



# Christmas BLESSINGS

God bless all military, first responders, health workers, and all those who can't be with their families on Christmas Day.

*May the joy of our Savior's birth be with you,  
WHEREVER YOU MAY BE.*

**Chancellor**

**St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, Canton, MI**

*December 24 - 26, 2021*

## From the Pastor's Desk:

**MERRY CHRISTMAS** to you and your families!!! May you experience the joy, peace and blessings that only Jesus, the Christ, can bring. We extend a special welcome to visitors and those worshipping with us for the first time. If you are new to the area or just haven't been here in awhile, please consider joining us on a permanent basis. We would love to have you!

We aim for our worship here to be joyful and uplifting. Worship of the Lord through music and public prayer brings us together to hear God's Word and be nourished by Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist. If any of you have questions about the Catholic Church in general or our parish in particular, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of our Staff members. We want you to feel welcome here. We also hope that you may experience God's presence here in a unique, living way through our worship and through our members.

Because New Year's Day is on a Saturday this year, it is **NOT** a holy day of obligation. We celebrate the Solemnity of Mary - Mother of God and the beginning of the New Year. It is a very important celebration in honor of our Lady and we will celebrate one Mass on New Year's Eve at 5 PM (Friday, Dec. 31st). What a great way to start the new year - by participating at Mass and reflecting on Mary as the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church. We will celebrate the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, January 1st, but it will **NOT** be for the holy day, but for the following day - Sunday, Jan. 2nd - the Feast of the Epiphany.

The **Season of Christmas** lasts from **December 25th through Sunday, January 9th**, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The world begins the holiday season early, shortly after Halloween, and then is always in a hurry to end it. On the day after Christmas, the decorations disappear from the stores, the Christmas music ends and we move on. But the Church gives us an entire season to celebrate and reflect on the awesome mystery of God becoming one of us in the person of Jesus. Let's make the most of the entire season!

Have a very Merry and Blessed  
Christmas Season!!

Fr. Chris Maus

## Children's Faith Formation



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!** The Faith Formation staff wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas! We thank you for your wonderful support and enthusiasm this year. Your children bring such joy to our lives and we are incredibly blessed to be a part of their lives. We pray your Christmas is filled with love, joy, faith, and fun!

Blessings to you all!  
Betsy, Anne, Sue, and Cathy

**Gospel Reading:** Nativity John 1:1-18

**Key Passage:** His own did not accept him.

### Family Questions

*Adults:* If Jesus were born today, do you think you would accept him and follow him? Why or why not?

*Children:* What could you and your family do for others during the next week to celebrate the birth of Jesus?

**Gospel Reading:** The Holy Family Luke 2: 41-52

**Key Passage:** Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

### Family Questions

*Adults:* What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

*Children:* Why did Jesus leave the temple? How can Jesus be an example for you?

I pray you all remain healthy and safe. Have a blessed week!  
Betsy

### For the Kids: Just for fun!

Why is Santa so good at karate?

**ANSWER:** Because he has a black belt!

### For the Adults:

#### Thought of the Day!

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you."

- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



The Middle School and High School Youth Groups would like to wish our St. Thomas a'Becket family a very Merry Christmas Season and a Blessed New Year. May Jesus be the Light of your Christmas celebration, with blessings to you and yours with love, peace, and cherished memories this holiday season and for the upcoming New Year.

We will NOT be meeting this weekend, so everyone can celebrate Christmas with their families, but will resume next weekend. The Middle School students will gather from 5:00-6:45 PM, while the High School teens will meet from 7:00-9:00 PM.

## How to Register at St. Thomas a'Becket

Are you new to St. Thomas a'Becket and the Canton area? Have you been coming here for a while, but have never officially registered? Or maybe you're a guest and you like what you see and want to be a part of it?

If any of these describes you, and you would like to become a member of the Parish, stop by or call the Main Parish office at (734) 981-1333 and we would be glad to welcome you!



