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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 26th	4:00 P.M.	Sister Maureen Martin
Sunday, Dec. 27th	8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	For People of the Parish Deceased members of the Mullin Family
Monday, Dec. 28th	No Mass	
Tuesday, Dec. 29th	No Mass	
Wed, Dec. 30th	No Mass	
Thursday, Dec. 31st	7:00 P.M.	For People of the Parish
Friday, Jan. 1st	No Mass	
Saturday, Jan. 2^d	4:00 P.M.	Charles Dadswell
Sunday, Jan. 3^d	8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Dave & Hazel Linehart For People of the Parish

***Please note that Father still does Mass intentions in a private Mass when no public Mass is held.*

New Sign Up for Liturgical Ministers!

We have switched platforms for assigning Liturgical Ministers for Masses. It's the same way we are doing Mass registrations, so many of you are already familiar with the way it works. Please click on the link below and you will see the available dates from now through the end of March. This includes the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Eve Masses.

This program allows you to register for the dates you are available, see if there are any openings for the current weekend, and make changes according to your schedule.

There will not be automatically assigned spots like in the past. Please check it out today and sign up! Thank you!

<https://tinyurl.com/litministry>

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Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.



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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

The story of Abram and Sarah and their struggle to have a family centers on Abram's faith in the Lord. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

Second Reading

The author of Hebrews holds up Abraham as a model for the faith. When have you had to unconditionally trust in the Lord?

Gospel Reading

Only Luke records the presentation in the Temple of the baby Jesus. Simeon reveals to Mary and Joseph insights into Jesus and his destiny. How do you imagine Mary and Joseph understood Simeon's words?



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27TH



Sunday

Feast of the Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,
17-19
Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

1 Jn 2:22-28
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Jn 1:19-28

Sunday

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

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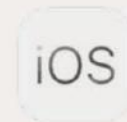
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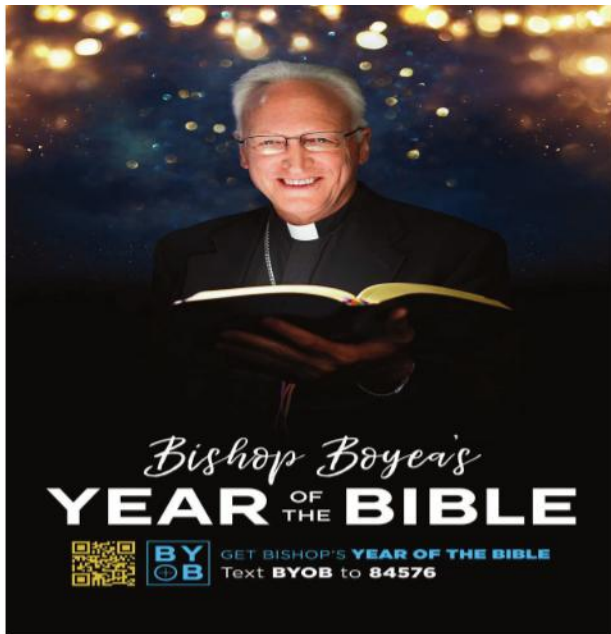
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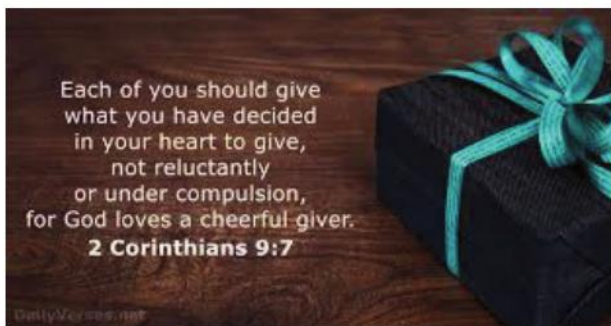
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Today, there are thousands of Haitian families who tragically face a similar fate. They must lay their heads on dusty, dirty floors to sleep, with nothing but sticks and mud walls to protect them from extreme weather, vermin & the threats of the outside world.

This Advent, celebrate the incarnation of Jesus Christ and glorify his name by opening your heart to these impoverished families. Our parish is partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach to provide safe, durable homes for those who need help most. Your compassion & generosity will provide support for the Kobonal Haiti Mission as it blesses families with both material & spiritual support.

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Upcoming Events for Mason Council

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Annual Knights of Columbus State Raffle

The St. James Knights of Columbus Council 9182 will be selling Michigan State Council raffle tickets. The raffle provides the funds for the numerous charities the State Council supports. Tickets are \$5.00 each. For each ticket that we sell, \$1.00 comes back to our council & goes to the St. James Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program. The drawing will be April 15, 2021. If you would like to purchase a ticket, contact any Knights of Columbus member or contact Jay Jensen at 517-281-3698.

To learn more about Mason #9182 Knights of Columbus Council visit www.masonknights.org, or contact any council member at Church.

A portion of our 4% Christian Service Tithe has been sent to:
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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Love God and trust him with your life. Then you will want to do what God asks. Simeon listened to God. Anna served God for many years in the temple. Mary and Joseph did everything God asked them to do for Jesus. Everyone in the temple knew that Jesus was sent by God to be their Savior. They trusted God with Jesus' precious life.

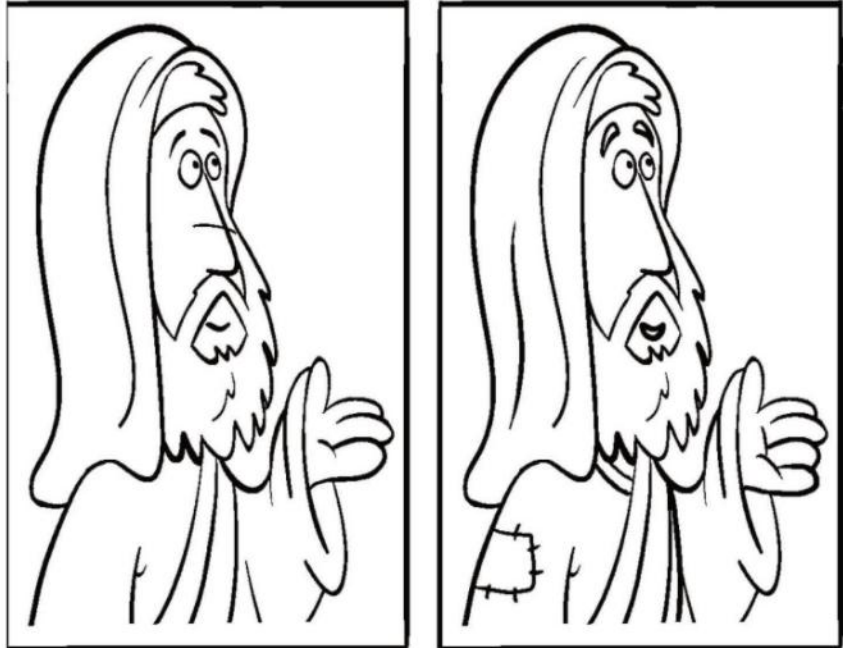
PRAYER

God, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask me to.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus belonged to God. Look up the word "belong" in the dictionary. Thank God that you are his child, too.

Find 8 differences.





WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

I've seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars and a few of them wear them around their necks. Is it OK to do that?

Answer:

The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals). An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another.

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