

December 26, 2021

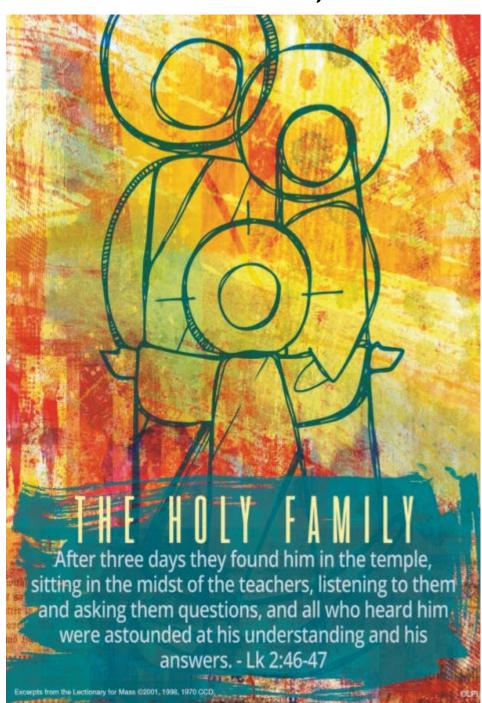
MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families 25320 Van Dyke

Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Sunday Confessions	8:30am 8:30 am 8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am
Confessions	3:00 pm, Saturdays
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MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the members of the Catholic Community, are called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the Mission of Jesus. We are called to worship, to teach, to preach the Gospel message, and to extend concern and compassion to all in need."





Sr. Pat Eeckhout, Sisters of Divine Providence Serving



Postscripts from Sr. Pat

Whenever we speak about the parents of Jesus, we almost always focus our attention on Mary and leave Joseph out of the picture unless the discussion centers on the circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth. Because the Gospels say little about Joseph, it is easy to think of him as playing only a minor role in Jesus' life. However, the fact that Jesus preferred to address God as Abba, an Aramaic word which means "my father," suggests that Joseph influenced Jesus more than we usually think. Tell a little child today that God is our heavenly Father, and that child will immediately picture his or her earthly father. If that father is often drunk or abusive, the child might think of God in the same way and will probably grow up fearing God instead of loving him. On the other hand, if the father comes home from work and gives his child a big hug and then later tucks the child into bed, the child will probably picture God as being gentle and caring.

The Gospels make it clear that Jesus thought of his heavenly Father as kind, loving, and concerned about he poor. Jesus probably developed this image of God because he observed these same qualities in Joseph, his earthly father.

By their example, parents teach their children how to love and how to forgive. They also teach them values like honesty, compassion, fairness, and respect for others. Therefore, Joseph could not have taught Jesus how to be loving and patient unless he, too, was compassionate and forgiving. Likewise, Joseph could not have taught Jesus the importance of prayer unless prayer was important in his own life.

Although the Gospels do not say much about what Joseph was like, all evidence indicates he was a major influence during Jesus' psychological and religious development. Indeed, he played a much greater role than we usually attribute to him.(J.J.Sabatowich)

Think about this: While we have the gift of life, it seems to me the only tragedy is to allow part of us to die—whether it is our spirit, our creativity, or our glorious uniqueness.



Sr. Pat

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Lectors for December 31 & January 1		
4:00 pm	8:30 am	
M. Fedenis	G. Mills	



The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.





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Lectors for January 2, 2022		
9:00 am	11:00 am	EMMANUEL
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The Pope's Intention for December

For 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.

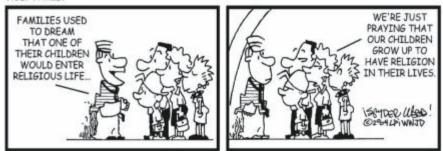


Check out our Website for:

Parish forms, Mass schedules, the latest activities, religious education information, other Catholic links, and much more.

www.ourladygueenoffamilies.net





Parish Office Hours

Monday *9:00am-3:00pm Tuesday– Thursday *9:00am-3:00pm Friday– Sunday Closed

Parish Administrative Offices are located at 8075 Ritter *Closed 12:00noon- 1:00pm daily.

Procedures for our Parish

Infant Baptism

Baptisms take place the second Sunday of each month, except during Lent, after the 11:00am Mass. Parents must be registered, active members of the parish for three months prior to their child's baptism. Parents and godparents are required to attend one preparation workshop, unless there was a previous baptism within three years. Classes will be held only four times a year: January, April, July, and October, the Monday before the baptism at 6:30pm. When scheduling your child's baptism, arrange to attend the baptismal class **prior** to and closest to your chosen date of baptism. Please contact the office.