## BLOOD DRIVE

At St. John Neumann  
Warren Rd., Canton

Sunday, January 9, 2022

7:30 AM - 1:30 PM

The need for blood donations is greater than ever for families dealing with a cancer diagnosis or other major illness. Covid 19 has cancelled many drives that would have normally taken place in the last three months. Please consider giving the gift of life at the January blood drive.

To schedule an appointment, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code 'ccu') or call Diane at (313) 549-7052



## IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

### Tax Advantaged Ways to Give to Our Parish

Parishioners may consider these two tax-advantaged ways to make charitable gifts to our parish at the year end.

### Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Gifts of appreciated securities continue to be beneficial for donors since they offer significant tax advantages including income tax deductions and avoidance of tax on capital gains if the donor were to sell the highly appreciated securities. Through a gift of appreciated securities to benefit our parish, including to the Catholic Services Appeal, parishioners who itemize may receive an income tax deduction up to the full market value of the securities and can also avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation. In essence, you may save twice — on income tax and capital gains tax.

### IRA Rollover -- Qualified Charitable Distribution

The *IRA qualified charitable distribution* (QCD) provides a way for donors 70 ½ and older to receive a tax benefit for their generosity. It is beneficial because the QCD will not be included in adjusted gross income and is therefore not subject to tax. This is now more beneficial in view of the increased standard deduction in the new tax law. A donor can make a QCD of up to \$100,000 annually directly from the IRA to a charity, and as an added benefit, if the donor is age 72, the QCD satisfies the donor's required minimum distribution. Parishioners 70 ½ or older should consult with their IRA administrator for the procedure to make a QCD to our parish.

**For More Information**, contact Grace in the Parish Office at (734) 981-1333.

## SOMETHING NEW! 'TEXT-TO-GIVE'

St. Thomas a'Becket has an upgraded Online Giving platform. One of the new features is our option for "Text-To-Give."

Now you can easily donate using your phone – either via a QR code or a secure phone line. Parishioners and visitors can donate either to our Christmas Fund or our Sunday Offertory Fund just by scrolling down to 'Christmas,'

from your home, the Gathering Area, or inside the Church! All donations will be imported into our database and recorded in your contribution records for your annual tax statement.



**OR**

Text "Giving" to  
734-361-1333



**Parish offices will be open**  
**Monday - Wed, Dec. 20-23**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 29th 9A-5P**  
**Thursday, Dec. 30, 9A-12:30PM**

**See Mass Schedule on Pg. 14**

**Parish Offices will be closed**  
**Dec. 24th- 27th**  
**Wed., Dec. 29th**  
**Friday, Dec. 31st**

**Normal hours resume Jan. 3rd**



## Feast of St. Thomas a'Becket

Our parish feast day, the **Feast of St. Thomas a'Becket**, occurs this Wednesday, December 29th. We will celebrate a special **Vigil Mass Tuesday, Dec. 28th, at 6:30 PM** in place of the regularly scheduled 9 AM Mass that day (*so no morning mass on Tuesday this week.*) To learn more about our patron and continue to celebrate the joy of Christmas, I hope you and your families will be able to join us for this festive liturgy, and then enjoy fellowship and refreshments afterward.



**SVDP  
NEWSLETTER**

God loves a cheerful giver. Thank you to all those who gave food, gifts and gift cards. We were able to help 40 local families through our SVDP ministry! We also want to thank those who gave so generously last week in our top hats. (We have top hats on the second and fourth Sunday of every month.) Thank you to those who give online and through the collection box. We continue to make home visits.

We recently helped a Canton woman who was embarrassed to ask for help. She has always worked and has one middle school child left to raise. Age is taking a toll on her body and she hurt her back lifting heavy boxes. She reluctantly went on medical leave. She came to realize she could no longer do this type of work. She is transitioning to find a desk job. The new job should be starting soon, but she has that gap with no pay check. This woman, along with many of the working poor we serve, live paycheck-to-paycheck. We were able to help her with part of this month's rent and some food and Christmas help for her daughter. She was so embarrassed to ask for help, yet so GRATEFUL we were there for her and her daughter. We were able to visit her in her home and pray with her which made her feel people do care.

