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Mass Schedule:

SATURDAY:

3PM CONFESSION
 4PM MASS

SUNDAY:

7AM MASS
 10AM HOLY ROSARY &
 DIVINE MERCY
 11AM MASS

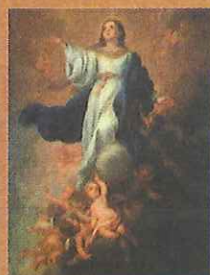
WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7AM MASS
 THURS. 7:30 MASS
 FRI. 7:30 MASS,
 DIVINE MERCY TO FOLLOW
 (CONFESSIONS ARE
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 BEFORE DAILY MASSES)

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 Lady of the
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FOURTH SUNDAY

OF Advent

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.

Luke 1:38

GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son

of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

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

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

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Tuesday: St. Stephen

Wednesday: St. John

Thursday: The Holy Innocents

Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

SANCTUARY LIGHT: DECEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 29



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn
In memory of **Shirley Hunt**.
The Adoration Chapel will burn
in the memory of **Wilfred J. Naquin, Jr.**
The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn
in memory of **Maude Williams**.



Please join us for the
SJB Christmas Choir Concert
Christmas Day (Monday) at 8:30 am.
Mass will follow at 9:00 am.

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If you missed the distribution of church guide books last weekend, the books are in the Vestibule. One per family who contributed in some way to the Capital Campaign and \$5 for extras or for guests/visitors.

Pray Before You Speak

Have you ever been told to "think before you speak"? Nathan seems to have spoken too soon when he told David to do whatever he wanted about building a house for the LORD. But later that night God gave him a message for David: the LORD did not need anyone to build him a house; God would make David's house (in the sense of family or descendants) last forever. That can be a lesson to us. Instead of just thinking before we speak, it could be a good idea to pray before we speak.

How many times have we said something in anger (or selfishness, fear, any strong feeling) that we wished we could take back? If we just think before we speak, we might just rationalize what we wanted to say in the first place. But if you take a little more time to bring our feelings to God, ask for guidance and listen for what God would have us say, things might turn out a lot better. We pray before meals; why not pray before going to work? We can pray before making decisions about our family, getting engaged, taking a new job, buying a new house/car/HD-TV, etc. When a friend or relative needs someone to talk to, we can pray that we listen well and say what God wants our friend to hear. If we have enough faith to let God guide our lives, let's take the time in prayer to listen for that guidance.

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OPEN HOUSE and GUIDED TOURS of our church...

For the Community of Zachary

Sunday, January 7th (Epiphany Sunday)

Open House

1:00pm—2:00pm Guided Tours

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Please Come In*

followed by Complimentary Gumbo
and King Cake in the gym.

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The Parish Offices will be closed for the Holidays:
December 25 (Monday) and December 26 (Tuesday)
January 1 (Monday) and January 2 (Tuesday)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 12/17/20117

St. John the Baptist

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	9,894.00
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	860.00
Building Maintenance	\$	1,525.00
Youth Ministry	\$	215.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	660.00
St. Joseph's Abbey & Seminary	\$	60.00
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CAMPAIGN TOTAL	\$	6,716,073.67

Our Lady of Assumption

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	3,646.77
Unidentified (Loose Cash)	\$	331.00
Building Maintenance	\$	25.57
Christmas Flowers	\$	105.00
St. Joseph's Abbey & Seminary	\$	200.00

NO DAILY MASSES NEXT WEEK ON:

Tuesday (December 26),

Wednesday (December 27)

Thursday (December 28).

Daily Mass resumes Friday (Dec. 29) at 7:30am.

NEXT WEEK at St. John the Baptist

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

-7:00 am: Mass

-11:00am: Mass

Christmas Eve

-6:00 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass

Monday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

(Office Closed)

-8:30 am: Christmas Concert by the choir

-9:00 am: Mass

-6:30 pm: Armada Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 26

(Office Closed)

Wednesday, December 27

-NO MASS

Thursday, December 28

-NO MASS

Friday, December 29

-7:30 pm: Mass / Coffee & Biscuits

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

Saturday, December 30

-3:00 pm: Confession

-4:00 pm: Mass

Sunday, December 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

-7:00 am: Mass

-11:00am: Mass

Monday, January 1

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year in the U.S.)

-9:00 am: Mass

Office closed Monday (Jan. 1) and Tuesday (Jan. 2)



NEXT WEEK at Our Lady

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

-9:00 am: Mass

Christmas Eve

-4:00 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass

(No Mass on Christmas Day)

Tuesday, December 26

-NO Mass

Sunday, December 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

-9:00 am: Mass

-4:00 pm: Vigil Mass for Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(No Mass on January 1st – not a Holy Day this year)



*Merry Christmas and God's Blessings,
From Fr. Bayhi and staff of St. John and Our Lady*

A WALK THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

By: Michael R. Heinlein

The Church's liturgical season of Christmas is one of its shortest, but also one of its most unique. Within it is the eight-day celebration of the Lord's Nativity — known as the Christmas octave — as well as other feasts pertaining to the manifestation that Jesus is Lord of the nations. And there are feasts of several saints, many of whose stories contain special significance to the season.

The configuration of the calendar relative to the season of Christmas is a bit complex. It always begins on the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord — Dec. 25 — and ends on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, roughly three weeks after Christmas.

In the U.S., Dec. 25 is always a holy day of obligation.

