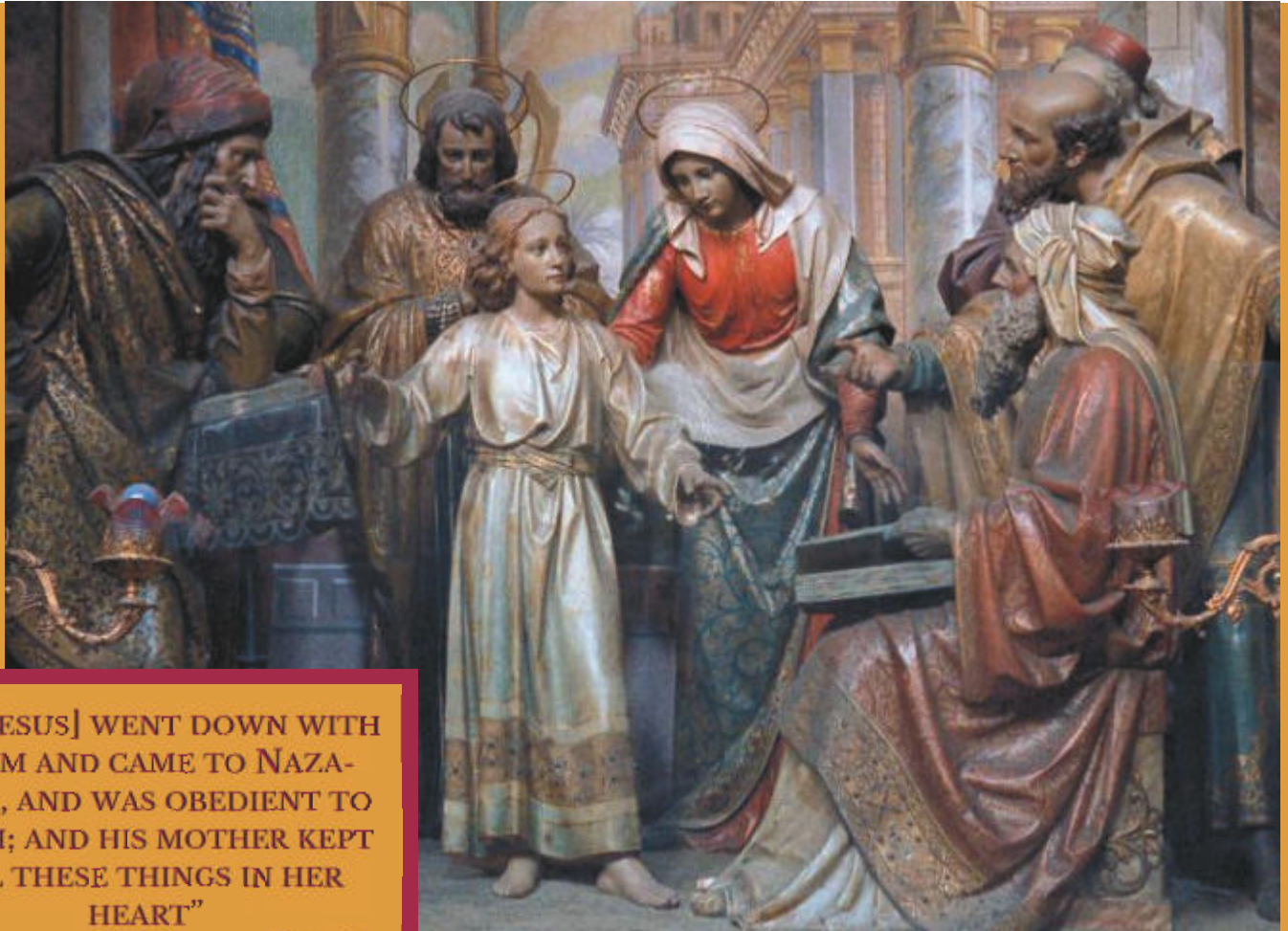




# St. Anthony the Abbot Catholic Church

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December 26, 2021 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



“HE [JESUS] WENT DOWN WITH THEM AND CAME TO NAZARETH, AND WAS OBEDIENT TO THEM; AND HIS MOTHER KEPT ALL THESE THINGS IN HER HEART”

—JOHN 2:51

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Monday—Saturday  
8:00 a.m.

