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SACRED HEART OF JESUS December 26, 2021 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

WEEKLY PRAYER

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: ls 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

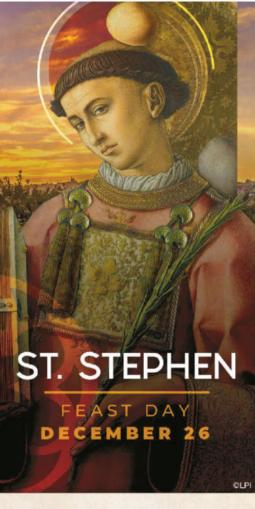
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday: The Holy Family
- Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- **Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

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Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.



FIRST READING

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."

(1 Sm 1:27-28)

PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

SECOND READING

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

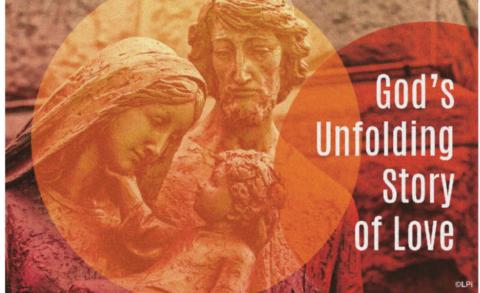


After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.

SPRINIG SMALL GROUPS

Life is better lived in Community!

Spring Small Groups Registration opens next Sunday, January 2nd!

Groups will begin meeting the week of January 30th.

If you are feeling called to lead a group this semester or have any questions, please reach out to heather@shbroussard.org.



FREE THROW CONTEST

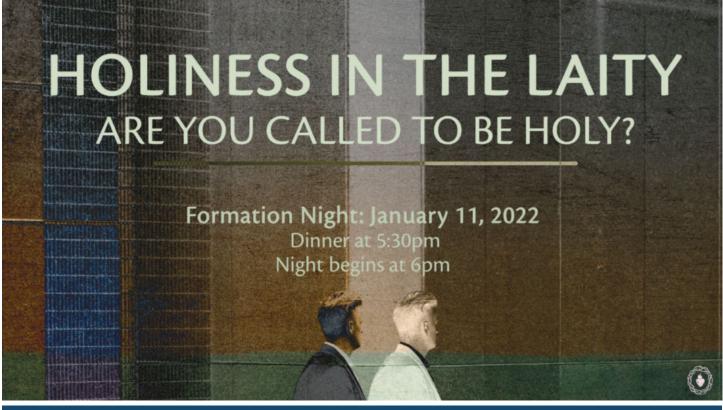
The annual KC 7557 Free Throw Contest will be held January the 8th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Saint Cecilia gym. The age levels of competition are 9 through 14. Boys and girls in these age groups are welcome to participate.

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FORMATION NIGHT

Holiness in the Laity: Are you Called to be Holy? Join us for our next Formation night on Tuesday, January 11th to hear Christa Billeaud and a panel of the laity discuss the universal call to Holiness. Dinner served at 5:30pm-Talk at 6pm -Adoration at 7pm Childcare provided from 5:30-8pm



ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Thank you to these men who labored generously to make the stand for our St. Joseph statue. We recently closed the year for St. Joseph with placing the original statue in its original designed place. St. Joseph, pray for us

Prayer To St. Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



SAINT CECILIA SCHOOL

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

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Faculty Spotlight Glenda Serio, CGS Catechist

I was born and raised on a sugar cane plantation in Lakeland, La. where my dad served as the field manager. This environment provided many days of raising Brahman calves, riding horses, and just enjoying the outdoors with my two brothers! It was a great place to grow up! I feel blessed that God planted me there!

