent from the parish detailing what is needed each week. If you are interested
 in lectivitraining, please let we know. Only Confirmed Catholics way train to be Eucharistic
 Ministers.
- Volunteer at the Parish Contact Text World at the parish office at 502-669-3404 or parish office Resident and Contact Text World at the parish office at 502-669-3404 or
- 3. Volunteer at CCD Contact Katharine Coleman at KColemanificalist.org
- Service of Choice Any service to the similar, the community, or your family. This san not be concerning you normally also a chore or anything you get paid to do.
- 5. Sing with the chair or Canter for Mass Contact Denice Writtington at <u>Diviviting to an application</u>
- 6. Help Organize a Youth Activity Centact Katharine Coleman at Kosleman Activity

SERVICE BINGO

Donate items to and/or volunteer at The Amen House	Do the dishes at your house	Help with Mass ¹	introduce yourself to a neighbor and ask if you can do constiting for them	write and send a letter to a family member or a seminarian
call a friend or relative you haven't seen in a while	Help a teacher at school	Fill up a grocery bag with garbage found outside and throw it away	Clean a room in Your house	Volunteer at the parish?
Volunteer at CCD3	Volunteer to Walk a neighbor's dog	Service of Choice+	Tutor a friend or classmate	Help a family member with a chore or project
Volunteer at a local animal shelter	Sing with the choir or cantor for mass ⁵	Plan and participate in a family game night	Make cards for residents at an assisted living facility	Say the Rosary or Divine Morey for someone who is sli or struggling
Plan and cook a meal for your family	Attend an hour of Adoration	Take a meal to a local fire station, police station or other first responders	Help organize a youth activity for our parishe	Volunteer to take care of someone's pets or plants while they are out of town

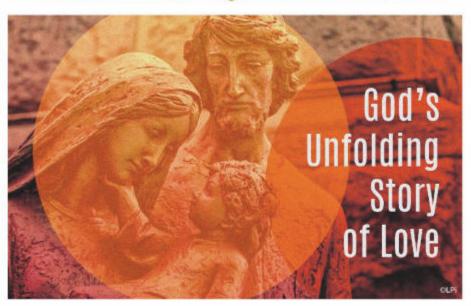
The HOLY FAMILY







WORSHIP & MEDITATION



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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.

Keep in your Thoughts & Prayers

Patricia Stanek; Steve McFadden, Brother of Barbara Stripplehoff; Pauline Bartley; Sal Meli, Brother of Nancy Sebring; Ronnie Roby, Brother of Karen Cash; Johness Wood; Jane Scott, Niece of Anne Dadds; Carol Poad Gilstrap, Cardome Alumni; Elaine Schweitzer, Sister of Dick Schweitzer; Juanita Cleveland; Ken True; Katie Taylor; Boyd Marx, Friend of Diane Ishmael; David Stachnik; Donna Atkins; Evie Woll, Sister of Carol Kaulig; Mandi Hendrickson, Daughter of Gary & Lynn Steele; Rosemary Carter; Karys Durham, Granddaughter of Larry Oser; David Seay; Lisa Chambers; David Walls, son of Mary Alice Walls; Pat Manion; Patrick Willett; Joy Walker; Brody Jones; Donnie Putty; Lisa Sturgill; Ethan Munson; Mike Rush, Cousin of Anne Dadds; Jennifer Burns; Andrew Kenneth Wilson; Jane Brock, Sister of Carol Kaulig; Jean Sparks; John Kenneth Wilson; Dorothia Wilson; Den. John & Claudia

Pray for Those in the Military: Matthew Silver; Elizabeth Schilder; Brad Nelson; William K. North; Mary

This Week's Mass Intentions:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27: 5:30p (SJC) (MI) Geraldine Craft

NO TUESDAY MASS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29: 12:00p (SJC) (MI) Mary Deslongchamps

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30: 7:00a (SJC) (MI) Pat Mudd

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31: Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 5:30p (SJC) (MI) Pat Mudd

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1: Solemnity of Mary Mother of God HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 10:30a (SJC) (MI) Dominic Bilotta and Joe Mulholland 12:30p (SJC) (Spanish) (MI) For the Intentions of SSFJ **NO 4PM SATURDAY MASS**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2: The Epiphany of the Lord 8:30a (SJC) (MI) Mary Deslongchamps 10:30a (Cardome) (MI) Pat Mudd 12:30p (SJC) (MI) (Spanish) Maria Viso 4:00p (SFC) (MI) For the Intentions of SSFJ



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Life is truly a journey...and sometimes the way is rough. Whether it's a loss of employment, kids worrying the heck out of you, a spouse who is sick, or any other challenge or loss, sometimes it's helpful to have a companion. We naturally turn to trusted friends, but sometimes we worry about burdening a friend or feel that we might have to put life together in their way or time. Wouldn't it be nice to have an "ear" that doesn't judge – that has no agenda or timetable, someone who can keep a confidence – just to not be so lonely while working things out? Someone who trusts God – but also trusts you-- to work your situation out in your own time? That's what Stephen Ministers do – they respectfully join you in your journey, listening and offering confidential support and encouragement.

Contact Father Linh (fr.linh@ssfrancisjohn.org) or call Marion Cook (502-542-0127) (cook.marion@yahoo.com) or Mike Daukas (502 316-5799) mrjd50@gmail.com.



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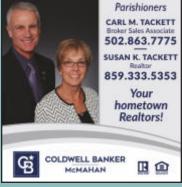




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