We are the visible hands and feet of Jesus to the people around us. And they'll know we are Christians by our love.



*December 24-25, 2021 - Nativity of the Lord*

**Gathering Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful (ADESTE FIDELES)**

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
  
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

**Penitential Act**

Response: **Lord/Christ, have mercy.**

**Glory to God: Mass of Saint Ann (Ed Bolduc)**

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

**First Reading:** [Isaiah 9:1-6](#)

**Responsorial Psalm: Today Is Born Our Savior (Paul Inwood)**

*Refrain*

Today is born our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. (Psalm 96)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sing to the LORD a new song;<br/>Sing to the LORD, all the earth.<br/>Sing to the LORD; bless his holy name.</li> <li>2. Announce his salvation, day after day.<br/>Tell his glory among all the nations;<br/>among all peoples his marvelous deeds.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;<br/>let the sea and what fills it resound;<br/>let the plains be joyful<br/>and all that is in them be joyful!<br/>Then let all the trees of the forest rejoice</li> </ol> |
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**Second Reading:** [Titus 2:11-14](#)

**Gospel Acclamation: Today Is Born Our Savior (Paul Inwood)**

**Gospel Verse:** [Luke 2:10-11](#)

Good News and great joy to all the world:  
today is born our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Gospel Reading:** [Luke 2:1-14](#)

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**Homily****Nicene 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.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Church: that we may give witness to the angel's message of great joy that God comes to save us and bring peace to our hearts, *we pray to the Lord:*  
 For all people, in every land and nation: that God will grant peace and good will, reconciliation and forgiveness, and free the human family from all suffering, *we pray to the Lord:*  
 For an outpouring of God's favor in our time: that a childlike spirit of wonder and awe may be rekindled in our hearts, *we pray to the Lord:*  
 For those in the hospital, the homeless, and the imprisoned: that the coming of Christ may bring hope, healing, and new opportunities for them, *we pray to the Lord:*  
 For all who are traveling or away from home this night (day), especially members of the military and relief workers: that God will guide their movements, preserve them in love, and bring them home safely, *we pray to the Lord:*  
 For all of us gathered here to celebrate the birth of Christ: that we who have moved from darkness to light may radiate the Light of Christ to all whom we encounter, *we pray to the Lord:*  
 For all who suffer from illness of mind or body: that the grace of this Christmas season may bring them renewed strength and courage, especially ....., *we pray to the Lord:*  
 For our family members and friends who now live forever in the presence of our savior Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, especially.....;  
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, *and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**Preparation of the Gifts: Angels We Have Heard on High**

1. Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo - Gloria in excelsis Deo.*
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song.
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
4. See him in a manger laid whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

**Holy, Holy:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Memorial Acclamation:**

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again, until you come again.

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**Doxology/Amen****Lord's Prayer**All: **Our Father...****Sign of Peace****Lamb of God:**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

**Communion Song: Away in a Manger**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

**Communion Song: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;  
Yet in the dark streets shineth The everlasting Light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth!
3. How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