#### **Mass Weekends:**

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Sunday  
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**Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Friday the office is closed.**



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## Mass Intentions and Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, December 25

- 9:00 a.m. Robert L. Chase, Jr. & Christine M. Cloud †  
11:00 a.m. All deceased members of the Bates Morales family

#### Sunday, December 26

- 8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Anthony the Abbot Parish  
10:00 a.m. Jeanette Pepe †  
11:30 a.m. Margaret & John Meola †

#### Monday, December 27

- 8:00 a.m. Bob Kettrick †

#### Tuesday, December 28

- 8:00 a.m. Tony & Terri Cangelosi

#### Wednesday, December 29

- 8:00 a.m. Helen Strauss †

#### Thursday, December 30

- 8:00 a.m. Jerry Putlack †

#### Friday, December 31

- 8:00 a.m. Marjorie Gorbett †

#### Saturday, January 1

- 8:00 a.m. Gamaliel Loayza †  
4:00 p.m. Forest McBrien †

#### Sunday, January 2

- 8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Anthony the Abbot Parish  
10:00 a.m. Timothy Beckwith †  
11:30 a.m. Joseph Mendoza †



### Sylvester, Pope in the Age of Christian Liberty

St. Sylvester was the first Pope of Rome to reign entirely under the liberty of the Church, guaranteed by the Edict of Milan in 313. Sylvester - a priest of Rome and the son of one Rufinus, according to the *Liber pontificalis* - was elected to the See of Peter in 314. During Sylvester's reign, the city began its transition into its Christian era, with the construction of the great Constantinian basilicas - including the Basilica of St. Peter on the Vatican Hill, which was erected above a temple dedicated to Apollo, to mark the burial place

### Saint Sylvester I, Pope

AROUND 335 — FEAST DAY: DECEMBER 31

of the first Bishop of Rome. St. Sylvester and Emperor Constantine also collaborated on the the Lateran Basilica and Baptistery, which were built adjacent to the former imperial palace where the Pontiff lived, as well as the (Roman) Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, and the Basilica of St. Paul outside the walls. Sylvester's memory, however, is most closely tied to the church of St. Martin and Sylvester (known as the *titulus Equitii*, owing to its building site's having been donated by a priest, Equitius) which still stands in Rome's Monti neighborhood.

### "Confessor of Faith"

It is uncertain, however, what role Sylvester had - if any - in the negotiations regarding the Donatists at Arles, or over Arianism at the first Ecumenical Council of Nicea in 325. According to some, he did not even have the opportunity to intervene. What is certain is that his faith so moved his contemporaries, that they publicly honored him as "confessor", i.e. one who, though not suffering martyrdom, lived a life completely given to Christ. Pope St. Sylvester also contributed to the de-

velopment of the liturgy. It was most probably during his reign that the first Roman Martyrology was composed, and his name is associated with the creation of the ancient Roman school of sacred song.

### Militia Aurata

Pope St. Sylvester is patron of the chivalric order called the Militia Aurata, or "of the Golden Spur", which, as tradition would have it, was founded by Emperor Constantine I in person. After various events throughout the centuries, in 1841, Pope Gregory XVI, in the framework of a vast reform of the equestrian orders, separated the Order of Pope St. Sylvester from the Militia Aurata, assigning to the Order of St. Sylvester particular statutes and decorations. In 1905, Pope St. Pius X made further amendments, which are still in force. The Order includes four classes: Knight/Dame, Knight/Dame Commander, Knight/Dame Commander with Star (Grand Officer), Knight/Dame Grand Cross.