Christmas Day

The liturgical celebration of the Lord's Nativity has many variables and components. There are four particular timeframes during which Mass might be celebrated in observance of this great feast: a vigil, a Mass at night, a Mass at dawn and a Mass during the day. Each of these Masses have their own unique prayers and readings. The newness of life made possible because of the Incarnation pervades the prayers and feasts of the Christmas season.

The four different Gospel readings assigned for use at the different Masses of Christmas all speak of the variety of the people affected by the Savior's coming. The beginning of St. Matthew's Gospel (see Mt 1:1-25), which lists Jesus' family lineage, is proclaimed at the Vigil Mass. This includes major figures of Judaism like Abraham and David, whose covenants with God foreshadow the new and everlasting covenant that will be sealed in the blood of Christ. But Christ's lineage also emphasizes that he came to save the poor and lowly, shown by connecting him to ancestors of low degree, socially or morally — like the four women mentioned, including David's mistress Bathsheba. Jesus came to save them all.

The Gospel read at the Mass at night (see Lk 2:1-14) also underscores the importance of Christ's coming for the marginalized and outcast, embodied by the news of his birth being shared firstly with the shepherds and not the rulers endowed with earthly power, who might be perceived as entitled to receiving such news on behalf of their subjects.

It is important to note that on Christmas, the faithful all are to genuflect or kneel during the Creed at the words relative to this central mystery of Christian faith, "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man." This helps us keep our hearts and minds focused on what the feast is all about. As the popular Christmas carol "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" phrases it, Jesus was "born that man no more may die; born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. ..."

Dec. 26: Feast of St. Stephen

Within the octave are various feast days that have rich histories and traditions. It is interesting to note that the first feast day after Christmas — the very next day, Dec. 26 — is the feast of a martyr. Recalling the purpose for which Christ came and the assignment of his divine mission, Christians are reminded, at this early stage of the celebrations of the Christmas season, of the Lord's exhortation that anyone who wishes to follow after him must take up his cross. St. Stephen, the first martyr of the Christian faith, is held up as a living witness of what it means to proclaim that Christ is savior without counting the cost.

Dec. 27: Feast of St. John

Dec. 27 is the feast of the apostle and evangelist St. John. Regarded as the disciple closest to Jesus, St. John — believed to be the author of a Gospel, the Book of Revelation and three New Testament letters — is the one who teaches us that "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). Because St. John's Gospel alone includes the miracle at the Cana wedding feast, when Jesus miraculously changes water into wine, this feast has long been associated with the blessing of wine.

Dec. 28: Feast of the Holy Innocents

The Holy Innocents celebrated on Dec. 28 were martyrs killed as the result of Herod's murderous rage, resulting in his desire to eliminate any threats to his power by killing anyone who fit the profile of the newborn king he learned about from the Magi (see Mt 2:13-18). Taking no chances for the babe's survival, he ordered the murder of all boys in or around Bethlehem under the age of 2. Christ, of course, survives thanks to the heavenly intervention manifested by the angelic admonition to St. Joseph to flee with Mary and Jesus in the middle of the night to Egypt. The Gospel proclaimed on this day, referenced above, evokes two major issues about which the Church is concerned today: immigration and abortion.

Feast of the Holy Family

Many of the few details we know of Jesus' early life relates to his familial relationships. As a young man, we know he grew in the ways of faith as the obedient son of Mary and Joseph. The Church holds up annually the Holy Family of Nazareth as a model for all families, as a model for all human relationships. As Blessed Pope Paul VI said during a visit to the Holy Family's town in 1964, "Nazareth is the school in which we begin to understand the life of Jesus. It is the school of the Gospel." The feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas (this year Dec. 31) except for the years when Christmas falls on a Sunday. Then it is celebrated on Dec. 30.

Jan. 1: Solemnity of Mary

The octave of Christmas ends with the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on Jan. 1. It is a holy day of obligation, except the obligation for Catholics in the United States is lifted when the feast falls on a Saturday or Monday, as it does this year. January 1 also marks the Church's commemoration of the World Day of Peace, first observed 50 years ago in 1968. It seems appropriate and fitting to be celebrated on a Marian feast day, for peace is only possible through total self-sacrifice and surrender — through total love and obedience to the will of God, of which Mary is an icon for the Church.

It bears noting that Jan. 1 previously had been known as the feast of the circumcision of the Lord, because Jewish ritual prescribes that Jewish males would have been circumcised on the eighth day after birth, in accordance with the covenant God made with Abraham. As a member of a pious, practicing Jewish family, Jesus would have received this ritual induction into the Abrahamic covenant (see Lk 2:21).

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Traditionally celebrated on Jan. 2, the Twelfth Day of Christmas, is the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The feast is transferred to the Sunday between Jan. 2-8 in the United States, however. In commemoration of Christ's manifestation to the Magi — who represent how Christ came to save all mankind, not just the Jews — this feast celebrates how Christ's identity is revealed, as is summed up in the gifts the Three Kings presented him. The gold and frankincense they gave Christ represent his status as king of the universe, the deity worthy of our true worship. And the myrrh tells of the bitter reality that the babe in the manger was born to die.

The Baptism of the Lord

The Christmas season ends with the feast of the Lord's baptism, which falls on the Sunday after the Epiphany. (That is, unless the Epiphany falls on Jan. 7 or 8, when it then is celebrated on the following day, as it is this year.) This feast commemorates the day on which Christ formally accepts his mission as the redeemer when he receives St. John the Baptist's baptism of conversion and repentance. He sets out from the waters of the Jordan, identified as God's own son by the Father's voice that resounded from the opened sky, and inaugurates his saving work as the long-awaited Messiah who will free us of our sins.

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