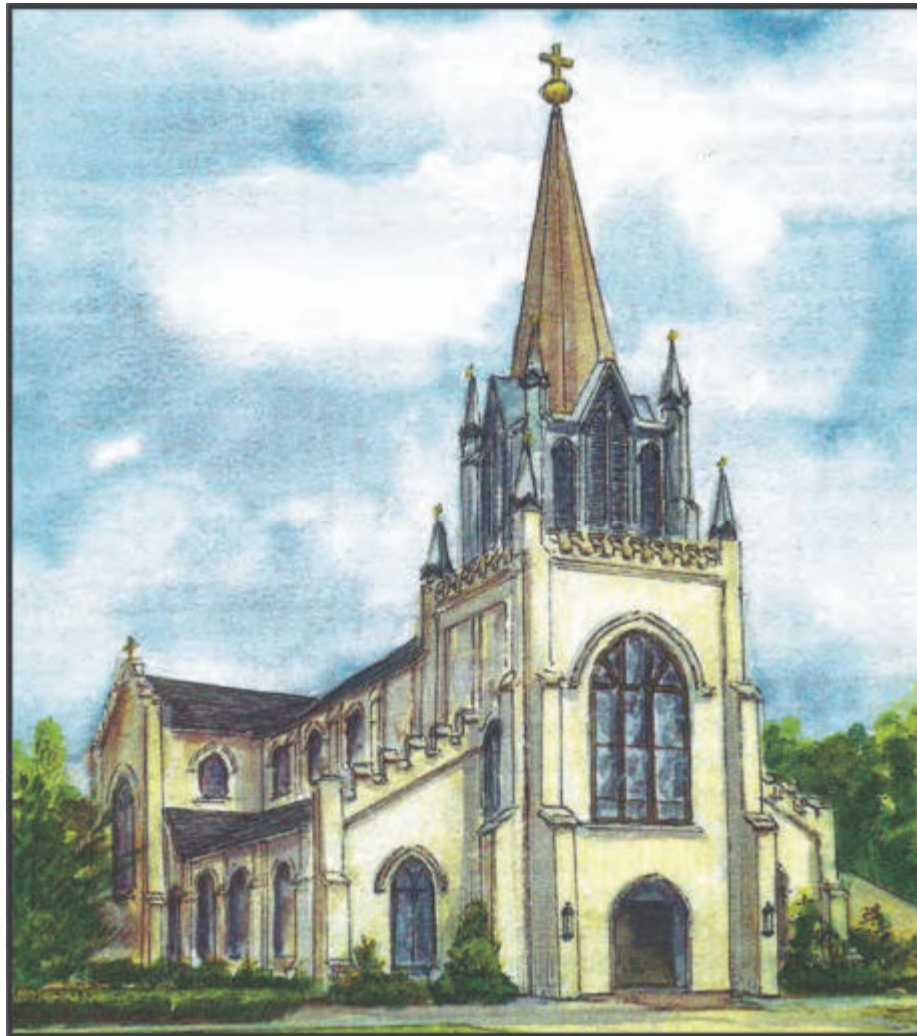


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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday:**  
5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:**  
11:00 a.m.  
**Holy Days:**  
12:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
**Daily (Except Wednesday):** 12:10 p.m.  
**Confessions:** Not Available At This Time  
**Weddings:** 4 Month Notice  
**Baptisms:** By Appointment



# December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent  
Philippians 4:4-5

*Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.*



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## DECEMBER MASS SCHEDULES

December 24 – Christmas Eve 4:00 pm (children’s mass) and 6:00 pm

December 25 – Christmas Day 10:00 am

January 1, 2021 – 10:00 am

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is almost here. The powerful truth that God sent his son to be one of us is a cause for celebration. The sacred scriptures speak of Jesus as Emmanuel, God with us. To celebrate this truth by which we live, our Parish of Holy Family Church will celebrate three masses at Christmas: an early mass for young family members at 4 PM and a later mass at 6 PM on Christmas Eve and at 10 AM on Christmas Day.

Due to the unusual circumstances of the Coronavirus danger of infection and getting sick, the restrictions on choirs gathering and the reluctance of parishioners, especially the elderly, we will forgo the Midnight Mass gathering.