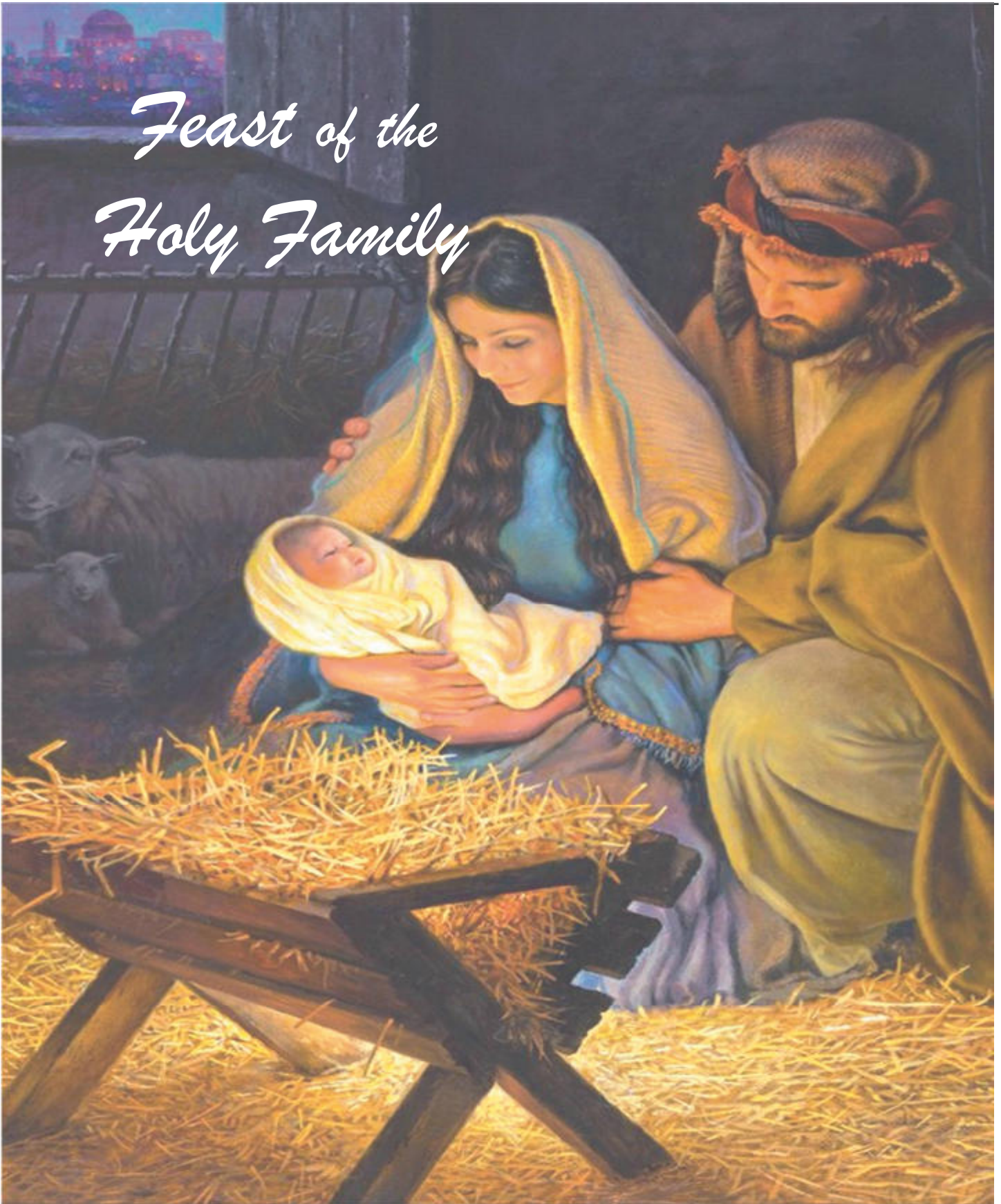
**Communion: Silent Night**

1. Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**Song of Sending: Joy to the World**

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us, our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.





*Feast of the  
Holy Family*

**Chancellor**

**St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, Canton, MI  
Sunday, December 26, 2021**



*December 26, 2021 - Feast of the Holy Family*

**Entrance Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High**

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| <p>1. Angels we have heard on high<br/>Sweetly singing o'er the plains,<br/>And the mountains in reply<br/>Echo back their joyous strains.</p> <p>Gloria in excelsis Deo.<br/>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</p> | <p>2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?<br/>Why your joyous strains prolong?<br/>Say what may the tidings be<br/>Which inspire your heav'nly song.</p> <p>3. Come to Bethlehem and see<br/>Him whose birth the angels sing;<br/>Come, adore on bended knee<br/>Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.</p> |
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**Greeting & Introduction**

