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THOSE  
ON WHOM  
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RESTS.

LUKE 2:14



December 25, 2021

### Dear Parishioners

If you have been one of those who have been doing a daily countdown during the Advent Season, then today is the day that you've been waiting for, the day of celebration! Merry Christmas!

We all have our own way of dealing with waiting. Some people need to cross off each date on a calendar as it passes. Or opening those little flaps on the Advent Calendar. It provides them with a visual image of time passing and of celebration drawing near.

Others don't want that concrete image on the calendar page. It seems to make each day pass slowly, dragging their spirits down and making the wait seem much longer.

Whichever way we handle it; this is a simple fact that accompanies every person's waiting. Whether we are counting the days or just wanting them to go faster, each of us is expressing a hope of something good about to happen!

Our Christian faith builds on who we are and where we are. For the past four weeks our church liturgies have spoken to us about hope and waiting and expectation. We have been encouraged to look to a future that promises a more fulfilling and brighter day. That is the promise the Messiah offers us and that is the hope we share with one another when we offer Christmas greetings.

Today and all this season, make the "Merry Christmas" greeting a truly hope-filled one!

Tomorrow the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The readings focus on the importance of the holiness of family life. By holiness I mean that the family truly reflects and participates in the creative activity of God.

In the reading from the letter to the Colossians, Paul gives us the Christian principles that both animate and characterize the family life of baptized Christians. We are to live in mutuality, each respecting and loving one another. We are to help each other grow by being kind, honest, forgiving, gentle, peacemaking and, most of all, by our love for one another. Christian families live this way because they are chosen and loved by God.

The Gospel text, though it involves the holy family, is truly unrelated to the theme of family. Its basic meaning is to present Jesus as the "new Moses" and to relate the entire life of Jesus to the Hebrew people. The principal event for the Jewish people was their exodus from Egypt. Matthew, here, applies the meaning of the exodus event, namely salvation, to the life of Jesus. The purpose for its inclusion in the Christmas season is to show God's intervention in human history for our salvation. Jesus is that saving intervention!

Rejoice, all families of the earth! Our Savior is born and lives among us.

On behalf of Fr. Queen, Deacon Fred, and the Parish Staff, and School Faculty and Staff, I do wish you a blessed, happy and "Merry Christmas."

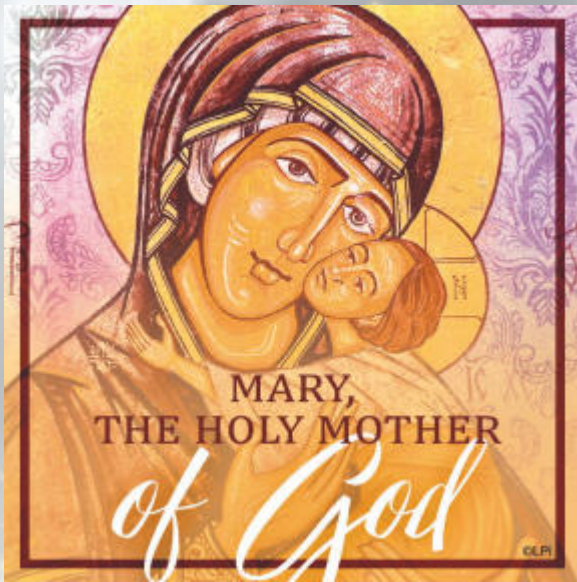
Have a blessed week!

### Father Tom

P.S. The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God falls on a Saturday this year and is NOT a Holyday of Obligation. Even though it is not a Holyday of Obligation we will celebrate mass on January 1st at 9:30AM and 11:00AM . There will be a 4:00PM Vigil Mass for The Epiphany of the Lord on Saturday, January 1st.

### Mass and Prayer Times

Saturday Vigil	4:00pm	
Sunday	8:00am	The Holy Rosary
	9:30am	Monday-Saturday
	11:00am	after the 8:30am Mass
Monday-Saturday	8:30am	Confessions Saturday at 9:00am



**Masses on Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**at 9:30AM & 11:00AM**

**The Parish Office is closed on Friday, December 31, 2021.** It will reopen at 9:00AM on Monday, January 3, 2022. In case of emergency, call the Parish Office (386) 441-1505 and follow the directions.