I attended and graduated from the Academy in New Roads, La., where I met my husband, Mike Serio and then pursued my education degree specializing in kindergarten from LSU in Baton Rouge. I always knew that God was calling me to be a teacher. You see my mom was a teacher for 52 years, so I spent many days helping her in her classroom!! After graduation, I had the privilege of teaching at the Academy before moving to New Orleans, then back home, and finally, to the BEST place on earth, Broussard, La. During those transfers, due to Mike's job, I taught at several nursery schools including Montessori Children's House of Acadiana in Broussard. I can remember driving by SCS when we first moved here thinking, I would love to teach at that school! And then, my dream came true in August of 1988!! I was hired as one of the first grade teachers, to be followed by three years of teaching kindergarten, nineteen years as the school's Religion Administrator and four years as a CGS catechist. During all of those years, I was blessed to take several years off when my children and grandchildren were born. I feel as though SCS is my second home! I LOVE this place! Our family has been part of this wonderful place for thirty three years! All three of our children (Blaine, Christopher and Andre') attended elementary school here, and it goes without saying that when it came time for two of our grandchildren to come to SCS, I was over the top excited. We are blessed with seven grandchildren (Lilah)!

When asked to share my favorite Bible verse, this one has always been very comforting to me: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; in all your ways be mindful of HIM, and HE will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6



In Memory of: James Sonnier, P.V. & Hilda Daigle, Carlos & Mary Daigle, Tim Daigle, Aunt Gladys, Bill & Lorene Briggs, Norris & Betty Ledet, Wanda Ledet, Nancy Briggs, Scott Jerome Bernard, Daniel Boumans, Tommy Boumans, M/M Herman Boumans & Family, M/M Howard Thomas & Family, Suzanne Trahant, Eulalie Broussard, Lynell Miller

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

ONGOING YEARLY MAINTENANCE ITEMS

Ongoing Yearly Maintenance Items: September 30, 2021 Air Conditioning Maintenance: \$ 5,440.00 Technology Maintenance: \$7,398.15 Landscaping & Lawn Care: \$4,507.00 Pest Control: \$ 740.00 Flooring Maintenance: \$ 8,495.86 Plumbing: \$ 1,247.92 **Electrical Maintenance:** 906.77 \$ Miscellaneous: \$ 1,287.56 Total: \$30,023.26

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Due to holiday bulletin printing our collection details are not available. We will update you after the new year.

GIVING PLATFORMS

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Electronic Funds Transfer: shbroussard.org/give

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ENVELOPES

Online Giving is a great way to donate to our Parish. If you are no longer using the envelopes that are mailed every month, please notify Mona in our church office at mona@shbroussard.org or (337) 837-1864. We thank you for your generosity.



A NEW WAY TO GIVE

Sacred Heart now accepts donations to the general offertory via Venmo. Hold your camera app up to the QR code provided or search for "@shbroussard" on venmo to give.

WHAT IS RCIA?

What is RCIA?

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, in which adults become members of the Catholic Church. Catechumens (or candidates) attend regularly scheduled meetings with an RCIA Team to discuss teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church. They are taught the importance of having a strong prayer life, the role of the Virgin Mother Mary, the many facets of the Mass, the Saints, and how we worship Jesus Christ. Catechumens are encouraged to study the Gospel to strengthen their relationship with God and profess their faith in Jesus Christ. Once all meetings are held, catechumens begin preparing for the Easter Vigil where they receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation.

Who can go through the RCIA Program?

• A Catholic individual who was baptized, but never received First Communion and Confirmation.

• A Catholic individual who was baptized and received First Communion and Confirmation but wants to learn more about their faith.

- A non-Catholic who has never been baptized.
- A non-Catholic individual who wants to convert to Catholicism.

• A non-Catholic individual who was baptized in another Christian denomination but wants to become a member of the Catholic Church.

• A Catholic or non-Catholic with reservations.

JAN 1 MASS TIMES

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. On this day we traditionally celebrate the motherhood of Mary. This year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation since it falls on a Saturday. We will have our regular first Saturday Mass at 8:30 a.m., as well as 3:30 confessions and 5:00 Mass.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 24, 2021 and Monday, December 27th in observance of Christmas.

The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 31, 2021 and Monday, January 3, 2022 in observance of New Years.

