



Holy Family Catholic Church

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Diocese of Knoxville

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Sacramental Ministry

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am

Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:30am & Wed 7:00pm

Holy Days: 7:00pm Vigil & 8:30am

1st Friday of the Month: Mass 8:30am followed by

Adoration 9:00am-5:30pm & Benediction 5:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 to 5:00pm (or by appointment)

Anointing of the Sick—Contact the office 865-573-1203

Communion for the Sick and Home Bound—

Contact the office 865-573-1203 or Claudia Burton 573-0056

**Baptism—Contact Deacon Dean Burry (865)579-9196,
one month in advance.**

1st Communion—Contact Office (865)573-1203

Confirmation—Contact Office (865)573-1203

RCIA—Contact Deacon Gil Campos (865)805-9040

**Marriage—Contact Fr. Gilbert (865)573-1203 or Deacon Dean
Burry (865)579-9196, four months in advance for preparation
and scheduling **registered parishioners only**

**Annulments—Contact Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz (865)573-1203
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Parish Contacts

Parish Council—Meeting 3rd Monday of every other month

Parish Chair Erik Preske

865-607-2209, pcchair@hollyfamilyseymour.org

Administration Juan Rivera
Charlie Robinson
Misti DeGroot

Education

Parish Life

Social Action

Liturgy/Spiritual Life

Scott Hosea

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Owen Poveda

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Family Life

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Youth Ministry - Vacant

Call the office 865-573-1203

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Ministry Contacts

Liturgy Committee Secretary

Karen Burry 865-579-9196

Readers

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Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion

Deacon Dean Burry 865-579-9196

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Deacon Dean Burry 865-579-9196

Music/Choir— Kristofer Rucinski

5:30pm

8am & 10:30am

Office Information

Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs—9:00am to 2:00pm

865-573-1203, FAX 865-579-3645

Website: www.hollyfamilyseymour.org

MyParishApp: text APP to 88202 enter 37865



St. Vincent de Paul —————865-360-5202

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Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Family Financial Report

07/2019 - 06/2020 Fiscal Year

Yearly Budget	\$ 312,900.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,017.31
<u>Last Weeks Collection</u>	
Regular	\$ 4,254.00
Renovate/Repair	\$ 388.00
Charity	\$ 937.50
<u>Year to date:</u>	
Expenditures	\$ 114,130.73
Surplus/Deficit	(\$ 6,174.14)



We extend a warm welcome to all the visitors who are celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

We are blessed with many "visitors" who regularly attend our liturgies and generously contribute to our offertory. We would like to extend an invitation to "officially" register with Holy Family. Registration forms are available in the magazine rack in the vestibule. You may drop off your registration to the office or just drop it in the collection basket. By registering you will be included in all communications and invitations that pertain to Holy Family.



Legion of Mary

Meeting Time: Every Monday 9:00am
In the Family Life Center
Contact David Burton 865-573-0056

HELP is only a phone call away

If you have thoughts of suicide or have been involved in self-harm or injury there is National support groups, Suicide support at:

Suicide Help Line 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or www.suicideforum.com

Self-Harm at 1-800-DONT CUT (800)366-8288, info@selfinjury.com or www.selfinjury.com

Substance Abuse problem? Prescription Addiction problem?

For help and free confidential information and referrals contact

Tennessee REDLINE at 1-800-889-9789.



Pray for the Sick:

Please call Claudia Burton at 573-0056
to be added



Abby, Ed Bigelow, Barbara & Rudy Croft, Irene Damphier, Kevin Evans, Andrea Hafft, Donna Haskett, Peggy Hood, Denise & Donald Graph, Dorothy Jenkins, Roger Jessup, John Kruzel, Archbishop Kurtz, Carolyn & Charles LeClair, Regina Long, Tim Manna, Hennie & Maggie Mauer, Jeanette Ormazabal, Ski Rogowski, Judy Sevin, MaryLu Shipstad, Ted Zwolinski,

Catholic Charities of East Tennessee offer **counseling** for individuals and couples coping with concerns such as depression, relationship problems, grief, anxiety, and life transition/adjustment issues. Fees are based on a sliding scale, determined by income and other variables. Services are available to clients regardless of religious affiliation. The contact number for our Knoxville counseling has changed: contact Fr. Michael Maples, PhD, at **865-314-8870**.