Article from the Vatican News, "St. Sylvester I, Pope", December 31, <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/12/31/st-sylvester-i-pope.html>

## Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

### Sunday, December 26 Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52 or, in Year C, 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Ps; Lk 2:41-52

### Monday, December 27 Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Tuesday, December 28 Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

### Wednesday, December 29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord [Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr]

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

### Thursday, December 30 Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

### Friday, December 31 Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord [Saint Sylvester I, Pope]

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

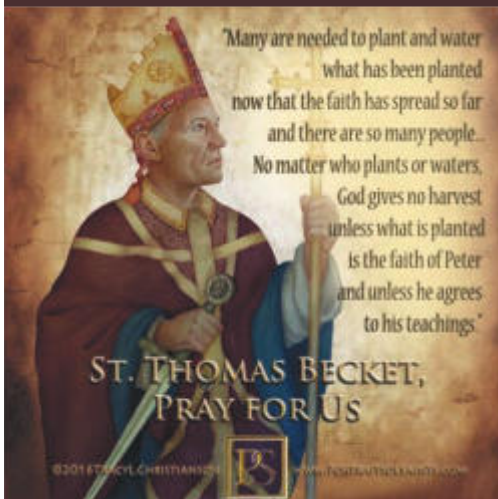
### Saturday, January 1 The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God [not a Holyday of Obligation this year]

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;; Lk 2:16-21

### Sunday, January 2 Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. ; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## ST. THOMAS BECKET, FEAST DAY DECEMBER 29 1118-1170



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## Weekly Message from Fr. Pecchie



My Dear Friends in Christ,



*Merry Christmas and Happy Feast of the Holy Family!*

Here in the middle of the Christmas Octave, the Church bids us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Perhaps it is a good time to reflect on family life. For, at Christmas time, family and extended family often gather together. I share with you the following:

### ***The Example of Nazareth***

An address given at Nazareth by Pope St. Paul VI

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him. Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief, everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel.

How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God's truths. But here we are only on a pilgrimage. Time presses and I must set aside my desire to stay and carry on my education in the Gospel, for that education is never finished. But I cannot leave without recalling, briefly and in passing; some thoughts I take with me from Nazareth.

First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children – and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value – demanding yet redeeming – and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.

In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well-being.

Venite Adoremus!  
(Come Let us Adore Him!)

*Fr. Pecchie*

*A note of thanks to all who have so generously shared the gift of giving with me, this Christmas! I am grateful for your generosity and kindness! I am blessed to be a part of this family!!*

## Ministry Information



**All men invited!!**  
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### Faith and Ale

Learn about your faith and grow closer to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as you fellowship with Fr. Pecchie and other men like you.  
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### Wine and the Word

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If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic Church and how to become a Catholic, or for any adult Catholic who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please call:

**Michele at the Parish Office**  
**Tuesday - Thursday**  
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## SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE

FIRST CENTURY — FEAST DAY DECEMBER 27



Saint John the Evangelist by Vladimir Borovikovsky 1757-1825

### The Call of the First Disciples

(Matthew 4:18-22)

As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

John and his brother, James, Galilean fishermen called the "sons of thunder," were chosen to be among the Twelve Apostles. John was with Jesus at the Transfiguration, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and on Calvary. It was to this "beloved disciple" that Jesus entrusted his mother's care. John evangelized in Ephesus (Turkey), was exiled to the island of Patmos, and according to tradition lived to be 100 years. John and his community of followers are credited with writing the fourth Gospel, three epistles, and the Book of Revelation.



# Ministry Information

## Register with us

If you have been a regular contributor, but haven't registered with our Parish, we welcome you to become a registered member. Please complete a registration form located in the racks of the church entrances and drop in the donation box, or you can pick one up at our Parish Office.