**Penitential Act**

Response: **Lord/Christ, have mercy.**

**Glory to God:**

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

**First Reading:** [Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14](#)

**Responsorial Psalm: Blest Are Those Who Love You (Marty Haugen)**

- Antiphon*  
Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you,  
blest are those who seek you, O God. (Psalm 126)
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| <p>1. Happy all those who fear the Lord,<br/>and walk in God's pathway;<br/>you will find what you long for:<br/>the riches of our God.</p> | <p>2. Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine<br/>in the midst of your home,<br/>your children flourish like olive plants<br/>rejoicing at your table.</p> <p>3. May the blessings of God be yours<br/>all the days of your life,<br/>may the peace and the love of God<br/>live always in your heart.</p> |
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**Second Reading:** [Colossians 3:12-17](#)

**Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Restoration (Josh Blakesley)**

**Gospel Verse:** [Acts 16:14b](#)

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

**Gospel Reading:** [Luke 2:41-52](#)

**Homily**

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**Nicene 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.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all Christians: that God will deepen our faith and help us to live in trusting reliance  
upon the Lord, *we pray to the Lord:*

For families separated by war or recovering from natural disasters: that God will give them  
courage, relieve their suffering, and open new opportunities for them in the New Year,  
*we pray to the Lord:*

For families wounded by addictions: that God will free those bound by addictions and restore  
the broken relationships in their lives, *we pray to the Lord:*

For all who have no families or who are rejected by their families: that they may experience love  
and acceptance through the Christian community, *we pray to the Lord:*

For all of us gathered here at St. Thomas a'Becket: that the Spirit will guide our families in praying  
together and help us to listen to God's response in the quiet of our hearts and in the  
experiences of each day, *we pray to the Lord:*

For all who struggle with illness: that they may find new opportunities for healing in the grace of this  
Christmas season, especially....., *we pray to the Lord:*

For the deceased members of our families: that they may live forever in the loving presence of the  
Holy Family, especially.....:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, *and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**Preparation of the Gifts: Away in a Manger**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

**Sanctus:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Memorial Acclamation:**

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again, until you come again.

**Doxology/Amen****Lord's Prayer**

All: **Our Father...**

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**Lamb of God:**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

**Communion Antiphon: Baruch 3:38 (Angrisano/Hart/Stephan)**

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

**Communion Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem (Phillips Brooks)**

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| <p>1. O little town of Bethlehem,<br/>How still we see thee lie!<br/>Above thy deep and dreamless sleep<br/>The silent stars go by;<br/>Yet in the dark streets shineth<br/>The everlasting Light.<br/>The hopes and fears of all the years<br/>Are met in thee tonight.</p> | <p>3. How silently, how silently<br/>The wondrous gift is giv'n!<br/>So God imparts to human hearts<br/>The blessings of his heav'n.<br/>No ear may hear his coming,<br/>But in this world of sin,<br/>Where meek souls will receive him, still<br/>The dear Christ enters in.</p> |
| <p>2. For Christ is born of Mary<br/>And, gathered all above<br/>While mortals sleep, the angels keep<br/>Their watch of wond'ring love.<br/>O morning stars, together<br/>Proclaim the holy birth,<br/>And praises sing to God the King,<br/>And peace to all on earth!</p> | <p>4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,<br/>Descend to us, we pray;<br/>Cast out our sin and enter in,<br/>Be born in us today.<br/>We hear the Christmas angels<br/>The great glad tidings tell;<br/>O come to us, abide with us,<br/>Our Lord Emmanuel!</p>                             |

**Communion Hymn: Nativity Carol (Francis Patrick O'Brien)**

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| <p>1. Silent, in the chill of midnight,<br/>starlight shines upon a lowly manger.<br/>Wonder, wonder of the ages;<br/>heaven breaks forth on the earth.</p>                            | <p>2. "Fear not," said angelic voices;<br/>"tidings of a wondrous love we bring you.<br/>Go now, find him in a manger;<br/>visit God's home on the earth."</p> |
| <p>For a child is born, the world rejoices!<br/>Shepherds and angels proclaim his birth.<br/>This is Jesus the Lord, our Savior and brother,<br/>bearing God's peace to the earth.</p> | <p>3. Jesus, Lord of all creation,<br/>sleep now close beside your mother, Mary.<br/>Bring us light amid the darkness,<br/>promise of life without end.</p>    |

**Communion Prayer****Final Blessing****Dismissal****Song of Sending: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord:  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"



# Children's Worship Bulletin™





Ages 3+

December 26, 2021 • Luke 2:41





## Jesus in the Temple


Jesus and His family went to Jerusalem for the ...