Diocesan Safe Environment Requirements: In addition to all parish employees, ALL volunteers, catechists, choir members, extra ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, etc. are required by the **Diocese of Knoxville's Safe Environment Policies** to comply with the diocesan Safe Environment program's requirements, which include, consenting to a background check and attending a *Virtus* training session. For more information or to register, please visit www.virtusonline.org.

Mass Intentions

Dec 14 05:30 PM **Robert Banks** † by **Luci Carlton**

Dec 15 08:00 AM **People of the Parish**

10:30 AM **Nicklaus Joseph De Groot** †

Dec 16 08:30 AM **Flemming Voisin** †

Dec 17 08:30 AM **People of the Parish**

Dec 18 07:00 PM **People of the Parish**

Dec 19 08:30 AM **Flemming Voisin** †

Dec 20 08:30 AM **NO MASS**

Dec 21 05:30 PM **Thad Tusinski** †

Dec 22 08:00 AM **People of the Parish**

10:30 AM **People of the Parish**

May the souls of all our Faithful departed through the
Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen †deceased

Parish Calendar

C=Church, GL= Garden Level, FLC= Family Life Center, P=Pavilion

12/14 Sat: 04:30pm **Choir Practice-C**

05:00pm **Rosary-C**

12/15 Sun: 09:00am **CCD-GL**

09:30am **Choir Practice-C**

10:00am **Rosary-C**

11:30am **Breakfast with Santa-FLC**

06:00pm **MS Youth Group-FLC**

12/16 Mon: 09:00am **Legion of Mary-FLC**

12/17 Tues: 07:00pm **Advent Confessions-C**

12/18 Wed: 06:30pm **HS Youth Group-FLC**

07:30pm **RCIA-Conference Room**

12/19Thur: -----

12/20 Fri: -----

12/21 Sat: 04:30pm **Choir Practice-C**

05:00pm **Rosary-C**

12/22 Sun: 09:30am **Choir Practice-C**

10:00am **Rosary-C**

NO CCD

NO MS Youth Group

Never was a whimpering bit of humanity so powerful that, while lying on His bed of straw, He could command the very stars to direct whom He wished to visit Him. Never a child so wise or so rich as this little Infant who was full of grace and incarnate truth.

- St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597), Doctor of the Church
Feast Day December 21

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

- Isaiah 35:4



Forth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14 (10A)

Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

Awaiting Emmanuel

An Encounter with Christ

Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10; James 5:7–10; Matthew 11:2–11

Do you know what to look for? John the Baptist wasn't sure. He thought Christ would arrive in a big way, like a king, and with fire, as he told his followers in last week's reading (see Mt 3:10, 12). But Jesus hadn't brought wrath, nor ax, nor winnowing fork.

He asked Jesus, by way of his disciples, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Mt 11:3).

Jesus responds by pointing out how the miracles and works he has performed have fulfilled the prophecies of Isaiah (see Is 35:5–6). Those are pretty clear signs of he who is to come. But what do we have today to help us see Christ?

"Jesus is not a personage from the past; he is a person living today," Pope Francis said in his Easter Vigil homily on April 20, 2019. "We do not know him from history

books; we encounter him in life."

Today begins the third week of Advent, known as *Gaudete* (Latin for "rejoice") Sunday, and we light the rose-colored candle in the Advent wreath. "Rejoice in the Lord always. The Lord is near" (Phil 4:4,5).

What an amazing thing to celebrate!

Christ is alive, even now. We are awaiting Emmanuel, recalling with joy his arrival as a humble infant and preparing with hope for the Second Coming. At the same time, we can keep watch for him in the daily acts of kindness, the miracle of life, and the beauty of his creation all around us.