ALTAR FLOWERS

During ordinary time Altar Flowers, in memory of a loved one can be purchased by calling the church office 337/837-1864 x 223 or emailing Mona mona@ shbroussard.org. The cost of the flowers are \$200 for 2 arrangements and will be placed on each side of the tabernacle.

MASS INTENTIONS

	Visit shbr	oussard.org/bulletin to view Mass intentions online.
Mon. Dec. 27	8:30AM	Anna Armour (Baptism Anniversary), Paige, Larry Paul, and John
		Michael Broussard, Fr. Casey Dugas (Living)
Tue. Dec. 28	8:30AM	Fr. Kyle White (Living)
Wed. Dec. 29	8:30AM	Averie Rivett, Fr. Michael Delcambre (Living), Timmy Thanh Tran
Thu. Dec. 30	8:30AM	Blake Trahan, Averie Rivett, Rush Armour (Living-Birthday), Ken Woodward
Fri. Dec. 31	8:30AM	Averie Rivett, Gregory Theriot, Grace O'Brien
Sat. Jan. 01	8:30AM	Leo, D.D., Sue, & Andrew Devall, Louise C. Soulier & Family, Eugene E. Soulier,
		Jr. & Family, Clara Blair, Gilbert Lamperez (Birthday)
Sat. Jan. 01	5:00PM	Gertrude & Charles Boudreaux, Ronald "Day" Juneau, Eloise Judice Verret,
		Earl Duhon, Myrtle & Eddie St. Marie, Audrey & Sidney Duhon, Ray Girouard,
		Mr. David & Mrs. Dayanne Denning, Adriene "Deannie" St. Marie
Sun. Jan. 02	7:00 AM	Sacred Heart Church
Sun. Jan. 02	9:00AM	Marcella Metzel, DeAnna Begnaud, Frankie Garber, Elva Mae
		Hernandez, Linda Champagne, Lorraine Hebert
Sun. Jan. 02	11:00AM	Joseph Bui Huy Long, Maria Do Thi Vui, Linda Garcia, Timmy
		Thanh Tran, Peter Timmy Thanh Tran, Repose of the Soul of Paul
		Drew Clauson, Eugene E. Soulier, Jr. & Family, Mary Langlinais
		Scalisi, Scott Jerome Bernard, Louise C. Soulier & Family, Repose
		of the Soul of Bob Schoeffler

OPPORTUNITIES

Small Groups

If you have any questions about or would like to join a small group contact heather@shbroussard.org.

Prayer Team

If you have any questions or would like to join our parish prayer team, please contact heather@shbroussard.org.

Grief Support Group

Grief support is offered through Acadian Hospice located at 413 Travis Street, Lafayette, LA 70503. All are welcome the first Thursday of every month at 5:30pm.

Join Cub Scouts!

Cub Scout Pack 455, chartered by Sacred Heart is enrolling young men and women from Kindergarten through Fifth grade. Scouting is dedicated to creating upstanding citizens through duty to God and country. If interested please contact Cubmaster John Breaux at 337-303-3879 or pack455@outlook.com.

Red Bird Ministries Couple's Workshop

January 8th, 2022 Couple's workshop for couple's of child loss from miscarriage to adulthood. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Knight Hall. Sign up at redbird.love or call 337-561-3375 for more details.

Abide Women's Conference 2022

Attention all women, ages 19 and up: The Abide Women's Conference is back for 2022. Tickets and hotel rooms are still available! Gather your friends, sisters, moms, and daughters, and join us February 4th-6th at the Doubletree Hotel in Lafayette.

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RESOURCES

MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday: 8:30am Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 5:00pm.

Child Care is available during the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses for Children ages 1-4!

CONFESSION

Monday-Friday 8:00am - 8:25am

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Confessions are also available by appointment.

SACRAMENT INFO shbroussard.org/sacraments

> JOIN OUR PARISH shbroussard.org/ become-a-parishioner

> **BECOME CATHOLIC** shbroussard.org/rcia

SMALL GROUPS shbroussard.org/smallgroups

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