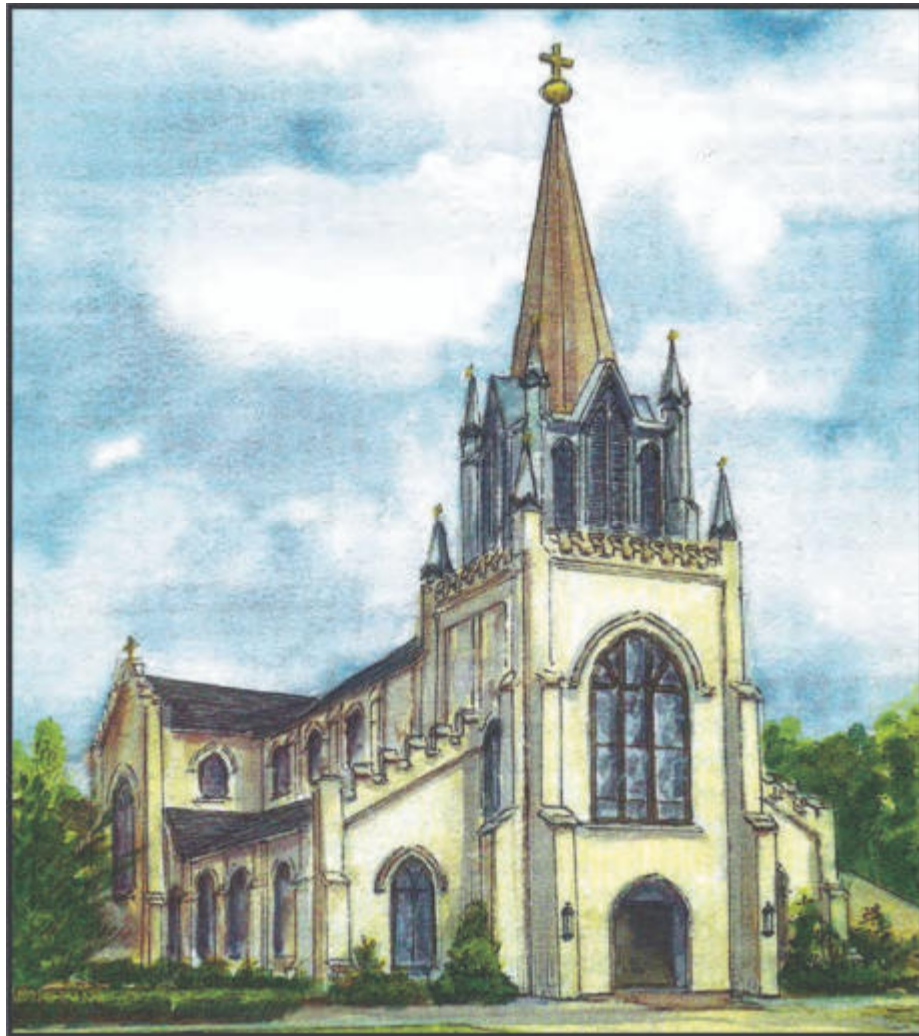


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Mass Schedule

Saturday:
5:00 p.m.
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11:00 a.m.
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Daily (Except Wednesday): 12:10 p.m.
Confessions: Not Available At This Time
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December 27, 2020

***Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph
Luke 2:16***

***The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and
the Infant lying in a manger.***

JANUARY MASS SCHEDULE

January 1, 2021 – Feast of Mary – 10:00 am



GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Holy Family faced challenges from the start, even before Jesus was born. When Mary was expecting, Joseph planned to divorce her quietly, assuming she had been unfaithful. With Mary about to give birth, they had to make a lengthy and difficult trip to Bethlehem, where she had to give birth in a stable. They could not return home with their baby son, but had to flee to Egypt to avoid a murderous Herod. Then when they present him to the Lord, Simeon interrupts them and tells Mary a foreboding prophecy: “This child is destined for the fall and rise of many...a sign that will be contradicted ...you yourself a sword will pierce” (Luke 2:34-35). But both Joseph and Mary had been visited by an angel of the Lord before Jesus was born, each angel giving reassurance of God’s care and comfort. They had already endured numerous hardships and they trusted in the Lord to stay with them the entire way.