Let us see Jesus *in all things* — in all of creation.

When you come to know Christ, you can find him amid the sadness, hurt, and evil that still exist in the world today. And you can live out the joy of his promise that he will come again.



POINTS TO PONDER

- ▶ Where, in your daily life, is it more challenging to see Christ alive and at work?
- ▶ In what ways do you serve as a sign of Christ in the world today?
- ▶ Where did you see Jesus today?

Rejoice and Be Glad

"Go up onto a high mountain, / Zion, herald of good news! / Cry out at the top of your voice, / Jerusalem, herald of good news" (Is 40:9). "Sing out, heavens, and rejoice, earth, / break forth into song, you mountains / For the LORD comforts his people / and shows mercy to his afflicted" (Is 49:13). "Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! / Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem! / Behold: your king is coming to you; / a just savior is he" (Zec 9:9).

Nor should we forget Nehemiah's exhortation: "Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD is your strength!" (Neh 8:10).





Meet St. John the Baptist

Even while John the Baptist questioned whether Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus in return offered his friend the highest praise.

Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist, Jesus said (see Mt 11:11).

So who was this man whom Jesus held in such high esteem? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* gives us some background: “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John” [Jn 1:6]. John was ‘filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother’s womb’ [Lk 1:15] by Christ himself, whom the Virgin Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. Mary’s visitation to Elizabeth thus became a visit from God to his people [Lk 1:68]” (717).

John became a prophet, drawing

large crowds to hear his preaching about the coming of Jesus. He was baptizing followers at the Jordan River when Jesus arrived and asked to be baptized. John believed himself unworthy to do this, but Jesus insisted. When Jesus arose from the water, the Holy Spirit descended from heaven like a dove. Those present then heard a voice from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Mt 3:17).

Soon after, John was arrested for criticizing King Herod’s marriage to his brother’s wife, Herodias. Angered by John’s disapproval and wanting to avenge her mother, Herodias’s daughter took advantage of Herod’s offer to grant a wish and asked for John’s head on a platter. John was beheaded in prison.

Keeping Watch *Together*

Signs of Jesus are all around. Consider these ways to grow more aware, as well as to bring evidence to others.

- Make it a habit after dinner to list the ways you or your family saw Christ in a person or a situation today. Be specific!
- Put technology to work. Set a reminder several times a day on your phone, laptop, or tablet to stop and consider what signs you might have seen in the world around you. If you spot something that calls to mind Our Lord, take a photo with your smartphone or jot a few words in your notes app.
- Look for the spaces in which Jesus’ love is needed and bring it. Defuse tension in angry circumstances. Offer the benefit of the doubt. Hold the door longer for the slower person walking behind you. Pick up trash or tidy a public space. Handle someone else’s chore for them.



An Advent Prayer

Jesus, thank you for your magnificent works that heal and bring hope. I’m opening my heart to the good news and great joy that you offer. May I provide an encounter of Christ to everyone I meet! Amen.





In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 865-360-5202
svdp@hollyfamilyseymour.org

2019 Year End Donations

In order for your gift to be included in 2019 for income tax purposes, a check must be dated 2019 **AND** either in the possession of the parish or postmarked by Dec. 31, 2019. Cash or check received or postmarked after Dec 31, 2019 will be recorded in 2020. (even if the check is dated prior to Dec 31).



Your Year-end Contribution Statements will only be mailed this year upon request. You can put your request in the collection basket—be sure your signature is on the request. Mark the envelope to Patty's attention. You can also call the office at 865-573-1203.

Christmas Donations given in a Christmas envelope, and all donations given at the Christmas Eve Mass or Christmas Day Masses will have 50% remain at Holy Family and 50% sent to the diocese. Please be mindful of this fact when making your year-end contributions.