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## Mass Intentions


Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord	12:00AM	† Lenora Barrett † Catherine Hepprich	Fr. Tom Husband, Son, & Wife
	9:30AM	† Lad & Elinor Warzecha	The Skipper Family
	11:00AM	† Maria Cataudella	The Peburn Family
Sunday, December 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8:00AM	† Dr. Victor Doig	The David Family
	9:30AM	† Fran Scuderi	Brenda and John Everd
	11:00AM	<b>Pro Populo</b>	
Monday, December 27	8:30AM	† Annie Sweeney	Mike & Anna Boyle
Tuesday, December 28	8:30AM	† Charles Taylor	Catherine Crittenden
Wednesday, December 29	8:30AM	† Philip Hien	Sister
Thursday, December 30	8:30AM	† Frances Scuderi	Anne Durkin
Friday, December 31	8:30AM	† Rose & Carl Hjorth	Rosemarie & Carol
Saturday, January 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God	9:30AM	† Robert Haring	John Wright
	11:00AM	† Deloris Higgins	Charles Marodtian
Vigil of the Epiphany at 4:00pm	4:00PM	<b>Pro Populo</b>	
Sunday, January 3 The Epiphany of the Lord	8:00AM	† Frank A. Herness	Herness, Murray & Rusilko Families
	9:30AM	† Helen Sefton	Don & Ann May
	11:00AM	† Henry G. Fortier	Philip Gorrasi



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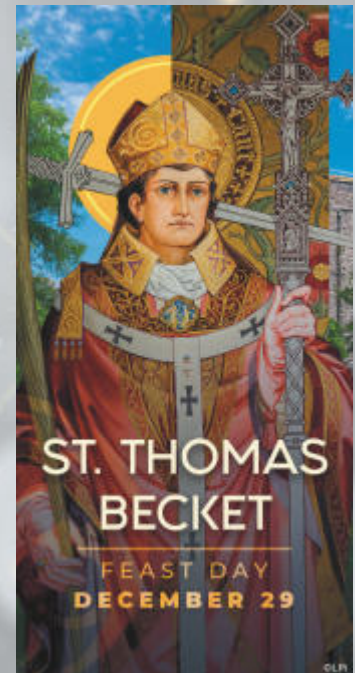
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# Parish Stewardship

## December 8, 11 & 12, 2021

First Collection	14,915.37
Online Donations (reported 2/month)	11,114.00
Christmas	150.00
Christmas Online	635.00
Christmas Food	1,875.00
Christmas Flowers	329.00
Christmas Flowers Online	155.00
Immaculate Conception	1,435.00
Immaculate Conception Online	200.00
School Subsidy Collection	489.00
School Subsidy Online (reported 2/month)	693.00
<b>Total Week's Offertory</b>	<b>\$31,990.37</b>
Weekly Operating Budget	14,409.68
Surplus (Deficit)	17,580.69
Retirement Fund for Religious	646.00
St. Brendan Outreach	2,476.15



Fr. Cedric Ministries is a Roman Catholic ministry dedicated to reaching out to as many people as possible, in as deep a way as possible, with the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. While this ministry is Catholic in origin and beliefs, it is designed to reach out to people of all faiths as well as unbelievers.

Rev. Cedric Pisegna, C.P. is a Passionist priest who professed vows in September of 1985. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts and graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a B.S. in Social Work and a minor in Business. He has also studied Philosophy, Speech and Drama. Fr. Cedric graduated from the Catholic Theological Union at Chicago in May 1990 receiving his Master of Divinity degree with Bible

Specialization. He was ordained a priest on June 29, 1991.

Presently, Fr. Cedric preaches retreats and missions throughout the United States and Canada ministering out of the Passionist retreat complex in Houston, Texas. He has preached 500 parish missions (retreats for the whole church) for some 30 years. He presently has a TV program *Live with Passion!* airing in nationally and internationally on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN), Daystar TV and EWTN. His radio program *Live with Passion!* airs on radio in many markets. Fr. Cedric has produced a number of CD series and DVD's on Christian living. He has also authored twenty-four books. For more information, visit his website at [www.frcedric.org](http://www.frcedric.org).

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## Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday or 4:00pm Mass on Saturday. Call Valeta Orlando at x-307 in the Parish Office for more information.

## Children's Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation

For information contact Valeta Orlando in the Parish Office.

## Becoming Catholic

Are you a non-Catholic adult interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Seekers and inquirers are always welcome. Contact Valeta Orlando in the Parish Office. No pressure; no commitment.

## Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday  
9:00am-3:30pm

## St. Brendan's Outreach Ministry

Food donations accepted in the church narthex at all weekend Masses all through the year. Special collections at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

## Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

## New Parishioners

St. Brendan warmly welcomes you! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and Religious Articles Store. Please return form via the Sunday offertory or bring it or send it to the Parish Office.

**The Knights of Columbus** always welcomes new members. For information contact Steve Silvestro: 386-238-8695  
[ssilvestro1@att.net](mailto:ssilvestro1@att.net)

## The Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

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