Even for them, God’s presence did not mean that everything would proceed happily or easily. But it meant they were never alone, having to face life’s challenges by themselves. Returning home, Jesus grew strong and wise “and the favor of God was upon him” (Luke 2:40) May God’s abiding presence in our families reassure us as well.

FOR OUR SICK . . . ,Mike Edmondson (school board member), 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.



2021 CHURCH CALENDAR – DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY

The 2021 Church Calendars, *Devotions to Our Lady*, have arrived and are located on the tables in the back of the church. Please be sure to pick up your copy or bring one to a parishioner who is unable to come to mass.

You're Invited to a Virtual Peek at Kindergarten on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Will your child be in Kindergarten next school year? If so, you'll want to be sure to take a look at the wonderful opportunities that await your student at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School! The St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School Kindergarten curriculum includes Language Arts, Mathematics, Religion, Social Studies, Science, Spanish, Technology, Art, Drama, Music and PE. During our virtual Peek at Kindergarten, parents will have the opportunity to interact with Lower School Principal Jocelyn Smith, as well as Kindergarten Teachers Heather Dalelio and Carol Jones who will discuss their approach to learning. Director of Admissions Julie Davis will be available during the session to answer admissions-related questions. Register to attend here: www.BeAViking.com/peek-at-kindergarten.

REFLECTION– ENCOUNTERING THE FAMILY AGAIN

The year 2020 will be remembered for generations as the year when the world stood still. Literally. Our fast-paced lives and the frenzy of our interconnected reality came to a halt as nations and continents faced a global pandemic. If we wanted to survive, physical distancing was required. Schools, businesses, parks, churches, and most public places were closed. While countless people had no safe place in which to shelter, for billions of us, home was the safest place to be. How ironic that a virus had to send us back to that space where life begins and where we usually experience love at its best: home. Crises often bring suffering, loss, and disorientation. They also carry embedded blessings. For many, encountering families again was a blessing.

The pandemic thrust us back into the sacred space of the home to encounter again the families we had taken for granted. We thought we were together until we actually *were together*. We thought we were present to our relatives until realizing that we could not be with some of them any longer. Those both near and far provided us the perfect opportunity to practice what St. Paul says is so important: heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, love, gratitude, singing.

With churches and other worship spaces closed, it became easier to appreciate more our homes as small faith communities. We prayed together, shared meals, and supported one another. We rediscovered what we instinctively knew: the family is a domestic church. In 2020 the world stood still. Billions encountered their families again. May we have the wisdom to treasure this blessing.

Hosffman Ospino– Associate professor of theology and education at Boston College’s School of Theology and Ministry.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (Progress Report as of 12/11/2020)

Our Goal - \$59,925; Pledged - \$8401 with \$7,583 paid on pledge; One-time donations - \$40,109.60 with total of \$47,692.60 given which is 79.59% of our goal. Of 579 parishioners, 100 have donated for 17.27% participation

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Dec. 26</i>	<i>Joe Sandri, Jr.</i>	<i>Special Intentions</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Dec. 27</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Dec. 28</i>	<i>Walter Lunsford</i>	<i>Memorial</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Dec. 29</i>	<i>Joseph Klaus Newton</i>	<i>Memorial</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Dec. 31</i>	<i>Margie Land</i>	<i>Memorial</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Jan. 1</i>	<i>ProPopulo</i>	
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Jan. 2</i>	<i>Elaine Clemons</i>	<i>Memorial</i>



<u>DATE</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>HOST MINISTERS</u>
<i>Sat. Dec. 26</i>	<i>5:00 PM.</i>	<i>Julie Hird</i>	<i>Dee Ward, David & Linda Turner</i>
<i>Sun. Dec. 27</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>	<i>Lula Huff</i>	<i>Dcn DeWayne Tillman, Maureen Tillman, Tyler McCrary</i>
<i>Fri. Jan. 1.</i>	<i>10:00AM</i>	<i>Julie Hird</i>	<i>Roy & Joan Waters</i>

TODAY’S READINGS – Sunday January 3 2021 *Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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