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MASS TIMES:

DAILY (MON. - FRI.):

8:30am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:

4:30pm

SUNDAY:

8:30am & 10:30am

RECONCILIATION:

MON - FRI:

7:45 — 8:15am

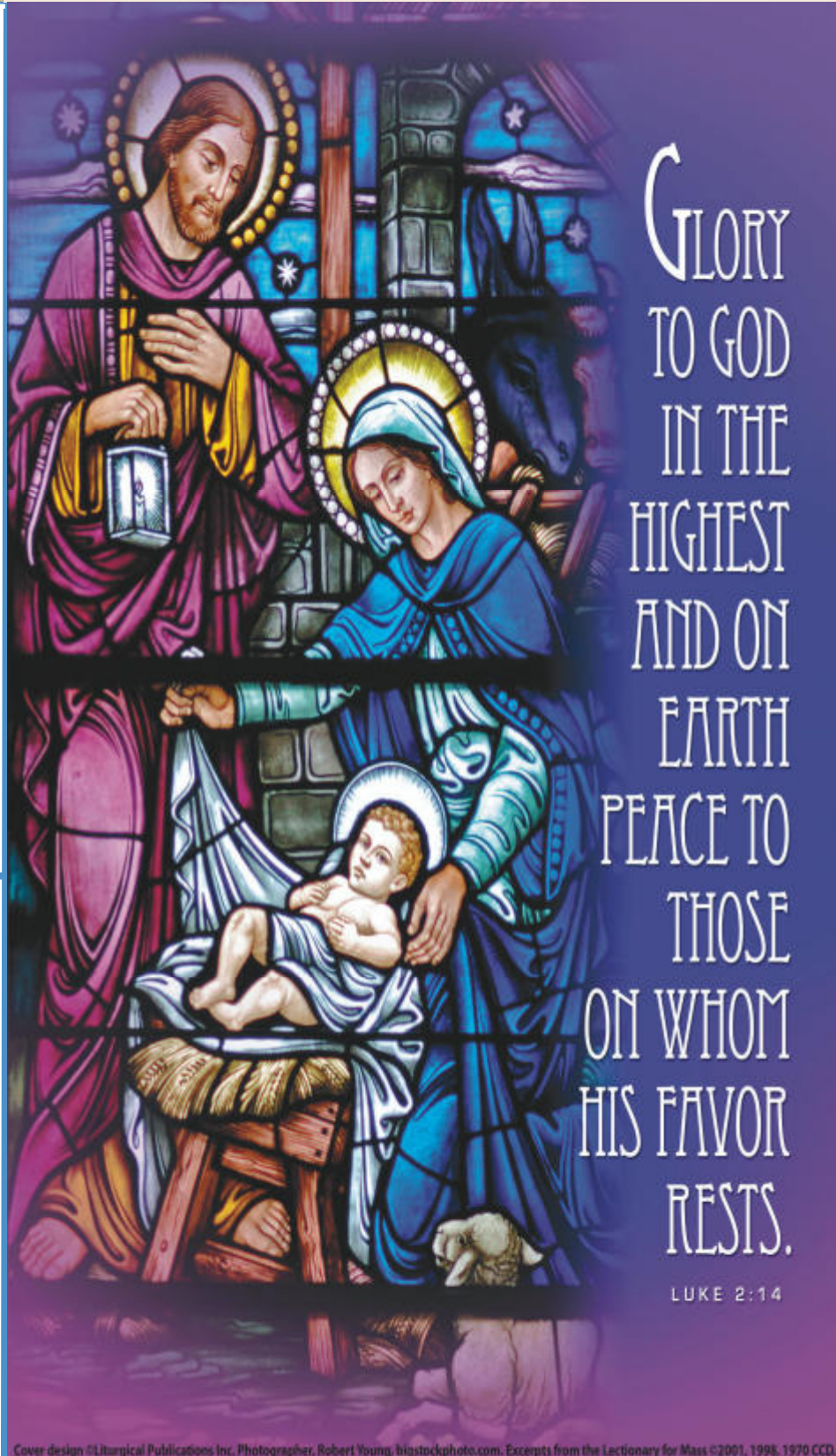
SATURDAY:

3:30 — 4:15pm

OFFICE HOURS:

MON - FRI:

9:00am — 3:00pm



GLORY
TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
AND ON
EARTH
PEACE TO
THOSE
ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

December 25 2021



The Nativity of the Lord Jesus

At Christmas we celebrate the great mystery that God became flesh and dwelt among us. We call this mystery the Incarnation (“to take on flesh”), and it changes everything.