Write the beginning sound for each picture.

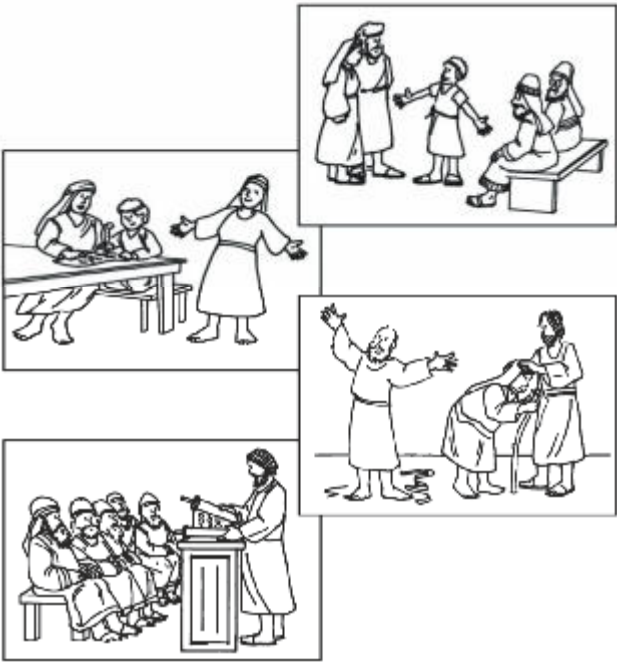
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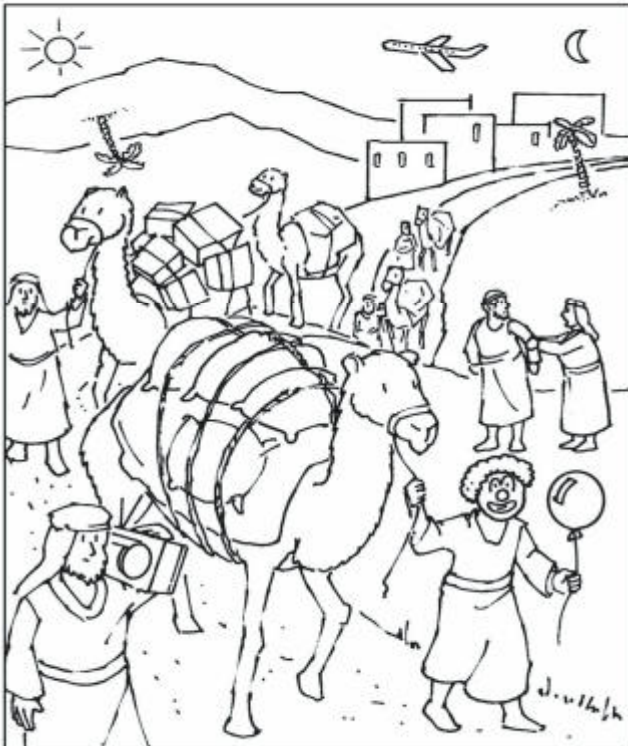
Jesus continued to grow in favor with God and people.

Find Jesus in each picture.



Mary and Joseph started home. They found Jesus was not with them.

Circle 5 things that are wrong.



Mary and Joseph searched for 3 days. They found Jesus in the temple.

Count the ? s. Trace the correct number.