<u>Class date:</u> January 4, 2021	Baptismal dates: January 10, 2021 February 14, 2021 March 14, 2021
April 12, 2021	April 18, 2021 May 9, 2021 June 13, 2021
July 12, 2021	July 18, 2021 August 8 2021 September 12, 2021
October 4, 2021	October 10, 2021 November 14, 2021 December 12, 2021

Marriage

One member to be married must be registered and active in the parish six months prior to the wedding. Engaged couples must be registered under their own names. Applications should be completed six months prior to the wedding date for proper marriage preparation.

Parish Registration

Please contact the parish office to register or fill in the form available in the church bulletin or on our website. Complete the form and bring/mail it to the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Anointing

Please call the Parish Office if anointing of a parish member or if Father is needed

Parish Membership

The Sacrament of Baptism makes us members of the Church. As disciples we live out our Christian Faith through out experience in the Catholic Tradition. We as members of this community are able to experience the Sacraments, our spiritual, educational, social formation and a Christian burial. We are expected to keep holy the Lord's Day and Holy Days of Obligation. We are encouraged to contribute our time, talent and financial capability according in order to maintain, build and strengthen this community of faith to which we belong.



Share Our Prayers



Sunday, December 26 9:00am +Kevin Sonnenfeld +Deacon Marv Strzyzewski Stanley & Mary Madry Scott & Cathy Hammond/25th anniv. +Fr William Brennen 11:00am +Michael Schott +Henrietta Boudreau Monday, December 27 No Mass **Tuesday, December 28** No Mass Wednesday, December 29 No Mass Thursday, December 30 No Mass Friday, December 31 4:00pm/New Year's Eve +Charles Dapoz +Edward & Julia Wierzbicki +George & Mary Niedson Robert & Janice Niedson Saturday, January 1 8:30am/New Year's Day +Dolores Krupa Pauline & Skai Collo/health Sunday, January 2 9:00am

9:00am +Vernon Friend +Kevin Sonnenfeld 11:00am Parishioners of St. Mary, OLQF Christmas Intentions on next page





CSA 2021

I would like to take this time to thank our family parishioners who have given to our CSA campaign, especially those who have stepped up to the thousand dollar pledge and **MORE**. We have had 218 of the 307 families we had last year give.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL We still have until the end of the year to reach our goal. In doing so, it makes us look strong as a parish in the view of the AOD and in the Family of Parishes when we start our journey.

If you have not already pledged, *please* consider doing so. Just another \$15,074 to reach our goal, all money over stays in the family. Join the thousand dollar group, the five hundred, or whatever you can give. Every little bit helps. Please consider.

God Bless





Stewardship Ties

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption — or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus' biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their "blood." A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I've heard it called a "gotcha day," and it's marked joyously, like a birthday.

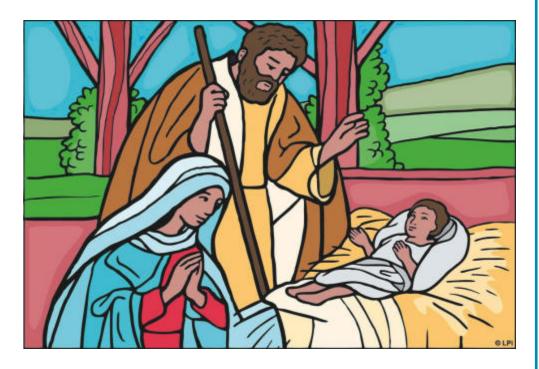
Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God's Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent, too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It's not about who we look like, it's about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let's think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus' birthday, it's also our "gotcha day" — the day we received the gift of eternal family.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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December 12, 2021

Emma Julia King daughter of Roger J. King and Patricia Brnjac

Eloise Mae Michie daughter of Gregory Michie and Andrea Jones

Avah Lee Richardson daughter of Thomas Richardson and Laura Ahee

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine how the Christmas story may have happened today. Joseph drove Mary in their jeep through the sleet and snow to the city of his birth to be counted. No motels had rooms. A homeless shelter attendant said, "We have no beds, but you can sleep in the broom closet." Jesus was born the next day in a sleeping bag in a closet with three mice, a couple cats and a dog. God and his angels were happy.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for my bed. Give others a place to sleep.