Christmas Flower Donations

Please be looking for the Christmas flower donation envelopes in the church pews. The poinsettias are used to decorate the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one during the Christmas season. When filled out just place in the offertory basket.



**We now have an after hours
SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY phone
number. If the office is closed and you
need a priest please call this number:
(865)-310-5699**



All powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec 17th	7:00pm	Advent Confession
Dec 24 th	5:30pm	Christmas Vigil
Dec 25 th	8:00am	Christmas Mass
Dec 25 th	10:30am	Christmas Mass
Jan 1 st	10:30am	Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Support for those faced with divorce

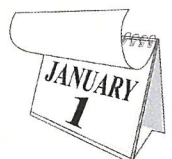
Divorce & Beyond is a support group for Catholic men and women who have experienced or are experiencing divorce. Participants will find a safe environment to explore the myriad of feelings that divorce brings. *Divorce & Beyond* will help you to find hope and healing simply by listening and sharing experiences and insights with others. *Divorce & Beyond* helps you to understand what you are going through and learn from others as you journey alongside those who have gone through similar things. We invite those with a need for healing and help to move beyond separation to participate in this 9-week Catholic-based program beginning **Sunday, January 12, 2020 from 4:00-5:30 pm.** held at St. John Neumann Family & Parish Life. Cost for supplies is \$15.00. *Pre-registration required by January 6, 2020*
To register, contact Marilyn Derbyshire at (865) 777-4312.



A **VIRTUS Training Class** will be held here, at Holy Family, in the Family Life Center on **Sunday, January 12 at 1:00pm.** Lunch for all participants will be provided after the 10:30 mass. The training is open to all parishioners but mandatory for any volunteers who MAY HAVE interactions with children OR vulnerable adults. The training session is FREE!! Please go to virtusonline.org to register.

**2020 CALENDARS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE
IN THE VESTIBULE**

****ONE PER FAMILY PLEASE****



May Our Lady of Fatima Statue Come into Your Home?

Parishioners speak of miracles, both little and large, happening when her statue has been present in their homes.



Our lady has brought feelings of peace, possibilities and hope where there was confusion, chaos and despair. A beautiful novena booklet accompanies her to be prayed during each of the nine days she is in your home.

To receive "OUR LADY" into your home, please contact Claudia Burton at 573-0056.



Christians Reaching Out Serving Seymour

There is always a need at CROSS to help stock their shelves with food for local families. Would you like to be a volunteer or do you need assistance call

865-579-6192 or go visit C.R.O.S.S. at 406 Boyds

Creek Hwy Seymour TN 37865 and see all the good works they do. Open M,T,W, 10-2 Th, F, 10-12



Interested in discerning a possible vocation of service within the Church?

Interested in supporting the work of vocation promotion in the Church? Check out the Diocese of Knoxville Office of Vocations Facebook and Twitter pages:

- Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/DOKvocations>,

- Twitter - www.twitter.com/DofKVocations.



Diocese of Knoxville Sexual Abuse Reporting Requirements

If the abuse is in regards to a minor contact the Sexual Abuse Hotline at 1-877-237-0004 immediately. After filing a report with the Sexual Abuse Hotline, contact Marla Lenihan, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 865-482-1388.

If the abuse is in regards to an adult who was abused as a minor, encourage the victim to contact the Sexual Abuse Hotline at 1-877-237-0004. You will then provide them with Marla Lenihan's contact information 865-482-1388. You then will contact the Sexual Abuse Hotline and Marla Lenihan yourself.

If the abuse is in regards to an adult who has been abused, encourage the victim to contact the The 24/7 Sexual Abuse hotline at (865) 522-7273. You will then provide them with Marla Lenihan's contact information, 865-482-1388. You then will contact Marla Lenihan yourself.



Pregnancy & Adoption services, including post-abortion counseling, available 24/7/365 by calling 1-877-990-4673

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PLEASE continue to bring your
aluminum cans and deposit them in
the trailer out in the parking lot next
to the dumpster. ***Please put large
bags next to the garage.