## Jesus Christ is Lord!!

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## Did You Know? Dangers of Cell Phone Cameras

Cell phones with photographic capability are a mixed blessing. Forget your camera?

Whip out the cell phone, and your toddler's first step, friend's goofy mishap, or fenderbender is captured for posterity. But cell phones are also being used in a sinister way—to silently take pictures of unsuspecting children, adolescents, and adults in compromising positions and without their consent. Plus, unlike conventional photographs, digital photos can be placed on the Internet very quickly—within minutes of taking the photo—and distributed around the world. In fact, some Web sites have been created for the sole purpose of posting photos taken surreptitiously with camera phones.

Develop a healthy suspicion of anyone using a cell phone in an awkward way, such as not holding it up to his or her ear or facing his or her mouth in a walkie-talkie style. Be especially cognizant of any suspicious cell phone use in areas where people could be in various states of undress or where children are gathered. If you see someone using a cell phone in a way that appears suspicious, don't be afraid to ask what he or she is doing or to alert someone in a position of authority about your concerns.

For particular help you may call: **Michael Craig, Safe Environment Program Manager at (727) 344-1611, ext. 5377.**

Source: Donna Albertone, "Taking a Closer Look at Cell Phone Video Voyeurism," featured March 7, 2005, at [www.virtusonline.org/virtus](http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus).

## Thank you! Volunteers!



Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers who made our Church so beautiful during the Advent and Christmas Season. What a gift of your time to honor our King!




### Giving Tree

*thank you*

Thank you for your very generous response to this endeavor.

The gifts given through your donations brought happiness to many families and individuals. We were able to assist many people this year, and ALL were most grateful. Special thanks to: **St. Anthony St. Vincent de Paul and the wonderful volunteers** who helped sort and deliver the gifts.



"Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan."

—Amoris Laetitia, 325

## Information

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, December 26 Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 10:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass  
 Coffee and Donuts after all Masses

#### Monday, December 27 Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena

#### Tuesday, December 28 Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. St. Anthony of Padua or Infant of Prague Novena  
 11:00 a.m. Spanish Legion of Mary  
 —Portable #7

#### Wednesday, December 29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord [Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr]

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. St Joseph Novena  
 8:45 a.m. English Legion of Mary  
 —Portable #7

#### Thursday, December 30 Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. St. Jude Novena  
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, December 31 Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord [Saint Sylvester I, Pope]

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### Saturday, January 1 The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God [not a Holyday of Obligation this year]

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 10-11 a.m. Reconciliation  
 4:00 p.m. Mass

#### Sunday, January 2 Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

SVDP Collection  
 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 10:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass  
 Coffee and Donuts after all Masses

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### Thank you, St. Anthony the Abbot Parish

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### Donating your Time and Treasure

The outreach ministry of St. Vincent de Paul appreciates your financial support for those in need. Please place your contribution in the baskets located at the church entrances on the first weekend of every month. Volunteers are also needed. Please call the parish office if you are willing to help.



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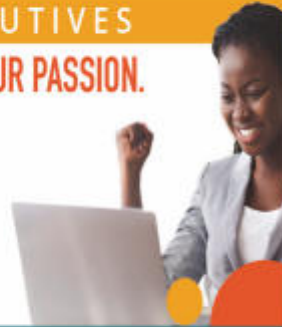
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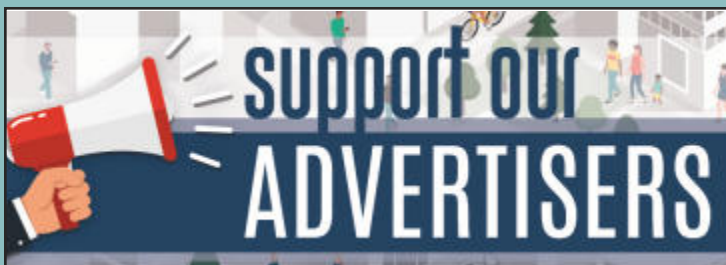
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