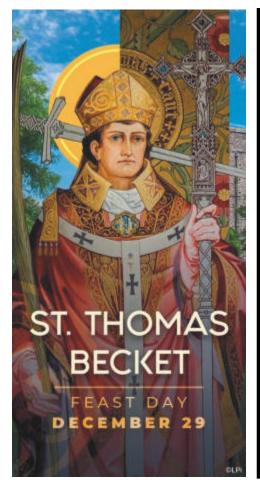
Mission for the Week

I will give canned food, sheets, blankets, or money to help a homeless shelter.

The parish office will be closed December 27 thru the first of the year. It will reopen Monday, January 3rd.



ST. JOHN, APOSTLE



St. Thomas Becket | Feast Day December 29

"GOD IS

LIVES IN

IN GOD

IN HIM."

AND GOD

WHOEVER

LOVE LIVES

LOVE.

Not many saints can be relatable to our times, but St. Thomas Becket (December 21, 1118 – December 29, 1170) is one of the few. King Henry II, a good friend, made him chancellor of England at the age of 36. Then, despite St. Thomas Becket warning the king that he would not blindly follow his wishes, he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162.

Soon after, King Henry insisted upon seizing Church rights. In the name of peace, St. Thomas Becket came close to a c ompromise, and momentarily approved the Constitutions of Clarendon, which would have denied the clergy the right of trial by a Church court. But he later rejected this, and for his safety fled to France where he remained in exile for seven years.

Although returning to England meant almost certain death, St. Thomas Becket came back. According to historical accounts, King Henry implored, "Who will free me from this troublesome priest!" St. Thomas Becket was later murdered by four knights in his Canterbury Cathedral as he was praying. For his part in the murder, King Henry performed public penance after St. Thomas Becket's canonization.



Remember our sick members

Unless requested by the family, the names of the sick person will be taken off the list at the beginning of each new year. *In the instance of an ongoing serious, critical, or terminal illness that is known to us, the above policy will not apply. If the health status of your family member has changed please let the office know.

Salena & Family *Kevin Allen Grace Armstrong *Bryan Belter *Kelly Belter Susan Bendert *Kathy Benedetti Cindy & Dennis Carl Cunningham Charles Cholewa Linda Conway *Beverly Cote Robert DeRosia Grace Dompier Joann & Robert Drumb Shelly Drumb Ben Duke Mary Dumont Linda Edwards *Thomas F. Frances Farrow Mark Fedenis David Fielder Ruth Flippo Georgia Foreman Sue Fost **Denise Franklin & Family** Mark Gaffke Michael Gani *Louis Giacona *Audrey Girardot Sherry Gooding *Jim Gorniak Jani Hippler Linda James & Family Margaret Janiszewski *Zoe Johnson

Joyce Katsock *Jeanna Krause Carolyn Kryza Mark Lang Sally Lang *Rose Mary Leader Jennie Lisowski Peggy Lowes & Family *Antoinette Madaj Marsha Maksymiw *Ralph Marson **Tony Martinico** Vera Martinico *Keith Mc Crudden Bernice McIlwain Thomas McGarey Mark Mieczkowski Lori Morin Mary Mufide **Robert Niedson** Paul Nowakowski *Donna Marie Otto *Judi Pace Louise Recchia Mellissa Recchia Diane Reid Carol Rorick Frances Rotarius Mary Rotarius Carlo Sands *Cathy Seman *Richard Schleeter *Jeremy Schodowski Maria Shadbolt *Jennifer Squire Trudy Strzyzewski *Deacon Tom

Thomas Mr & Mrs Michael Thomas Mick Thomas *Molly Thompson Nancy Trombley Bob & Ruth Untener Arthur Widzinski Gloria Widzinski Sarah Widzinski *Deborah Wierzbicki *Robert Wierzbicki Janice Wilczek *Julia Williams *Grace Williams Gloria Wilson Frank Wrona Gina Wrona Joanna Wrona





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



Week-at-a-Glance

Monday	December 27 No Morning Mass Parish Office Closed
Tuesday	December 28 No Morning Mass Parish Office Closed
Wednesday	December 29 No Morning Mass Parish Office Closed
6:00pm	AA Meeting/ Great Room
Thursday	December 30 No Morning Mass Parish Office Closed
Friday	December 31 No Morning Mass Parish Office Closed
4:00pm 7:00pm	Mass AA Meeting/ Great Room
Saturday	January 1 No 4pm Mass
8:30am	Mass
Sunday 9:00am 11:00am 7:00 pm	January 2 Mass Mass AA Meeting / Great Room





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