The Bishop has extended dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance for the following:

- those who belong to vulnerable populations due to age or health
- caregivers and those who live with those in vulnerable populations
- those who are sick or have symptoms
- those who suffer from extreme uneasiness or anxiety from being in public places in this time of pandemic.

This year of 2020 has been a particularly difficult one. The threat of the virus and the reality of getting sick, in addition to the turbulence of the November elections, gives us pause. May God bless us with his loving presence again this Christmas. May you feel the warmth and glow of Christ being born again in our hearts and homes.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas.... Fr. Dan O’Connell and Fr. Barry Stanton

**FOR OUR SICK . . . .** Pat Mullane, Jimmy White, Rachael Sandri, Jason Janney, Dylan Presley, Joyce Waters, Isla Grace Mahoney (10 Months old), Mary Garcia, Friar Noel (St. Benedict’s), Noah Beals, Jacob Wilkins (5 years old), Bob Crawford, Timothy Rogers, Fr. Dan O’Connell, Matthew Galapon, Shelby Holley, Dickie Minter, Kathy Oates, Jack Kasych, Bobby Murphy, Mathieu Rebidue, Larry Imo, Margaret Buckner, Vivian Gluck, Edwina Cruz, Skip Baker, Robert Daniels, Mary Slavik, Barry Carroll, Nasaneth Yohannes, Joseph Burke, Charles Smith, Leigh & Van Dupriest, James Dalton, Carrie Miller, Deborah Khoury, Richard Grantham, Elizabeth Grey, Charles D. Woody, Roberta Battersby, John Redman, Dorothy J. Gallagher, Jeffrey Victor, Pat Roper, Kendra Haddock, Sharon Pritchett, Vivian Bonamy, Tom McAvoy, Chris Batastini, Monika Waller, Joe Waller, Lewis Brewer, Darrell Wilson, Judge Michael Cielinski, Rose Tully, Jacob Christopher Wilkins, Robin Bangart, Ed Stewart, Richard DeNoia, Sandi Smith, Jessica Watts, Joseph Picariello, Steve Karr, Ashley Priest.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .** Lucy Moore, aunt of parishioners Donna Patterson and Tom Pollara,, who passed away on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. May her soul and those of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**SECOND COLLECTION December 12/13<sup>th</sup> Religious Retirement**

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and social-service agencies, often for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and elder care. Your gift to the Religious Retirement Fund helps provide needed medications, nursing care and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

**BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL—ACA**

In January, Bishop Hartmeyer invited everyone in our Catholic community to make a gift to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. As a parish, we have been asked to consider how we might share our blessings with others. The Appeal is one way we do just that. It is an opportunity to come together to support those who are suffering or in need, the weak and the abandoned. Our willingness to give, without condition, creates in us a generous heart. Faith leads to a desire to take action – to satisfy hunger and heal broken lives. Faith stirs in us a spirit of goodwill in our community. Please prayerfully consider participating with a gift to the ACA. Your gift of any amount will make a difference! Your generosity will provide for many opportunities for grace in our faith community.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (Progress Report as of 11/25/2020)**

***Our Goal - \$59,925; Pledged - \$8401 with \$7,583 paid on pledge; One-time donations - \$37,629.60 with total of \$45,212.60 given which is 75.45% of our goal. Of 579 parishioners, 96 have donated for 16.58% participation***

**OFFERTORY**

***December 6, 2020 - \$8,098.42. . . . . December 8, 2019 - \$14,150.50***

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Dec. 12</i>	<i>Lucio Churunel Ajcalon</i>	<i>Memorial</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Dec. 13</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Dec. 14</i>	<i>Al Jenkins</i>	<i>Memorial</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Dec. 15</i>	<i>Alice McLendon</i>	<i>Birthday</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Dec. 17</i>	<i>Rosie &amp; Israel Longoria</i>	<i>Memorial</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Dec. 18</i>	<i>Seferino &amp; Maria Obregon</i>	<i>Memorial</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Dec. 19</i>	<i>Judy Hardy</i>	<i>Memorial</i>



**TODAY'S READINGS – Sunday December 20, 2020**

**First Reading** — Go, tell my servant David, “Thus says the Lord: Should you build me a house to dwell in? (2 Samuel 7:1-5)

**Psalm** — Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89:2)

**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus (Luke 1:26-38)).

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