5 or 7 or 9



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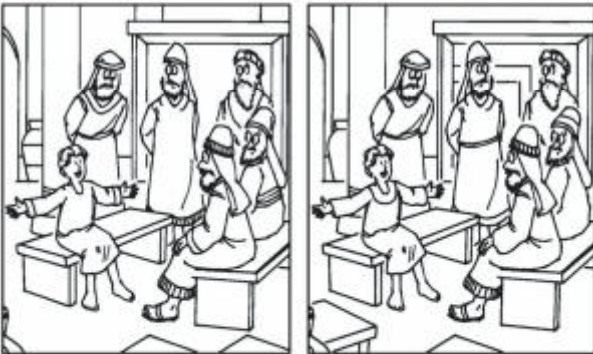
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December 26, 2021 • Luke 2:41-52

## Jesus in the Temple

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When Jesus was 12 years old, He went with them. What happened when the festival was over?

Find 15 differences between the 2 pictures below.



While his parents were returning home, Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking He was in their company, they traveled on for a day.

Jesus' parents couldn't find Him. They began looking among their friends and relatives, and eventually went back to Jerusalem. What happened?



Unscramble the food names. Use the numbered letters to fill in the blanks.

LPAP	1	17	IWASNDCH	5	15	6
ADEBR	2		NOCR	10	11	
ANCYD	3	13	KLIM	9	7	16
HIFS	4	12	TORCAR	14		8

1	4	8	2	14	8	6	14	2	2
3	1	13	12	8	6	2	13		
4	11	5	3	6	15	9	15	5	
8	6	2	8	2	9	17	7	2	
10	11	14	8	12	12	15	8	8	15
1	9	11	5	8	6	2			
8	2	1	10	6	2	14	12		
7	15	12	8	2	5	15	5		
8	11	8	6	2	9	1	5	3	
1	12	16	15	5	8	6	2	9	
2	12	8	15	11	5	12			



When Jesus' parents saw Him, they were astonished. His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for You." How did Jesus reply?

Use the sign language code to fill in the blanks.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Use the sign language code to fill in the blanks.

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How did the people at the temple react to Jesus?

Fit the words in the list below into the spaces to complete the sentence and find out. (Some words need to be split between 2 words below.)

VERY SAME SAW  
EAR THIS DIM  
NEW STAND

E \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ HO H \_\_\_\_\_

H \_\_\_\_\_ WA \_\_\_\_\_ AZ \_\_\_\_\_ D

A \_\_\_\_\_

UNDER \_\_\_\_\_ ING

AND HI \_\_\_\_\_ NS \_\_\_\_\_ ERS.

**Pray for the Sick**

Please remember these people who are sick and have asked for our prayers:

- |                     |                         |                      |
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| Christopher Andrews | *Joseph Hawrylak        | Paul Reiner          |
| *Tina Annin         | Kevin Howard            | Molly Reynolds       |
| Tony Aratari        | Patsy Jean              | Gail Robertson       |
| *Janice Bailey      | Niki Jenks              | *John Rowe           |
| Holly Bendeur       | Max Jenner              | Jill Russell         |
| Marty Bogart        | Millie & John Jordan    | *Stella Sacha        |
| Michael Brindley    | *Anne Kelly-Smirthwaite | *Brian Schumacher    |
| *Kathy Brunton      | Lisa Klimczak           | Denzel & Merna Short |
| Alan Brunton        | Dan Kodric, Jr.         | Georgia Silliman     |
| Orville Bushman     | *Chris Kowalczyk        | *Peter Slazinski     |
| Robert Catalano     | Evelyn Krause           | *Nancy Sleyter       |
| Jim Clagg           | *Judy Krueger           | Ron & Betty Socia    |
| Cliff Cook          | *Sal Lauto              | Bob Sommeriva        |
| Edwina Cook         | *Peggy Lipski           | Patricia Stella      |
| Rich Cook           | Ellie Lewandowski       | Beverly Stella       |
| Cheryl Crawford     | *Baby Paisley Long      | Christopher Stewart  |
| Christine Dick      | Therese Lawrence        | Evan Stoecklein      |
| Joseph Dondzila     | *Gabriel Lencioni       | Christine Stover     |
| *Teresa Duncan      | *Jill Maisano           | Rebecca Switzer      |
| *Richard Emerick    | Helen Marsh             | Kara Timko           |
| *Joanne Erpelding   | *Pat Marunich           | Tom Tompkins         |
| *Dorothy Ewing      | Kathy McCann            | *Frances Toscano     |
| Tomas Flores        | *James McElgunn         | Cole Trembath        |
| Henry Follosio      | Kim McInerney           | Delia Vargas         |
| Diana Freese        | Paula McNulty           | Tess Vargas          |
| Randy Fritz         | *Ray Meeseman           | Carolyn Vellucci     |
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| *Jim Grupa          | Kenneth Nuph            | Fred Zabkiewicz      |
| *Rose Grzeskowiak   | Michael O'Malley        | Jennifer Zhang       |
|                     | *Val Oser               | *David Zuraw         |
|                     | Danielle Paquette       |                      |
|                     | Bernie Pucher           |                      |