The mystery we proclaim at Christmas is that God – the very God who created all things from nothing and who is light itself – took on our humanity in order to transform us. Through the birth of Jesus, we have seen the face of God and have become nothing less than God’s own children.

With joy in our hearts, let us join together in adoration of our King and Savior.

Wishing you the love and blessings of Christmas.

Fr. Mark, SDS; Dc. Nick; Dc. Bill

And Parish Staff of The Blessed Sacrament Community

Parish Support

12/12/21 Offertory	\$4,078.00
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THRIFT SHOP INFORMATION

PHONE:
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HOURS:
Tues - Fri: 9AM - 4PM
Saturday: 10AM - 2PM

DEVOTIONS

Monday (before Mass)

Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal

Tuesday - Friday (before Mass)

The Holy Rosary

Tuesday (after Mass)

Adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament

Thursday (after Mass)

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Wedding Anniversaries

Bob & Sue Esser

56 years on December 26th

Thomas & Teresa Uzel

35 years on December 27th

Bob & Shirley Reilly

63 years on December 28th

Raul & Leslie Pena

20 years on December 29th

Steven & Andrea Bostel

25 years on December 31st

***Congratulations and Best Wishes
for Many More!***

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25th

8:30 PM † Margaret E LeMay

10:30 AM Sp Int for Sophie Robello

4:30 PM † David MacKay

Sunday, December 26th

8:30 AM † Tim Evans

10:30 AM † Joseph Charles Poklemba

Monday December 27th

8:30 AM † Miriam Wysocki

Tuesday December 28th

8:30 AM † Fr Peter Hoang Xuan Nghiem

Wednesday December 29th

8:30 AM † Yvonne Scheiner

Thursday December 30th

8:30 AM † John Krawczyk

Friday December 31st

4:30 AM People of the Parish

10:00 PM Sp Int for Fallen Away Catholics

Saturday, January 1st

8:30 PM † Patricia Ann Nolan Valaitis

10:30 AM † Audrean Victoria

4:30 PM † Fr Eamon Tobin

Sunday, January 2nd

8:30 AM † Carol Walker

10:30 AM † Marian Young

Christmas/The Holy Family

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

**...for all our parishioners who are sick
or in need of our prayers:**

*Antonette Cossentino, Audry McDonald, Jean Hartnet,
Thomas Wilson, Margaret Casale, Tara Rae Daniels,
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John J Pool, Harper Renee Reaves, Renee Hatzold, Ken
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Madore, Gage Markoux, Cathy Boroskey, Phil Collins,
Andrew Pogar, Rick Stemboriski, Barbara Sarniewicz,
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Suzanne Ross, Roger White, Mary Collins, Marty
Nowak, Shawn Nerf, Vincent Scalice, Ana Valdez-
Scalice, John Taylor, Andrea Kosar, Nguyen V Xuan,
Ilene Smiddy & Family., Kate Wright, Rosemarie
McClave, Carol Heinemann, Anne Davis,
Linda Moquin-Ahern, , Regis Johns
Veronica Cabrera, Cheryl Comeau, Judy McMahon*

...and the deceased of our parish family

**For the month of December, the deceased priests of our
Diocese are:**

Dec. 2, 2015 - Msgr. Vidal Arboleda

Dec 5, 2008 - Rev. Steven Phillips

Dec. 13, 1971 - Msgr. William Mullally

Dec, 21, 1997 - Rev. William O'Farrell

Dec. 22, 1981 - Rev. Vincent Smith

Dec. 22, 2010 - Rev. Gerard Granahan

**FIRST READING**

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."
(1 Sm 1:27-28)

PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

SECOND READING

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.
And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

GOSPEL

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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**WORSHIP & MEDITATION****GOSPEL MEDITATION****Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

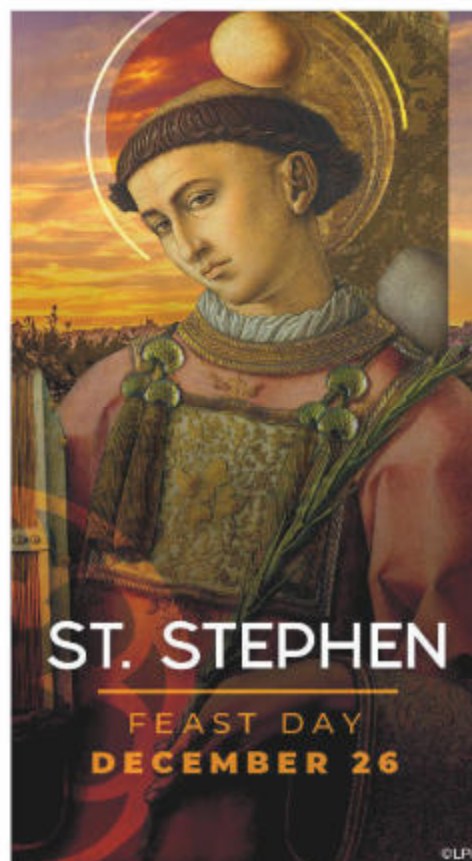
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Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY



ST. STEPHEN

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 26

SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

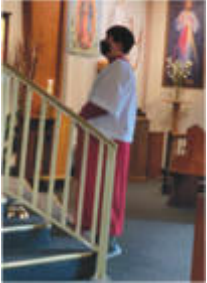
Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

December 25, 2021

MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

Altar Servers



Keeping our gardens beautiful



Greeters and Ushers



Join our small Men's and Women's Group every Wednesday @ 7:00pm .

Jesse Tree Project



Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers



Bingo Winners

Guillermo Rosa Ralphene Tuyford

Jeanne Edwards

Thursday evenings

Early Bird - 5:15

Regular Session - 6:30

Come Join The Fun!



Council 11348



Youth Group



Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open on Fridays from 11am—1:30pm. All donations are welcome (canned goods, non perishable items, etc.). Thank you for your generous donations which can be dropped off in the back of the Church or in the Church Office.

36 bags given for Needy

14 bags for homeless

Holy Mass Schedule

Christmas/The Holy Family

- *Dec 24th, Fri.: **Christmas Eve:** Masses: 4:30pm & 10:00pm
- * **Christmas Eve:** Concert of Blessed Sacrament Choir: 9:30pm
- *Dec 25th, Sat.: **Christmas:** Masses: 8:30am & 10:30am
- * **Holy Family of Jesus:** Vigil Mass: 4:30pm
- *Dec 26th, Sun.: **Holy Family of Jesus:** Masses: 8:30am & 10:30am
- *Dec 31st, Fri.: Mass 8:30am and **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,** Vigil Mass 7:00pm
- *Jan 01st, 2022, Sat.: **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,** Masses: 8:30am & 10:30am
- * **Epiphany of the Lord:** Vigil Mass: 4:30pm
- *Jan 02nd, 2022, Sun.: **Epiphany of the Lord:** Masses: 8:30am & 10:30am

Religious Education



Ways to Serve our Lord and each other



Parish Dinners and Breakfasts



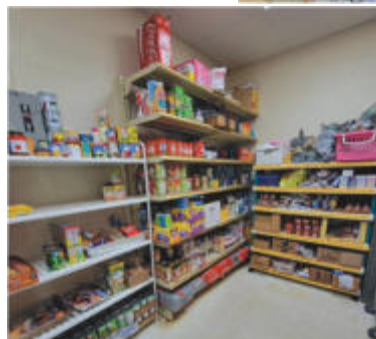
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