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- |                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
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| Major Craig Jayson          |                              |

**NOTE: As military personnel return home, please call Parish office and notify us.**



**Baptisms**

**For Available Baptism Dates**

January 9th and 23rd at 1:30 PM

Contact Deacon Jim at

[Deacon.jim@abecket.org](mailto:Deacon.jim@abecket.org) for

Baptism class information or

Lisa Bittner at [Lisa.bittner@abecket.org](mailto:Lisa.bittner@abecket.org)

for available future dates

*A Parent of child to be baptized must contact Lisa Bittner at 981-1333 four to six weeks before desired baptismal date. Family must be registered in the parish at least three months prior to Baptism date.*

## Financial Statement Of December 12, 2021

Weekly Budget	\$22,703.00
Enveloped Collection	\$11,479.00
Loose Offerings	\$853.00
Online Giving	<u>\$11,044.00</u>
Total Collection	\$23,376.00
YTD Budget - Wk 24	\$544,872.00
YTD Collections	\$559,298.08
No. Registered Fam.	2832
No. of Env. Issued	2476
No. of Env. Used	275
No. of Online Givers	258
<b>Current CSA coverage</b>	<b>\$16,906.74</b>

## With Sympathy....



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of **Ruth Flynn**, sister of Peter Thiede; **Rick Janisse**, brother of Mark and Marianne Janisse; **Lucia Khen Bui Tran**, mother of Ngoc Lan Tran Lam; and **Andrew Dillon**, nephew of Joe and Grace Pellerito. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



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## Readings for the Week of Dec. 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

## Mass Intentions for the Week of December 26, 2021 (as of Dec. 17)

### Monday – December 27, 2021

NO MASS - Offices closed

### Tuesday – December 28, 2021

NO MORNING MASS

6:30 PM Cathy Gorzen  
Bernice Gilbertson

### Wednesday – December 29, 2021

NO MASS - All Offices closed

### Thursday – December 30, 2021

Offices open from 9 AM - 12:30 PM

9:00 AM Ron Hauser (10th Anniversary)  
Kimberley Babcock  
Intention of Alfred Mirabitor and  
Family

### Friday – December 31, 2021

NO MORNING MASS

5:00 PM Intention of Charlie Mirabitor

### Saturday – January 1, 2022

FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

4:30 PM. Michael C. Long  
Marge Brajkovich

### Sunday – January 2, 2022

8:00 AM Elias Mendoza  
Sophie Bazner  
Antonia Isenberg

10:00 AM Bob Parris

12:00 PM Ellen & Anthony Calabrese



## Celebrants for January 1-2, 2022

4:30 PM Fr. Manny Chircop  
8:00 AM Fr. Chris Maus  
10:00 AM Fr. Chris Maus  
12:00 PM Fr. Manny Chircop


## Lectors for January 1-2, 2022

4:30 PM Len Rosiewicz  
8:00 AM Lee Huey  
10:00 AM Lee Vargas  
12:00 PM Mike Cappuccitti

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